Video calling

A phone call is nice. Seeing their face is better. Video calling puts your kids and grandkids right in front of you, no matter how far away they live. If you can answer a phone, you can do this.

FaceTime — iPhone to iPhone

To call: Open the contact and tap the little **video camera**. Nothing to install — it is already on every **iPhone**, and it is free over Wi-Fi.

To answer: When the phone rings with a video call, tap the green **Accept** button. If the phone is locked, **slide to answer**.

During the call: Tap the screen to show the buttons. The **microphone** icon mutes you (they cannot hear you). The **camera** icon with arrows switches between the front camera (your face) and the back camera (what you are looking at). The red button hangs up.

Google Meet — Samsung and Android

To call: Open the **Meet** app, tap **New** (or **Search contacts**), enter the person's name, choose the contact, then tap **Call**. It is free, and it is already on most **Samsung** phones.

To answer: on the incoming call screen, swipe to answer or look for **Join**.

During the call: Tap the screen to show the buttons. The **microphone** icon mutes you. The **camera** icon with arrows switches between your face and what is in front of you. The red phone button hangs up.

WhatsApp video — any phone to any phone

WhatsApp is a free app that video-calls between **iPhone** and **Samsung** alike — perfect when the family has a mix. Open a chat, tap the video camera at the top, and you are face to face. The same microphone, camera-flip, and red hang-up buttons work here too.

What you need

Wi-Fi (or a good signal), and the small **front camera** — the one above your screen — pointed at you. Prop the phone against something so your arm does not get tired, and sit facing a window or lamp so they can see you clearly.

Tips for a good call

Use Wi-Fi when you can. Video uses a lot of data — on Wi-Fi it costs nothing extra and looks sharper.