

Google Meet

Setting up for your online voice lesson

Google Meet runs in a web browser, so there is nothing to install on a computer. If you have a Google account, you are most of the way there already.

Works on: Mac, Windows, iPad and Android tablets, iPhone and Android phones.

Before your first lesson

- **Headphones with a cord**

This one matters more than everything else on this page. With headphones on, my voice goes straight into your ears. Without them, my voice comes out of your speakers, goes back into your microphone, and I hear myself again a moment later. Wireless earbuds such as AirPods look tidy and add a small lag of their own, so reach for a pair with a cord.

- **A room where you can sing out**

A door you can close helps. Bare walls and floors bounce your voice around, so a rug, a curtain or even a bed nearby soaks that up and makes you easier to hear.

- **Chrome, if you have it**

Meet runs in any modern browser, and it runs best in Chrome.

Setting up, once

1. **Open meet.google.com**

On a computer, use your browser. On a tablet or phone, install Google Meet from the App Store or Google Play.

2. **Sign in to a Google account**

A free account works. A Gmail address is a Google account.

3. **Run the check before your first lesson**

Meet shows you a preview of your camera and microphone before you join. Speak, then sing a note, and watch the level move.

4. **Choose your headphones as the speaker**

Click the three dots, then Settings, then Audio, and pick your headphones under Speakers and your microphone under Microphone.

5. **Turn on noise cancellation only if you need it**

It helps with a noisy room and it thins out a singing voice. Leave it off when you can.

Joining your lesson

1. Click the link I send you

It opens Meet in your browser or in the app.

2. Allow the microphone and camera

Your browser asks once. Say yes to both.

3. Check the preview screen

Confirm the right microphone and the right speakers are chosen, then click Join now.

4. Put your headphones on

Then sing a few notes so we can both hear how you are coming through.

If something is not working

- **I hear an echo**

Someone is not wearing headphones. It is nearly always that.

- **My voice sounds thin or fades**

Turn noise cancellation off in Settings, then Audio.

- **The browser will not use my microphone**

Click the padlock in the address bar and allow microphone access for meet.google.com.

- **The picture keeps freezing**

Turn your camera off for a few minutes. Audio matters more than video in a voice lesson.

Google's own guide, with steps for every device

<https://support.google.com/meet/answer/9303069>