



The Alexa app can be used to communicate with a range of different devices, not just the Echo. For instance, if you have smart lighting installed in your home, the Alexa app can be connected to this too. If this is the case, there will be an option to select the smart lighting system in Step 4. See Chapter 10 for more details about using smart home devices.

Setting Up an Echo Device

Once the Alexa app has been downloaded and set up, it can be used for setting up an Echo device. To do this:

- 1 Open the Amazon Alexa app on a smartphone or tablet



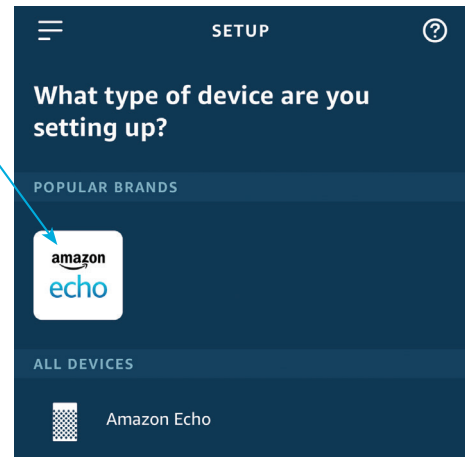
- 2 Plug in the Amazon Echo. Alexa will tell you when it is ready to be set up. Tap on this button to access the **Menu** options



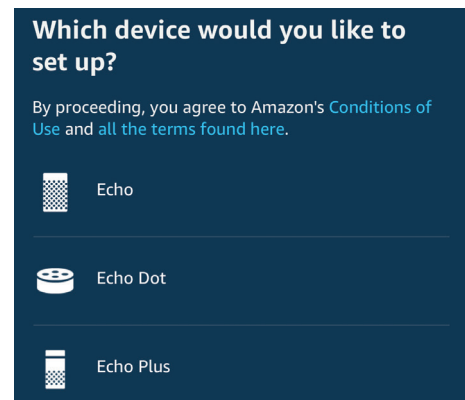
- 3 Tap on the **Add Device** button

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- 4 Tap on the **Amazon Echo** icon to add an Echo device. (Other types of devices can also be added here – see tip)

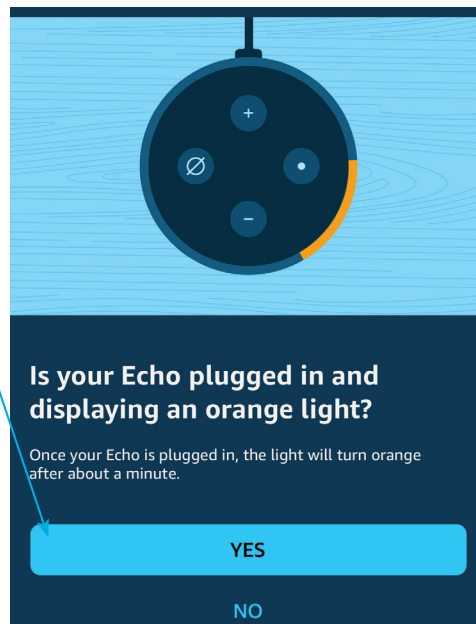


- 5 Tap on the type of Echo device to be added



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- 6 Ensure that the Echo is plugged in and tap on the **Yes** button if the Echo is displaying an orange light around the perimeter at the top of the device



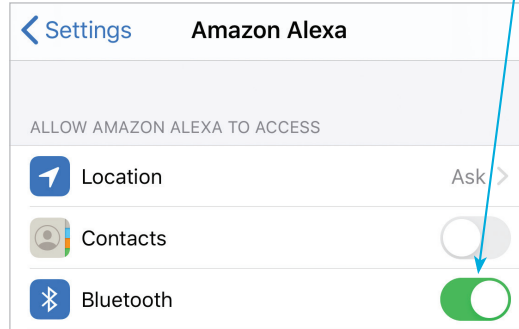
- 7 The Bluetooth option on the smartphone or tablet on which the Alexa app is being used has to be turned **On** so that it can communicate with the Echo device. Tap on the **Settings** button to go to the relevant settings within your smartphone or tablet



