

Tip: When you cannot find a setting, open Settings and use the search bar. Menus can vary slightly by Pixel model and Android version.

1. Getting Around

Home screen	Swipe up from the bottom edge to go Home.
Go back	Swipe inward from the left or right edge.
See recent apps	Swipe up slightly from the bottom, hold briefly, then let go.
Switch apps quickly	Swipe left or right along the very bottom edge.
See all apps	From the Home screen, swipe up toward the top.
Find an app	Swipe up for all apps, then type the app name in the search box.
Quick Settings	Swipe down from the top. Swipe down again to see more controls.

2. Buttons & Fast Shortcuts

Take a screenshot	Press Power + Volume Down at the same time.
Open Camera fast	Double-press the Power button. This is the default on Pixels.
Power menu / restart	Press Power + Volume Up , then choose Power off or Restart.
Adjust volume	Press either volume button. Tap the on-screen controls for more sound options.
Quick Tap	On supported Pixels: Settings > System > Gestures > Quick Tap . Double-tap the back of the phone to run your chosen action.
Flip camera	With Camera open, twist the phone twice to switch front/rear cameras if the gesture is enabled.

3. Calls & Messages

Make a call	Open Phone > choose a contact, recent call, or keypad.
Answer / decline	Use the on-screen Answer or Decline control when a call arrives.
Screen an unknown call	When available, tap Screen call . Google can ask the caller why they are calling and show you the response.
Block a caller	Phone > Recents > tap the caller > choose Block/report spam (wording may vary).
Start a text	Open Messages > Start chat > choose a person > type your message > Send.
Send a photo	In Messages, open a conversation > tap the photo/gallery or attachment control > choose photo > Send.

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4. Wi-Fi, Bluetooth & Airplane Mode

Connect to Wi-Fi	Swipe down twice > tap Internet > select a Wi-Fi network > enter its password.
Turn Bluetooth on/off	Swipe down twice > tap Bluetooth . Touch and hold it to choose or pair devices.
Airplane mode	Swipe down twice > tap Airplane mode . This turns off normal cellular connections.
Mobile data problem	Try Airplane mode on for about 10 seconds, then turn it off. If needed, restart the phone.

5. Camera, Photos & Sharing

Take a photo	Open Camera > aim > tap the large shutter button.
Zoom	Pinch the screen, or tap a zoom level shown in Camera.
View your photos	Open Google Photos , or tap the latest-photo preview in Camera.
Share a photo	Open the photo > tap Share > choose a person or app.
Scan a QR code	Open Camera and point it at the QR code. When a link appears, tap it.
Delete a photo	Open it in Google Photos > tap Delete/Trash. Review carefully before confirming.

6. Copy, Paste & Useful Text Tricks

Copy text	Touch and hold a word > adjust the selection handles if needed > tap Copy .
Paste text	Touch and hold where you want the text > tap Paste .
Select all	Touch and hold text > tap the menu if needed > Select all .
Voice typing	When the keyboard is open, tap its microphone icon and speak.
Make text larger	Settings > Display & touch > Display size and text . Adjust text or display size.

7. Notifications & Sound

See notifications	Swipe down from the top of the screen.
Dismiss one	Swipe the notification left or right.
Change app notifications	Touch and hold a notification > use the notification settings shown.
Silent / vibrate / ring	Press a volume button, then tap the sound-mode icon to cycle through available modes.
Do Not Disturb	Swipe down twice > tap Do Not Disturb . Touch and hold it to adjust who can interrupt you.

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A few settings worth knowing before you need them.

8. Safety & Emergency

Emergency dialer	From the lock screen, swipe up and tap Emergency .
Emergency SOS	If configured, pressing the Power button 5 times or more can start Emergency SOS actions. Review the setup before relying on it.
Set up Emergency SOS	Settings > Safety & emergency > Emergency SOS , then follow the setup steps.
Emergency information	Use the Personal Safety app to add emergency contacts and medical information. Some information can be available from the locked phone.
Lock-screen message	Settings > Display > Lock screen > Add text on lock screen . A return-contact message can help if the phone is lost.

9. When Something Isn't Working

App is frozen	Open recent apps and swipe the app away, then reopen it.
Phone is acting strangely	Restart it: Power + Volume Up > Restart .
No internet	Check Wi-Fi/mobile data, toggle Airplane mode, then restart if needed.
Bluetooth won't connect	Turn Bluetooth off/on. In Bluetooth settings, disconnect or forget the device and pair it again if necessary.
Storage is getting full	Open Settings > Storage to see what is using space. Google Photos can also help manage backed-up photos.
Battery is low	Swipe down twice and turn on Battery Saver . Lowering screen brightness can also help.
Can't find a feature	Search for its name in Settings . This is often faster than browsing menus.

Three shortcuts worth memorizing

Screenshot: Power + Volume Down Camera: double-press Power Restart: Power + Volume Up

Prepared as a general Pixel reference. Exact labels and feature availability can vary by model, carrier, country, and Android version. Safety features should be configured and reviewed in advance.