

How to Read PDF on Android Phone

This is an article that shows you how to open PDF files on Android phones. The easiest way to do this is to install the free Adobe Acrobat Reader application, which allows you to open downloaded PDF files as well as PDF files sent in emails. You can use the free Google Drive app to open PDF files on your Android device.

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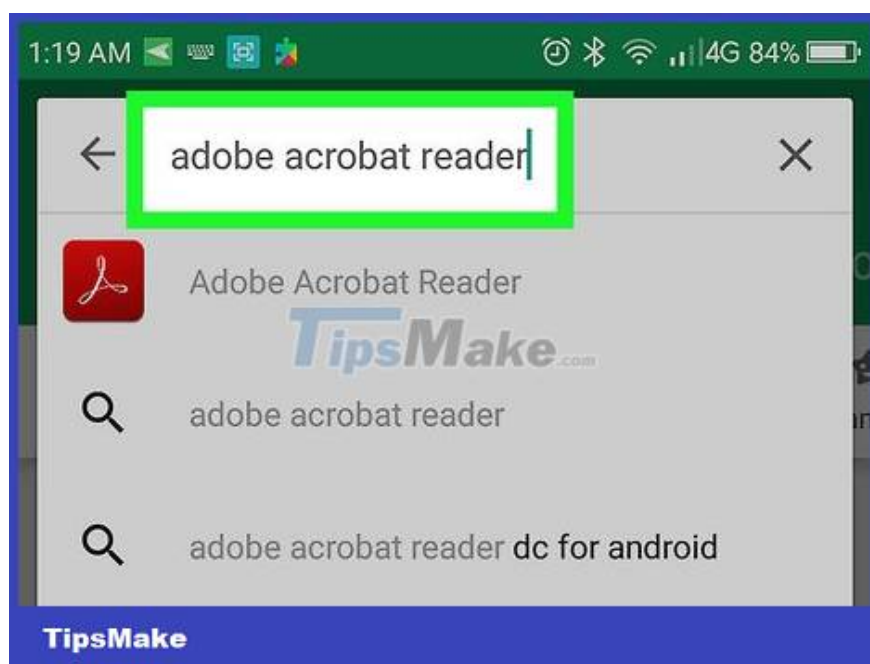


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If the Google Play Store is divided into multiple apps, choose Google Play Store Games.



