

Quick How-To: Teach Someone to Use Their First Smartphone

Who is this for?

This guide is for anyone helping a friend or family member to learn how to turn on, unlock, and explore their smartphone.

Step-by-Step Instructions

Step 1: Show How to Turn the Phone On and Off

Point out the power button and how to press and hold it to turn the phone on or off.

Step 2: Practice Unlocking the Screen

Help them swipe up or enter a passcode.

Let them try a few times until it feels natural.

Step 3: Explore the Home Screen Together

Explain what apps are and show how to open them.

Open a few basics like the phone, messages, or camera.

Step 4: Teach A Simple Task

Start small: making a call, sending a text, or taking a photo.

Let them practice while you guide them.

You Did It!

You've helped a friend or relative learn the basics of a smartphone.