

Google Assistant can now read out and reply to your WhatsApp messages

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Now you can ask your Google Assistant to read out your texts from apps like WhatsApp, Telegram and Slack, a report by [Android Police](#) on Friday.

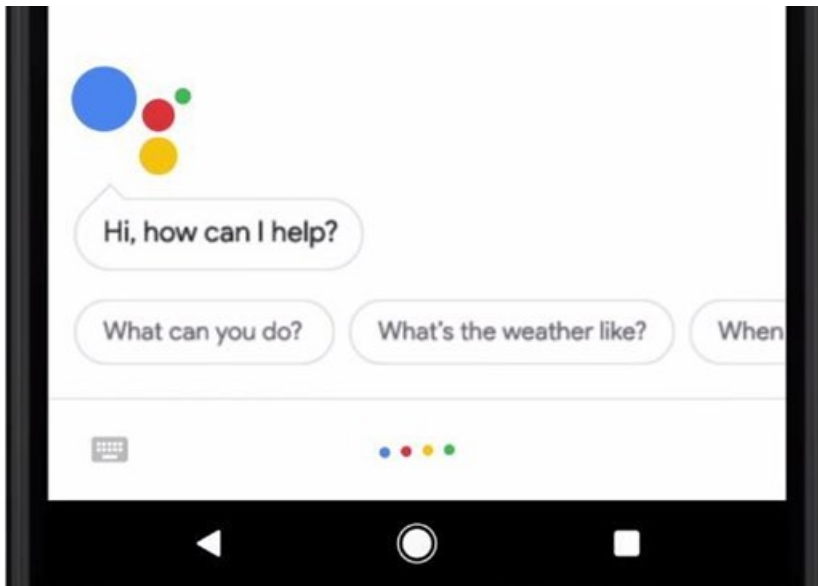


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Previously, the [Assistant could only read SMSes](#), but now you can give it permission to access third-party messaging apps too.

According to the publication, you simply have to ask Google to read your messages in order for Assistant to access your notifications, a pop up appears on screen as the message is read out.



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Assistant will tell you which app the text is coming from, and who sent it to you. You can then, of course, reply directly by texting or speaking.

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This comes in particularly handy when you're driving, cooking or working on a particularly messy project (*papier mache*, maybe?).

Messages containing media such as photos or audio cannot be read out by Assistant.

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