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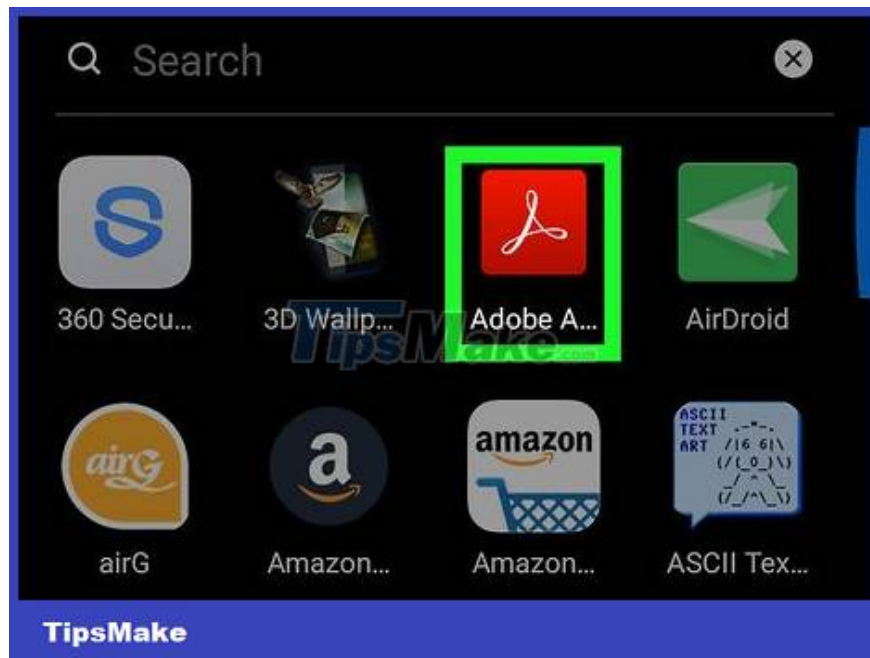
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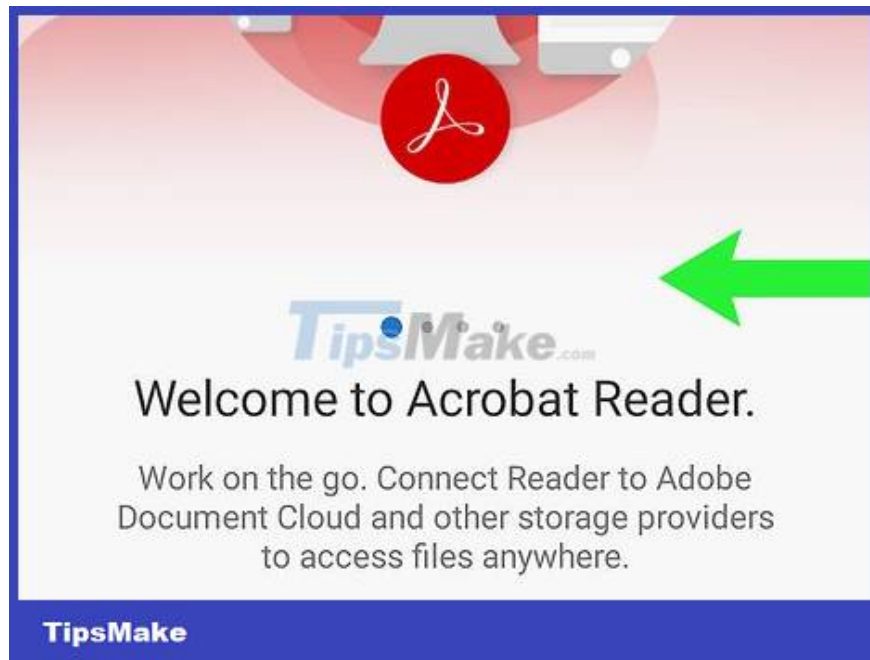


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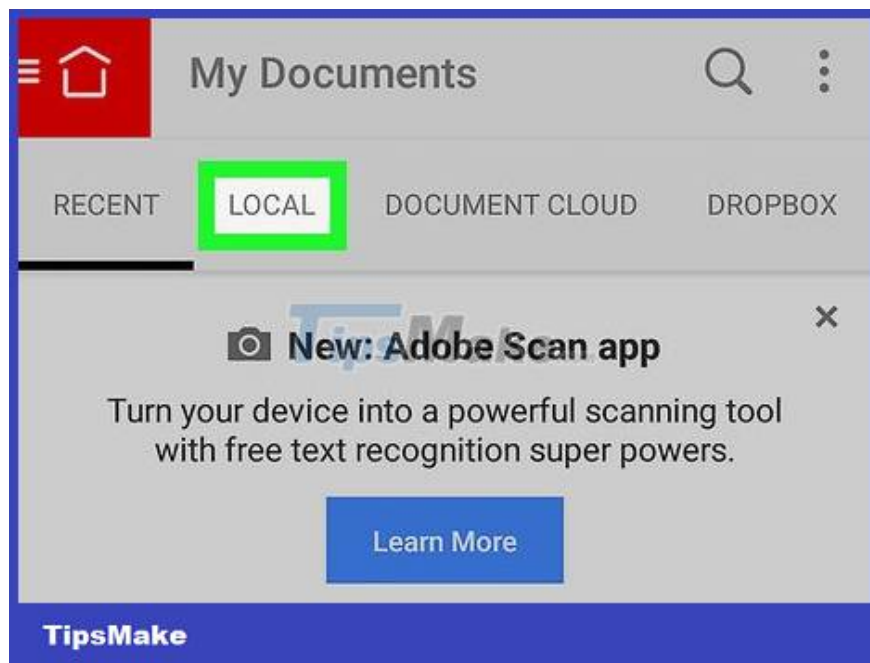
