Accessing Skills

The tasks that Alexa can perform are known as skills. This is similar to using an app on a smartphone or a tablet. Some skills are already built in for Alexa, while others can be added to increase Alexa's functionality. For instance, providing the time and date is a built-in skill, while managing a calendar is a skill that can be added. To access the available skills for Alexa:

Beware

Skills cannot be added directly with Alexa on an Echo device; they have to be added using the Alexa app.

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1 Open the Alexa app

Amazon Alexa

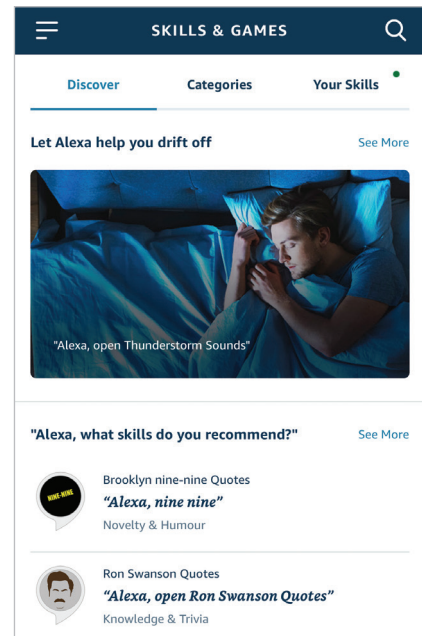**2** Tap on the **Menu** button

3 Tap on the **Skills & Games** button
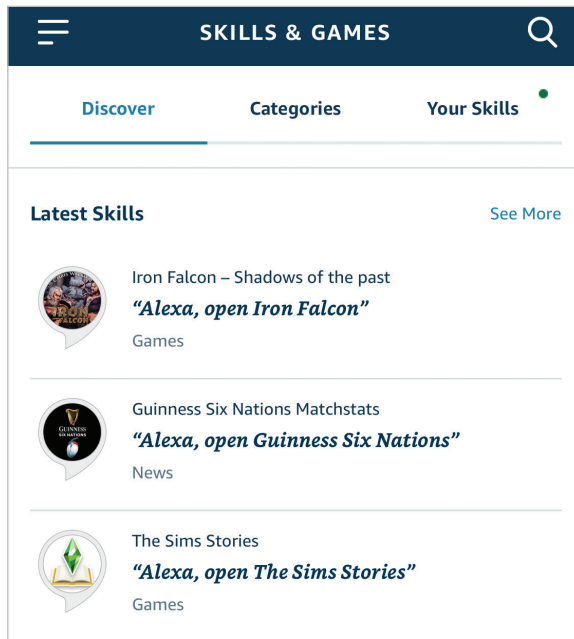
Skills & Games

4 Tap on the **Discover** tab

Discover

5 The Skills & Games page is displayed. The top panel contains featured skills, with individual skills listed below

SKILLS & GAMES

Discover   Categories   Your Skills

Let Alexa help you drift off   See More

"Alexa, open Thunderstorm Sounds"

"Alexa, what skills do you recommend?"   See More

Brooklyn nine-nine Quotes
"Alexa, nine nine"
Novelty & Humour

Ron Swanson Quotes
"Alexa, open Ron Swanson Quotes"
Knowledge & Trivia

6 Swipe up and down the page to view all of the available recommended skills

SKILLS & GAMES

Discover   Categories   Your Skills

Latest Skills   See More

Iron Falcon – Shadows of the past
"Alexa, open Iron Falcon"
Games

Guinness Six Nations Matchstats
"Alexa, open Guinness Six Nations"
News

The Sims Stories
"Alexa, open The Sims Stories"
Games

The skills under the **Latest Skills** heading on the **Discover** page change on a regular basis, as more skills are added for Alexa to use.

7 Tap on a specific skill to view its details. Tap on the **Enable To Use** button to add the skill to Alexa so that it can be accessed using voice commands

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Iron Falcon – Shadows of the past

Ear Reality
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ENABLE TO USE

Once a skill has been added it is usually activated on Alexa by naming the skill – e.g. "Alexa, ask myTuner Radio Player to play pop music".

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8 Tap on the **Categories** tab at the top of the window

9 The full range of categories of skills is displayed, with featured categories at the top of the window

Don't forget

The icons under the **Featured Categories** heading at the top of the **Skills & Games** window contain the same content as accessing the category from the **All Categories** list.
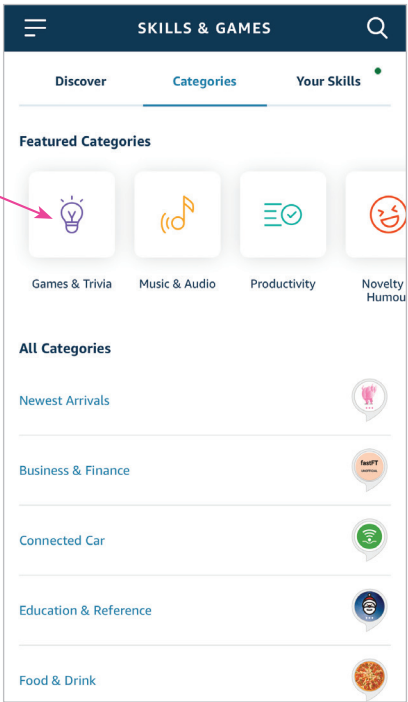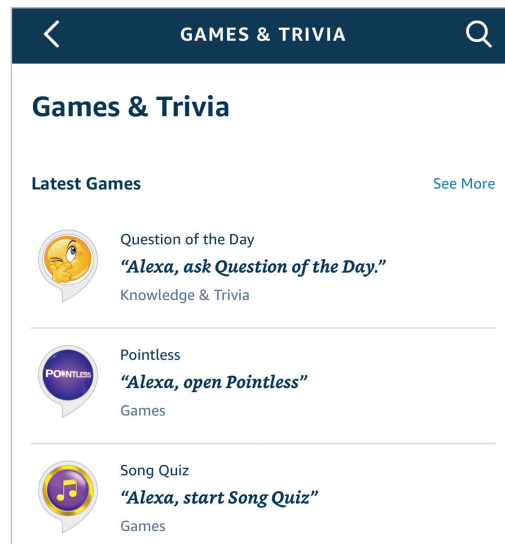
10 Swipe up the window to view the full range of categories that can be used to add skills to Alexa

11 Tap on a category to view the skills within it. Tap on a skill to view its details

GAMES & TRIVIA

Games & Trivia

Latest Games   See More

Question of the Day
"Alexa, ask Question of the Day."
Knowledge & Trivia

Pointless
"Alexa, open Pointless"
Games

Song Quiz
"Alexa, start Song Quiz"
Games

12 Tap on the **Search** icon at the top of the Skills & Games window to search for specific topics

SKILLS & GAMES

Discover   Categories   Your Skills

13 Enter a keyword or skill name in the Search box. Matching topics are shown below the search word, and matching skills are shown below this

SEARCH

Search

Keyword or skill name
quiz   ×

quiz of the day

quiz

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Games & Trivia

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