Tips for Mobile users

We recommend you download the YouTube app from the app store of your choice for the best viewing experience.

Pause the video

- If you need to pause or un-pause the video, tap the video and press the pause or play symbol.

Enable Full Screen

- If you would like the video to take up the entire screen, hold your mobile device horizontally. If you would like chat to take up most of the screen, hold your mobile device vertically. In both modes, you are able to see and participate in the chat.

Disable or hide chat

- If you are in full screen (mobile device is horizontal), and you want to hide the chat, follow these steps:
  1. Tap on the video.
  2. Towards the top right of the screen, you will see a speech bubble icon with a slash through it. Tap that icon to hide the chat. Tap that icon again to unhide the chat.
- If you want the video tucked into the bottom of your screen, hold your mobile device vertically, then touch and hold your finger on the video and drag it to the bottom of the screen.

Creating an account to chat

- Chatting is only available for those who have a YouTube or Google account. If you are not logged in, you will not be able to participate in the chat. If you would like to participate in the chat but don’t have a YouTube account or a Gmail account, here’s how to create a YouTube account:
  1. In the top right corner on the YouTube app home screen, you will find an icon that looks like a person in a circle. Tap the icon.
  2. On the next page, tap “SIGN IN.” You will be directed to a Google sign in page.
  3. In the bottom left corner, tap “Create account.” You will be directed to a page to create an account.
  4. After filling out the form, tap next. Your account has been created and you can participate in chat!
- If you are not signed into YouTube but do have a Gmail account, here’s how to sign into YouTube:
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