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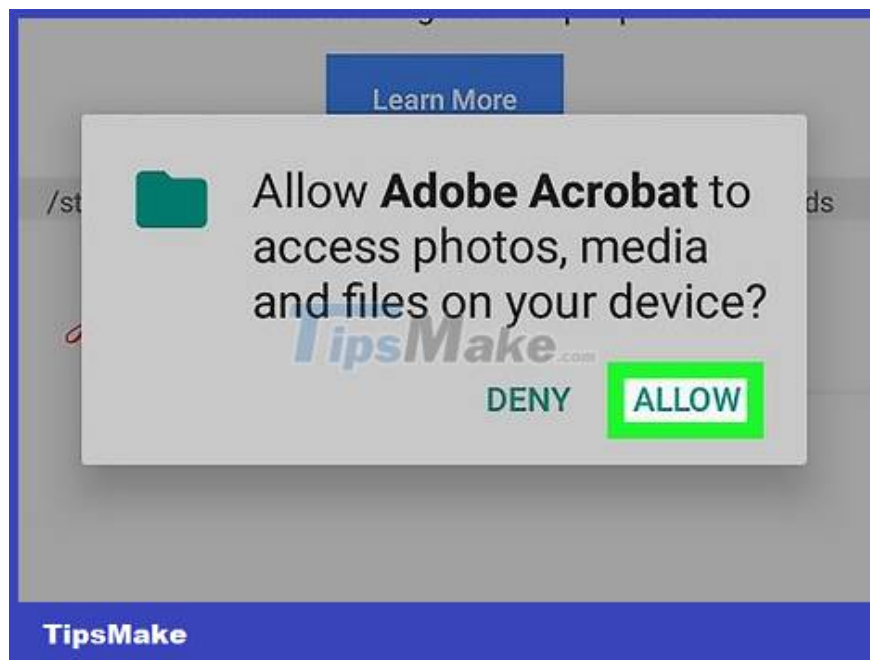


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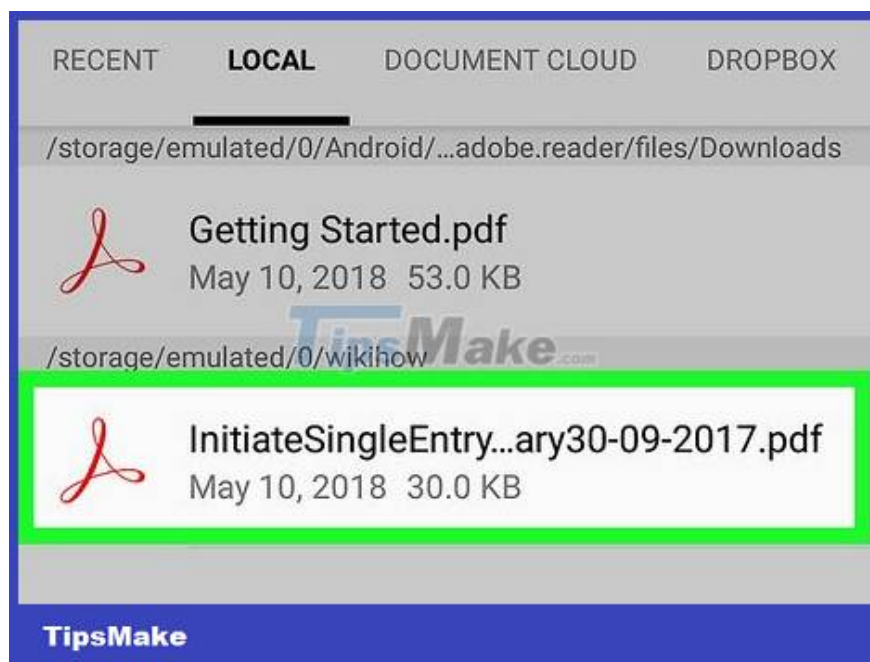


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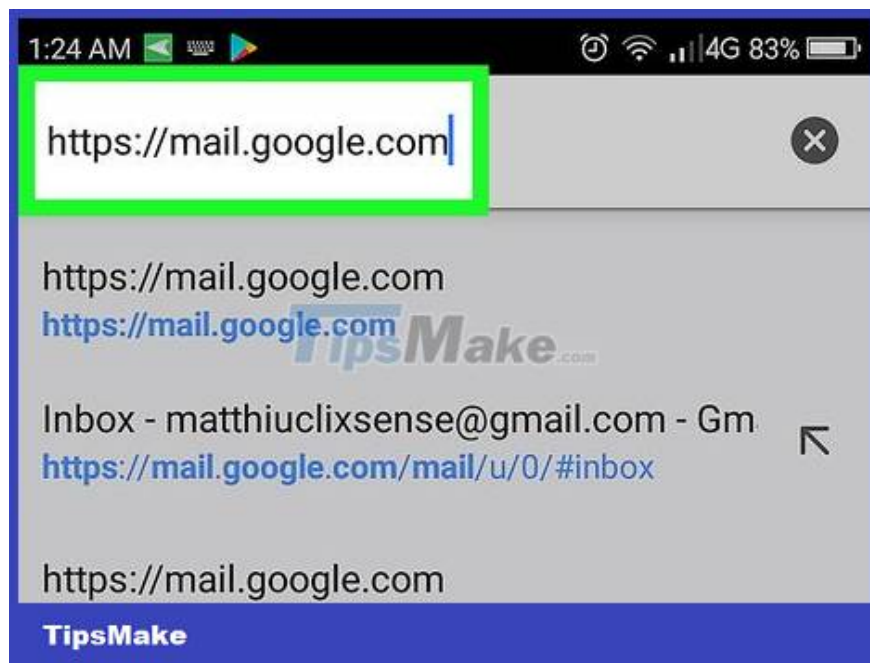
