

How to play YouTube in the background on iOS and Android

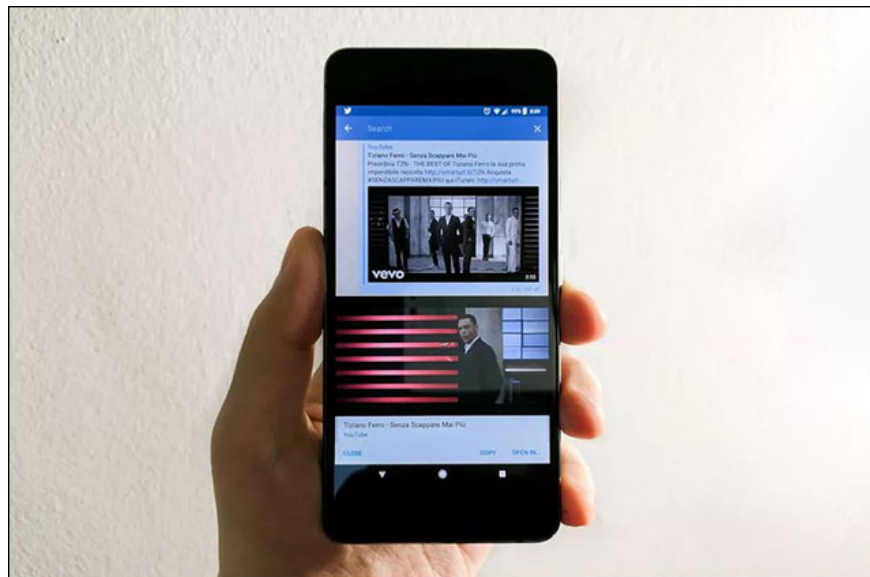
Play YouTube videos in the background, watch YouTube videos when locking the screen or do other simple things with the following small tips.

YouTube is a TV alternative so many times you will turn it on, and do other things. But the mobile YouTube app doesn't have this feature unless you buy a Red YouTube package. But it's good to have some tips to help you do this.

This test is done on Google Pixel 2. The Android version of the Telegram chat application can play YouTube videos directly without taking users to another application. When minimizing Telegram or even turning off the screen completely, the sound from YouTube continues to sound.

But that is not the only way. Some phones like Samsung's Galaxy Note 8 or LG's V30 can split screens to work multitasking. So you can just play YouTube and do other things.

On iPhone (where tips with Telegram are ineffective) you can use 3rd party apps like Dolphin to turn on YouTube videos, then exit the application and continue playing from the iOS Control Center.



There are still tips to turn on YouTube in the background on your phone

Similar on Chrome of Android phones. If you switch to YouTube page on Chrome in desktop mode (not mobile), you can watch the video in the browser. Then exit the application and turn it back on the notification. This is the fastest way: play or stop the video right from the phone's notification or lock screen. Meanwhile, you can still open another tab and use the browser as usual.

Steps to turn on YouTube in the background on Android

1. Open youtube.com page on Chrome browser.
2. Open the 3 dots icon in the upper right corner, select **Request desktop site** .
3. Find and play the YouTube video you want to watch.
4. When you see a message that YouTube wants to send a notification, select accept.
5. Exit the Chrome app, from now on you can play back the video from your phone's notification menu.

How to turn on YouTube in the background on iOS

1. Download Dolphin browser on iOS here.<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/dolphin-web-browser/id452204407?mt=8>
2. Open youtube.com on Dolphin.
3. Find and play the YouTube video you want to watch.
4. Exit Dolphin app and listen to the next video from iOS Control Center.

See also: [How to play YouTube videos when turning off the screen on iPhone](#)

It is clear that Google knows that users want to listen to YouTube in the background, which is why they won this feature for YouTube Red users. However, when it comes to hard work, there are easy tips for you to use this feature. Google probably doesn't like this, but why not?

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