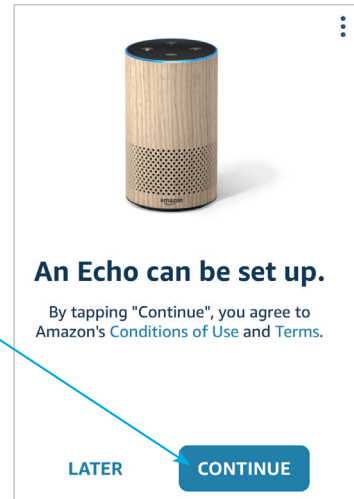
Bluetooth has to be turned **On** for the smartphone or tablet that is using the Alexa app, before it can link to the Echo.

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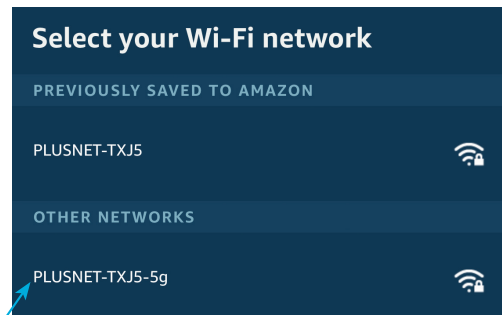
- 8 The settings should open at the Amazon Alexa section. Drag the **Bluetooth** button to **On**



- 9 Return to the Alexa app, which should be ready to continue the setup process. Tap on the **Continue** button



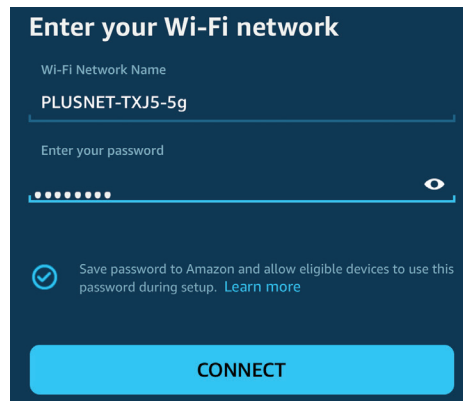
- 10 Since Alexa is a cloud-based service, it needs access to the internet via your home Wi-Fi network. Tap on the required network



Without Wi-Fi the Echo will not be able to function.

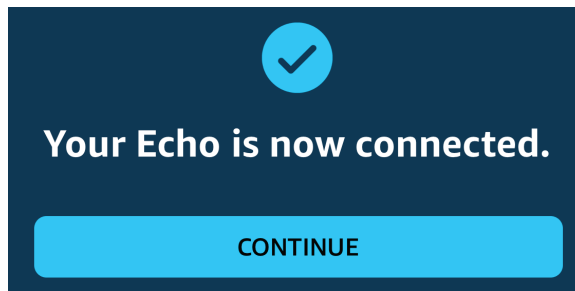
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- 11 Enter the password for your Wi-Fi router, and tap on the **Connect** button to enable the Echo to join the Wi-Fi network



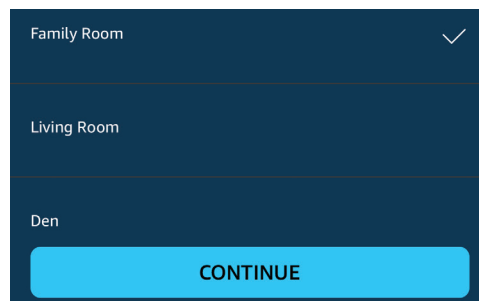
The password for the Wi-Fi router should be located on the router itself (usually on the back or the bottom), or on a card that comes with the router.

- 12 A confirmation message is displayed when the Echo has connected to the Wi-Fi network. Tap on the **Continue** button



- 13 Once the Echo has been connected to the Wi-Fi network, it will be able to communicate with the

Alexa app. It is also possible to assign a specific room for the Echo. Tap on a room and tap on the **Continue** button to complete the setup process



It is optional to assign a room to the Echo, but it can be useful if you have more than one Echo device in your home, so that you can easily identify each one.