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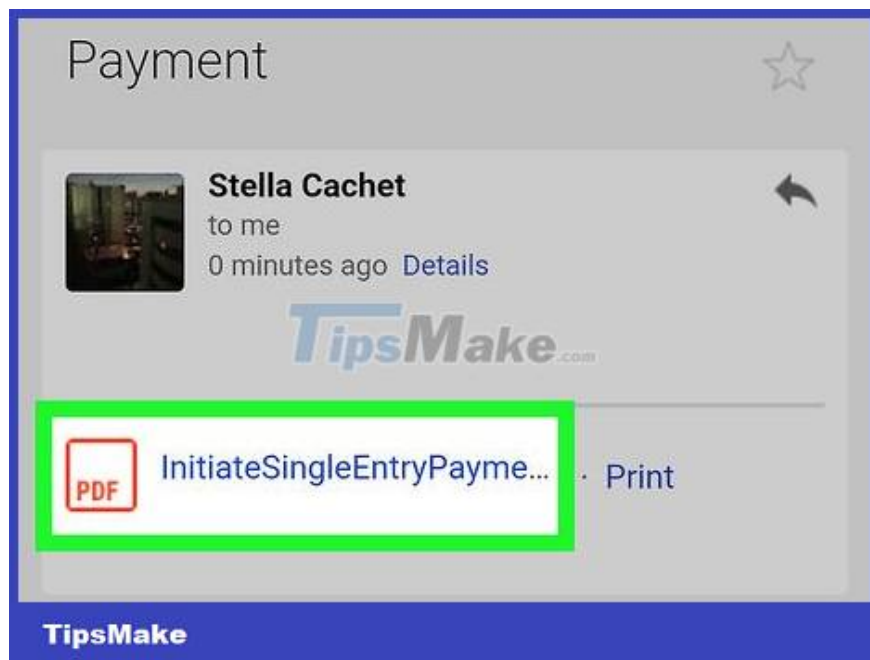
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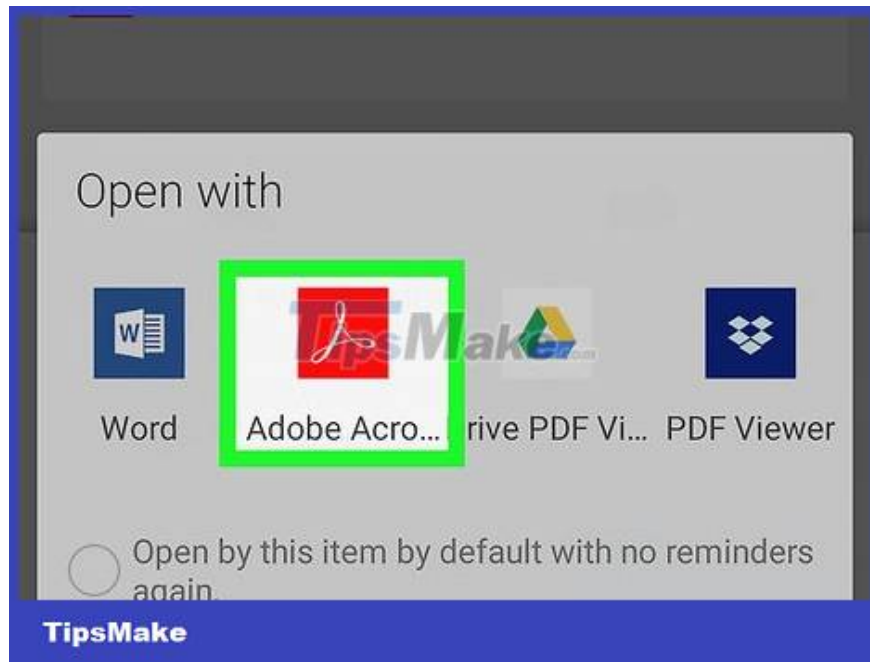
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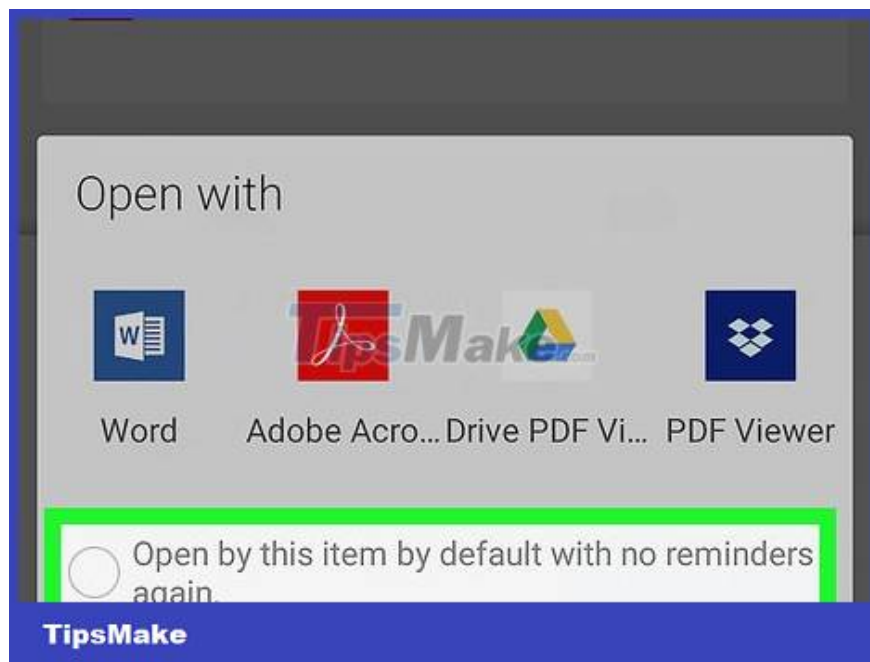
