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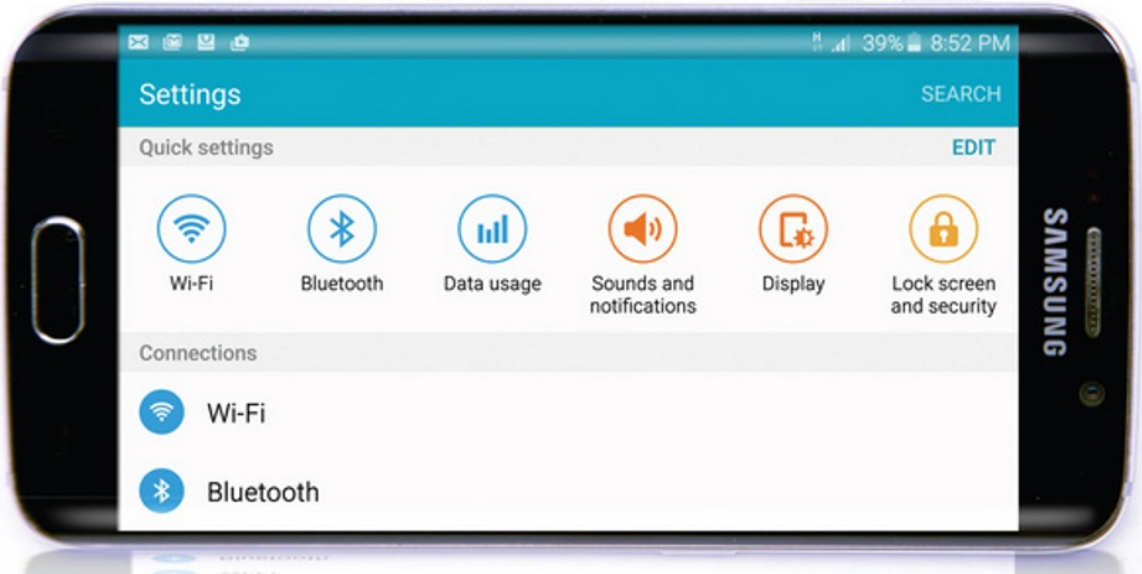

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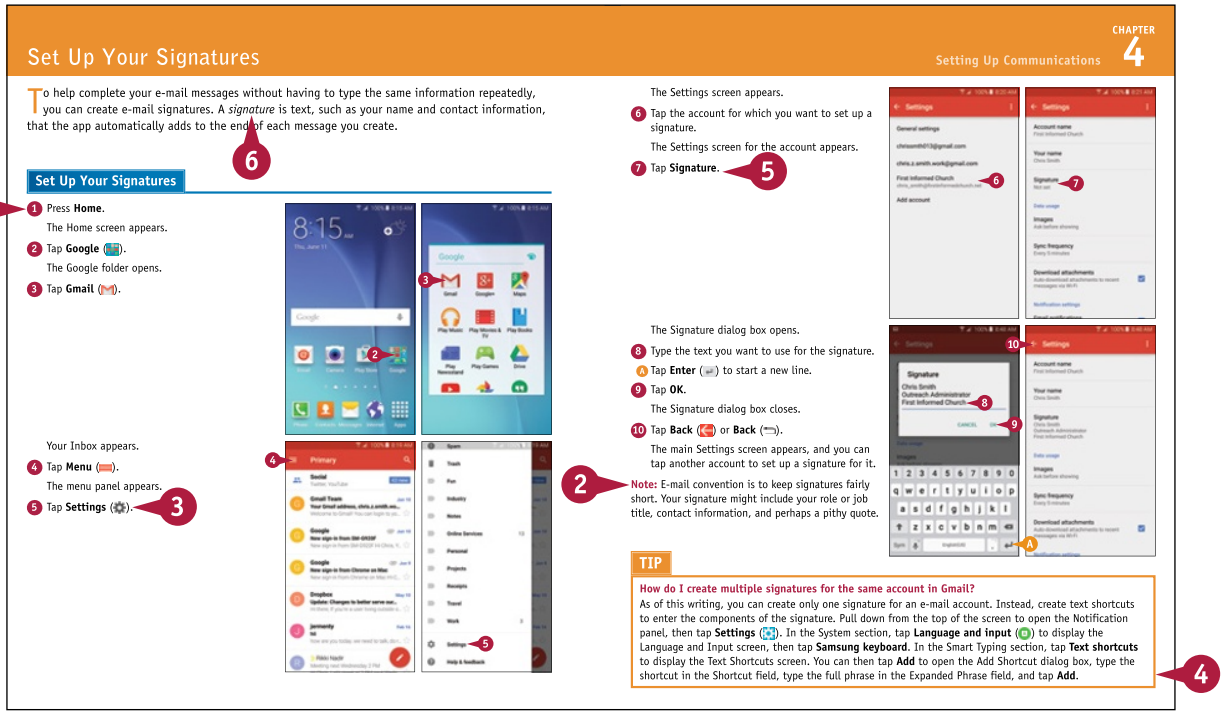

