Getting Started with Facebook Portal

Learning Flashcards

Series one

Information about
Facebook **Portal**

Facebook's **Portal** is a "**smart display**" (encompassing a screen, camera and speaker) that is controlled by using your voice and can give you access to information

The devices are integrated with Amazon's voice-controlled intelligent personal assistant service Alexa and combines many of the voice recognition capabilities of the Amazon Echo smart displays and speakers.

Portal responds to voice commands by returning information on virtually anything: products, music, news, weather, sports and more.

Portal is always listening for the words, "**Hey Portal**" or "**Alexa**". This is known as the '**wake word**'. Whenever you say it, the Portal will listen and consider what you are saying before giving a response.

The Portal is only listening and storing up to 2 seconds of background noise prior to the wake word being said. <u>No recording of your voice</u> takes place, and until the wake word is said nothing is sent to the internet to be processed.

If you don't want the Portal to listen, wake and respond, then there's a mute button on top of the device that you can press at any time.

Simply press the mute button again when you want the Portal to respond to your voice.

Enjoy using your Portal device - please experiment with various commands – and don't worry, you cannot break it!

Setup Note:

Hey Portal

"Hey Portal" and other functions are affected by language selection.

Hey Portal isn't available when you set up your Portal with **WhatsApp only** or when a **WhatsApp-only login exists on a shared device**.

Currently, "Hey Portal" is only available in English (US/Canada/UK), and will be disabled if you select any language other than English as your preferred language on your Portal.

If you have selected English (UK) as your preferred language on your Portal, then using "Hey Portal" to begin a WhatsApp call **is not currently available**. You can still make calls on your Portal using the touchscreen.

Alexa

Portal can be enabled with Alexa voice control functionality and features. To activate this you will need an Amazon user account. This is **free to setup and incurs no charges**.

However, optional subscriptions may be required should you wish to listen to specific music (*Spotify or Amazon Music*), listen to audio books (*Audible*), or watch television programmes or films (*Amazon Prime Video*).

You can use **Hey Portal** to control things such as:

- Calling.
- Weather.
- Time.
- Brightness control.
- Video control.
- Using camera effects.

You can use **Alexa** to control things such as:

- Settings alarms or timers.
- Shopping and creating to-do lists.
- Playing music through music services connected to your Amazon account.
- Some Alexa-supported features, such as controlling smart home devices.

For example:

- Set an alarm by saying, **"Alexa, set an alarm."**
- Start a video call by saying, **"Hey Portal, call [**_contact name_**]"** or **"Hey Portal, call [**_relationship name_**]."**
- Hear the local weather, birthdays, events and news by saying, "Hey Portal, good morning."

Notes:

- Your Portal's **microphone must be turned on to use voice controls**.
- Some Alexa features are not currently supported on Portal. This includes features such as calling, drop in, announcements, messaging and photos.
- In order to check the weather using Alexa, you'll need to **download the Alexa app and set your location**.

Portal
Device Controls

Check

"Hey Portal, **wake up**."

"Hey Portal, **turn up the brightness**."

"Hey Portal, **turn up the volume**."

"Hey Portal, **turn down the volume**."

"Hey Portal, **turn off**."

"Hey Portal, **go to sleep**."

How did you find this task? *(please circle)*

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Very easy	**Easy**	**Okay**	**Difficult**	**Very difficult**

Using **Portal** for
Calling

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"Hey Portal, **call** [*contact name*]."

"Hey Portal, **hang up**."

"Hey Portal, **end call**."

"Hey Portal, **answer**."

"Hey Portal, **cancel**."

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Using **Portal** for
Weather

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"Hey Portal, **what's the weather**?"

"Hey Portal, **what's the weather like in** [*location*]?"

"Hey Portal, **is it raining**?"

"Hey Portal, **will it be sunny tomorrow**?"

"Hey Portal, **what will the weather be like at** [*time*]?"

How did you find this task? *(please circle)*

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Using **Alexa** for
Reminders

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"Alexa, **remind me**."
Alexa can help remind you about things

"Alexa, **remind me in 5 minutes**."

"Alexa, **cancel my reminder**."

"Alexa, **remind me everyday at 4:00pm to take my tablets**."
Reminders can be set to reoccur daily or weekly.

"Alexa, **what are my reminders**?"
Alexa can show you what reminders you have set.

How did you find this task? *(please circle)*

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Using **Alexa** for
Shopping Lists

Alexa

Check

"Alexa, **add** [eggs] **to my shopping list**."

"Alexa, **add** [milk] **to my shopping list**."

"Alexa, **what's in my shopping list**?"

"Alexa, **check** [eggs] **off my shopping list**?"

"Alexa, **clear my shopping list**?"

How did you find this task? *(please circle)*

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🙂 **Easy**

😐 **Okay**

☹️ **Difficult**

😣 **Very difficult**

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Using **Alexa** as a
Timer

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"Alexa, **set a timer for** [*2 minutes*]."

"Alexa, **stop timer**."

"Alexa, **cancel timer**."

"Alexa, **set an egg timer for 3 minutes**."

"Alexa, **how much time is left on the timer**?"

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Using **Alexa** as an
Alarm

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"Alexa **set an alarm for** [*date and time*]."

"Alexa, **stop**."

"Alexa, **wake me up at** [*time and date*]."

"Alexa, **cancel alarm**."

"Alexa, **turn off alarm**."

"Alexa, **stop the alarm**."

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Using **Alexa** for **Information**

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"Alexa, **why is the sky blue**?"
Ask about science, maths, and geography

"Alexa, **what is 100 divided by 16**?"

"Alexa, **who is the Prime Minister**?"

"Alexa, **what is the capital of Spain**?"

"Alexa, **how do you say *Happy Birthday* in Chinese**?"

"Alexa, **what can I say**?"

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Using **Alexa** in the **Kitchen**

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"Alexa, **what can I eat**?"

"Alexa, **how do I make** [*french toast*]?"

"Alexa, **remind me to turn the cooker off in 20 minutes**."

"Alexa, **how many calories are in an** [*egg*]?"

"Alexa, **how long do I need to cook** [*chicken*] **for**?"

"Alexa, **how many grams are there in** [3] **ounces**?"

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