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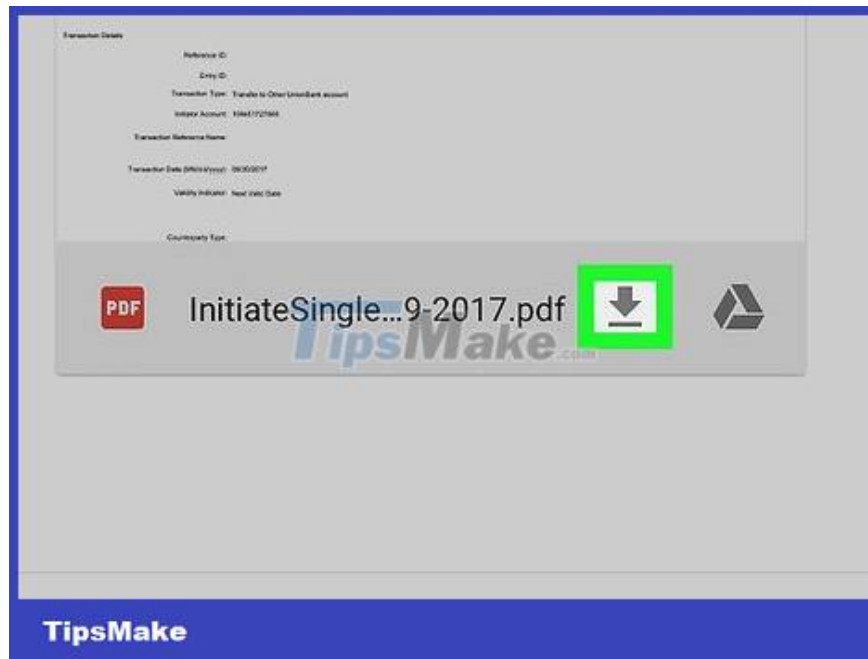
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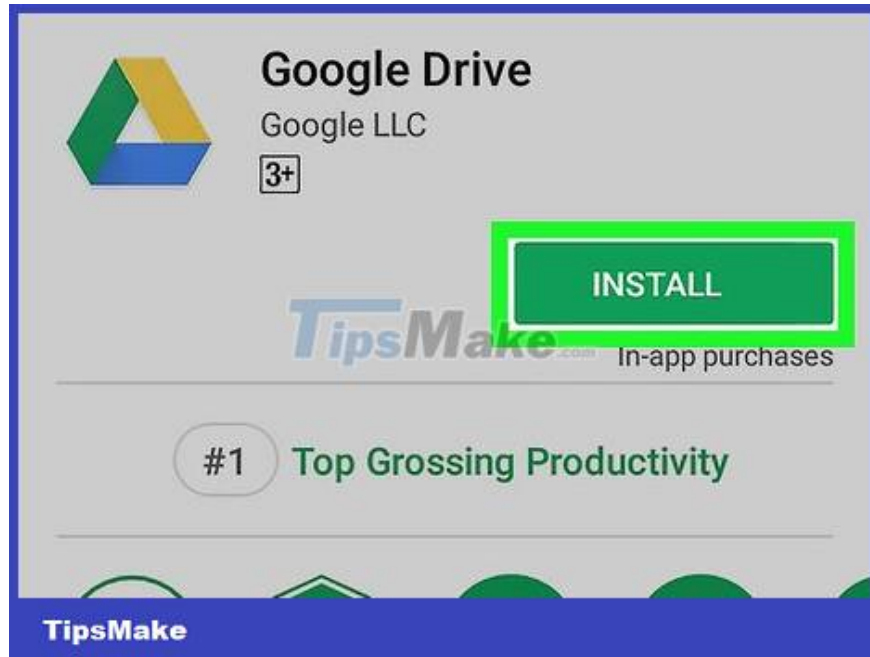


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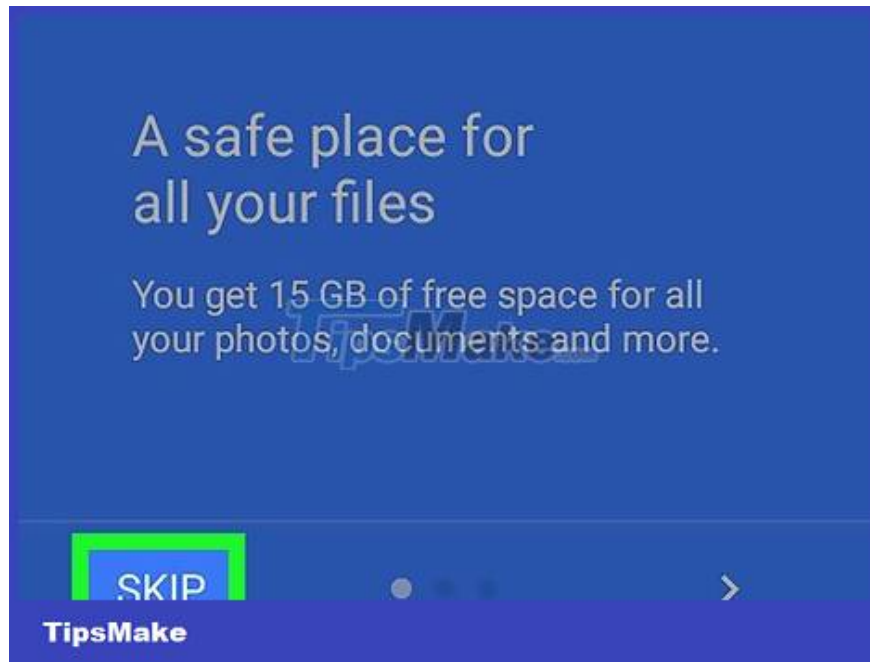