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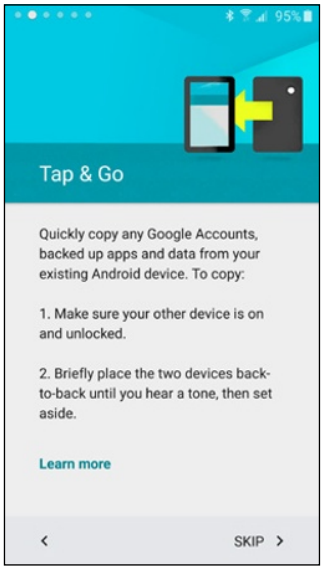

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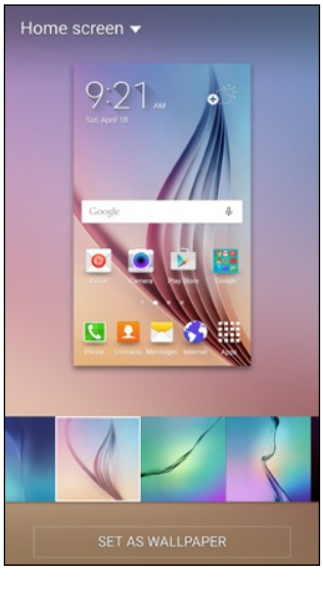

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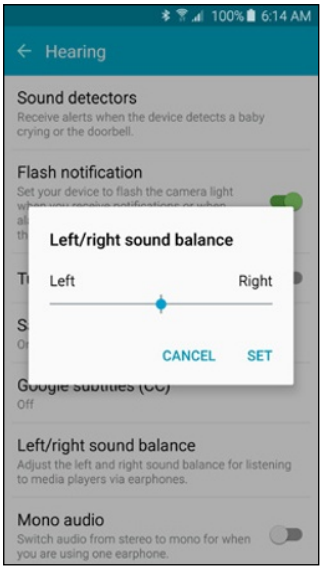

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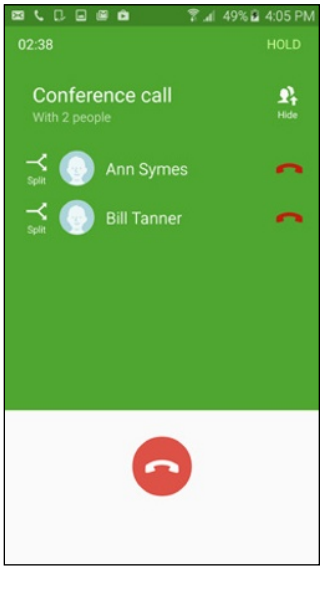

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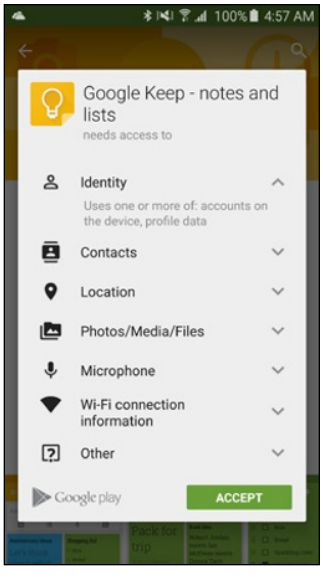

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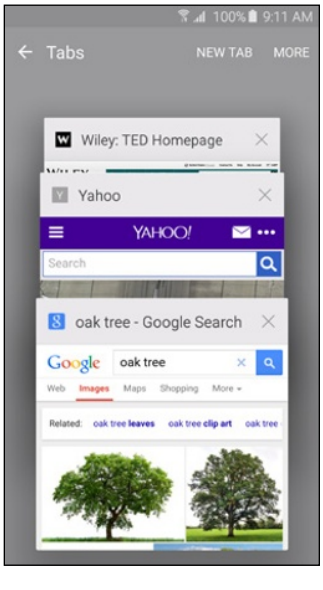

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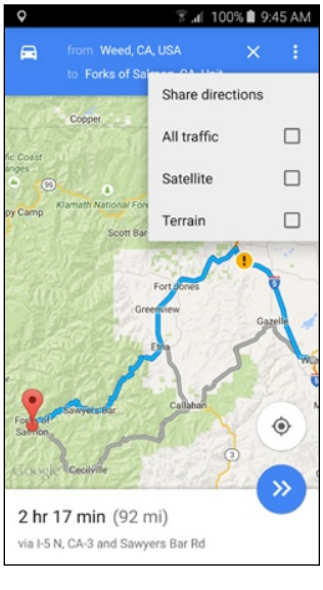

