How to Create an Email Account Using Google (Gmail)

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- Once there, Click "Create an account" (bottom red arrow).

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You will create your account on this page. Instructions on how to do this follow.

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 Enter the name for the email address you desire here. Make sure it is memorable because this is what you will give to others in order to reach you and what you will use to sign in to your account later.

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- When you go to the next box after username, you may get this notice, shown in red text, if your chosen name is already in use by someone else.
- If you do get this message, you must either enter a new name to see if it is taken or choose on of the available names listed in blue underneath the red message by clicking on it.

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- Once you have the name selected, enter what you want your password to be.
- The password must be 8 characters long (upper and lower case letters, numbers, or symbols).
- Try to make it memorable for yourself while not easily guessed by others for security purposes.

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- Now enter your birthday.
- Type the day in the middle box and year into the last box.
- Select the month you want by clicking on the small, black double arrows in the month box (see the large red arrow) and then clicking your month in the menu that appears.

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 If you have a mobile (cell) phone, you can list the number here. Google asks for this for account security purposes (as seen in the text box beside the phone number entry box), but this is optional.

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• This box asks you to enter the address of another email account if you have one. This helps with account security and recovering a lost password. If you choose not to enter an alternate email address skip this step.

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- If you skip this step by clicking the box the red arrow is pointing to you will most likely have to verify your account by phone later (a later slide will cover how to do phone verification).

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 - The circular grey arrow provides a new picture clue if you cannot figure out the one shown
 - The speaker symbol in the middle of the group provides an audio clue through your computer's speakers to use instead of the picture clue
 - The question mark symbol brings up a pop up window with help for this step.

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• Click the words in blue (Terms of Service and Privacy Policy) to open the link (typically in a new tab) and read these items.



- This page appears when the "Terms of Service" link is clicked. When you are finished reading it, click the "x" on the tab (see red arrow) to return to the account set up page.
- Repeat this process for "Privacy Policy".

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- When you are finished reading these items, click the box beside it (vertical red arrow).
- Now, click "Next Step" (horizontal red arrow).

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- If you see this screen, Google is requiring phone verification.
- Enter the phone number you wish to use in the box.







- If you have a cell phone and prefer to receive the verification code by text, click the circle beside "Text Message (SMS)".
- If you prefer to hear the code through an automated voice call, click beside "Voice Call"
- The selected option will have a blue dot in the circle.



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• Now, click "Continue".





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- Once you receive the code enter it here.
- If you do not receive the code after 15 minutes, click the blue "try again" link.
- Now click "Continue".



- This step asks you to create a Google+ Account (Google's social media site). The first step is adding a photo, but this is optional and we are going to skip this step for the tutorial.
- Click "Next Step".



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• This is the Welcome page. Click "Continue to Gmail".



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- When you are ready to continue, click the "Primary" tab to view the primary inbox as you did before.

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• Click on an email's title to read it.



- The email has now opened.
- When you are done, click "Inbox" on the left side.



• Other buttons to notice include "Compose" which brings up a box in which you can type and send an email and "Sent Mail", which allows you to see a list of the emails you have sent. Both of these are highlighted by red arrows.

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