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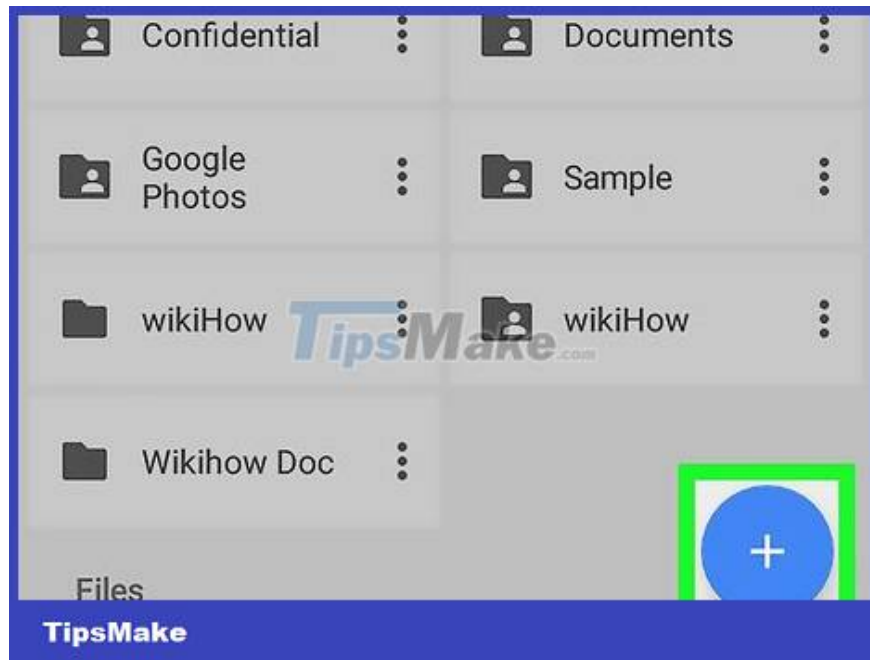
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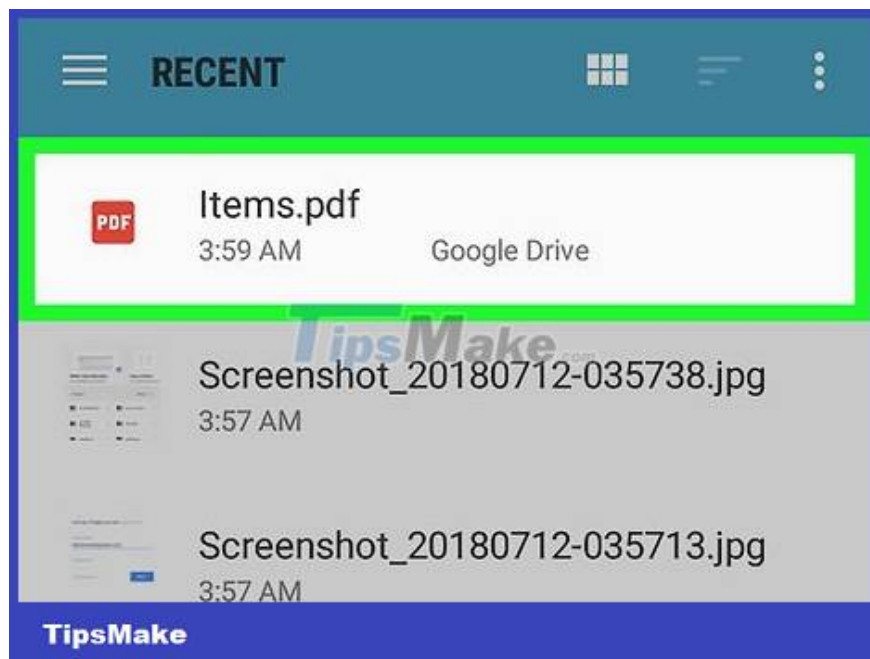
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