

# Narrator Commands Quick Reference

\*Narrator key is either caps lock or insert key

## Narrator Basics

Task	Press these keys
Start or stop Narrator	Narrator + ctrl + Enter
Open Narrator settings	Narrator + ctrl + n
Exit Narrator	Narrator + esc
Move around apps and webpages, select and interact	Tab, arrow keys, or enter
Stop Narrator from reading at any time	Ctrl
Increase or decrease volume	Narrator + ctrl + (+) or (-)
Increase or decrease rate of speech	Narrator + (+) or (-)
Switch between installed narrator voices	Narrator + Alt + (+) or (-)
Find out time, day of week, and date	Narrator + F12

## Get around apps and webpages

Task	Press these keys
find and open apps in Windows 11	Narrator then type name of app you're looking for and press enter to open
Switch between apps	Alt + tab
Read title and content in focus	Narrator + W
Know where a hyperlink will take you	Narrator + Ctrl + D
Get image description	Narrator + Ctrl + D
Webpage summary	Narrator + S

## Use scan mode

When scan mode is on, use up and down arrow keys to navigate apps and webpages. Press enter or spacebar to activate an item that you want to use. Scan mode turns on automatically. If you turn off scan mode for an app it will remain off for that app until you turn on again.

Task	Press these keys
Turn scan mode on and off	Narrator + spacebar
Primary action	Enter spacebar
Secondary action	Shift + Enter Shift + spacebar
Move to and read the first character of a line	Home
Move to and read the last character of a line	End

## Scan mode commands

Task	Next	Previous
Read paragraph	P	Shift + P
Read line	Ctrl + down arrow	Ctrl + up arrow
Read word	Ctrl + right arrow	Ctrl + left arrow
Read character	Right arrow	Left arrow
Move to and read the first/last line of text	Ctrl + Home	Ctrl + End
Jump to text or item	Down arrow	Up arrow
Jump to heading at level 1	1	Shift + 1
Jump to heading at level 2	2	Shift + 2
Jump to next heading at level 3	3	Shift + 3
Jump to heading at level 4	4	Shift + 4
Jump to heading at level 5	5	Shift + 5
Jump to heading at level 6	6	Shift + 6
Jump to heading at level 7	7	Shift + 7
Jump to heading at level 8	8	Shift + 8
Jump to heading at level 9	9	Shift + 9
Jump to button	B	Shift + B
Jump to combo box	C	Shift + C
Jump to landmark	D	Shift + D
Jump to edit box	E	Shift + E
Jump to form field	F	Shift + F
Jump to heading	H	Shift + H
Jump to item	I	Shift + I
Jump to link	K	Shift + K
Jump to radio button	R	Shift + R
Jump to table	T	Shift + T
Jump to checkbox	X	Shift + X

## Selecting text

Task	Current or Beginning	Previous or End
Select character	Shift + right arrow	Shift + left arrow
Select word	Ctrl + shift + right arrow	Ctrl + shift + left arrow
Select line	Shift + down arrow	Shift + up arrow
Select paragraph	Ctrl + shift + down arrow	Ctrl + shift + up arrow
Select page	Shift + page down	Shift + page up
Select line	Shift + home	Shift end
Select document	Ctrl + shift + home	Ctrl + shift + end

## Edit Text

Task	Press these keys
Mark beginning or end of block of text	F9
Select all text between a mark and the current point	F10
Copy selection	Ctrl + C
Cut selection	Ctrl + X
Paste selection	Ctrl + V
Select all	Ctrl + A
Read selection	Narrator + Shift + Down arrow
Spell selection	Narrator + shift + down arrow twice quickly

## Reading Text

Task	Press these keys
Turn on scan mode	Narrator + Spacebar
Read by paragraph	Up & down arrow to read by paragraph
Read by character	Left and right arrow keys
Stop reading	Ctrl
Read the window title	Narrator + T
Read a window	Narrator + W
Read current item	Narrator + tab
Read where focus on your cursor is	Narrator + R
Read document from beginning	Narrator + Ctrl + R or Narrator + down arrow
Read text from beginning to cursor location	Narrator + shift + J or Narrator + Alt + Home

## Reading Current, Next, and Previous

Task	Current	Next	Previous
Read text line by line	Narrator + 1	Narrator + o	Narrator + u
Read text by sentence	Narrator + Ctrl + .	Narrator + Ctrl + ,	Narrator + Ctrl + M
Read text by word	Narrator + K	Narrator + L	Narrator + J
Read text by character	Narrator + comma	Narrator + period	Narrator + M
Read text by page	Narrator + Ctrl + I	Narrator + Ctrl + O	Narrator + Ctrl + U
Read text by paragraph	Narrator + Ctrl + K	Narrator + Ctrl + L	Narrator + Ctrl + J

## Navigation

Task	Press these keys
Move to next item	Narrator + right arrow
Move to previous item	Narrator + left arrow
Show commands list	Narrator + f1
Show commands for current item	Narrator + f2
Do primary action	Narrator + enter
Toggle search mode	Narrator + ctrl + enter
Describe image using an online service or get the webpage source of a link	Narrator + ctrl + d
Get a webpage summary	Narrator + s
Get webpage summary and popular links dialog box	Narrator + s twice quickly
Provide Narrator feedback	Narrator + alt + f
Lock Narrator key	Narrator + z
Toggle developer mode	Narrator + ctrl + f12
tab through open tabs in website	ctrl + tab
Turn off scan mode to enter text	Narrator + space bar
Access address bar	ctrl + l
Jump to next heading	h
Move to next landmark	d
Move to previous landmark	shift + d