



# Adding Alexa Skills

The functionality of Alexa – i.e. the tasks that it can perform – is known as “skills”. This is similar to using an app on a smartphone or a tablet. Some skills are already pre-installed for Alexa, while others can be added to increase Alexa’s functionality. For instance, providing the time and date is a pre-installed skill; while managing smart lighting is a skill that can be added. To add more skills for use with Alexa:

- 1 Open the Alexa app and tap on the **Menu** button 
- 2 Tap on the **Skills & Games** button 
- 3 The Skills & Games Homepage, and the Categories page, is where you can view available skills and then download them for use with Alexa. This is how you can add skills to communicate with and operate your smart home devices – i.e. locate and add the skill that is related to the device