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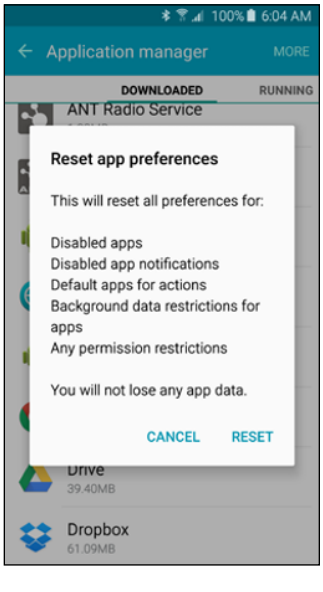
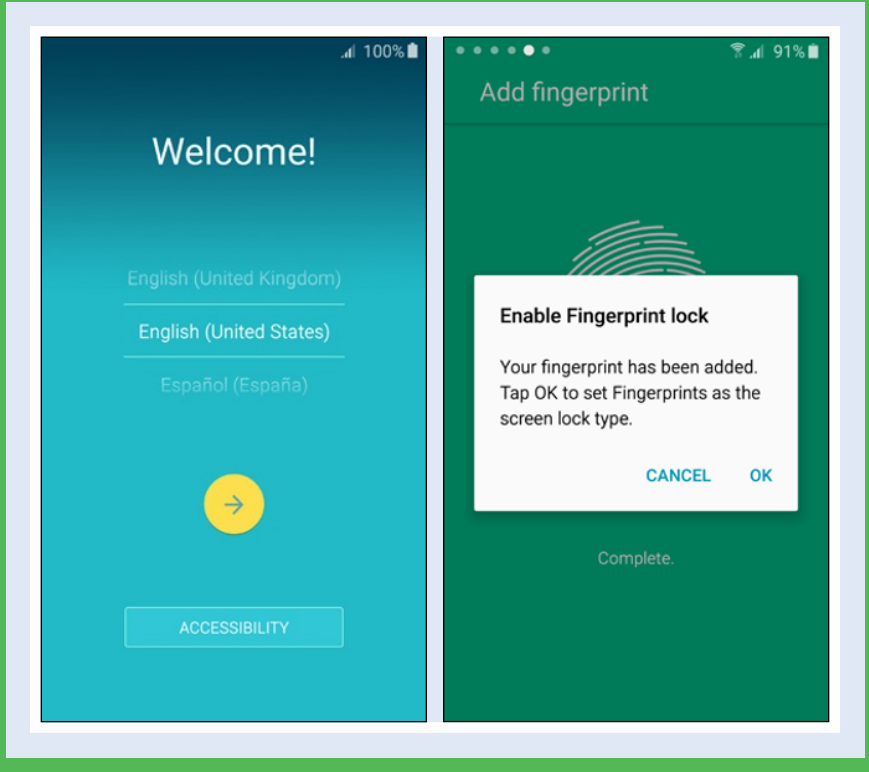


CHAPTER 1

Getting Started with Your Galaxy S6

In this chapter, you will set up your Galaxy S6, meet its hardware controls, and learn to navigate the TouchWiz interface. You will also learn to transfer files to your Galaxy S6 from your PC or Mac.



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Meet the Galaxy S6's Hardware and Controls

After getting your Galaxy S6 and unboxing it, you should plug it in to charge if the battery level is low. If your carrier has not installed a SIM card, you should install one. You can then start the Galaxy S6 and meet its hardware and controls. The Galaxy S6 has three physical buttons: Power, Volume, and Home. The phone also has two soft buttons, the Recents button (▭) to the left of the Home button, and the Back button (⮌) to the right.

Meet the Galaxy S6's Hardware and Controls

A If necessary, insert a SIM card. Insert the SIM-removal tool into the hole and push to open the SIM tray. Insert a nano-SIM card and replace the SIM tray.

1 Press and hold the Power button for a couple of seconds.

The Galaxy S6 vibrates to indicate that it is starting.

At the top of the screen are the following:

B The earpiece for making phone calls.

C The front camera.

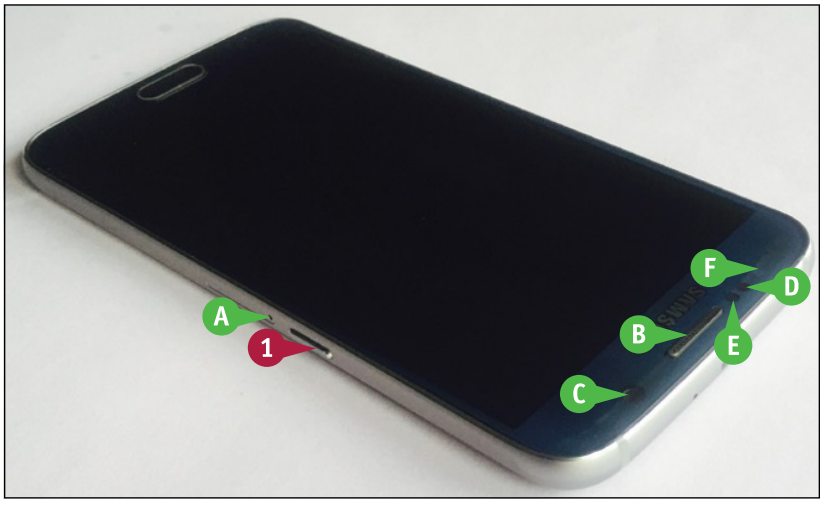
D The proximity/gesture sensor.

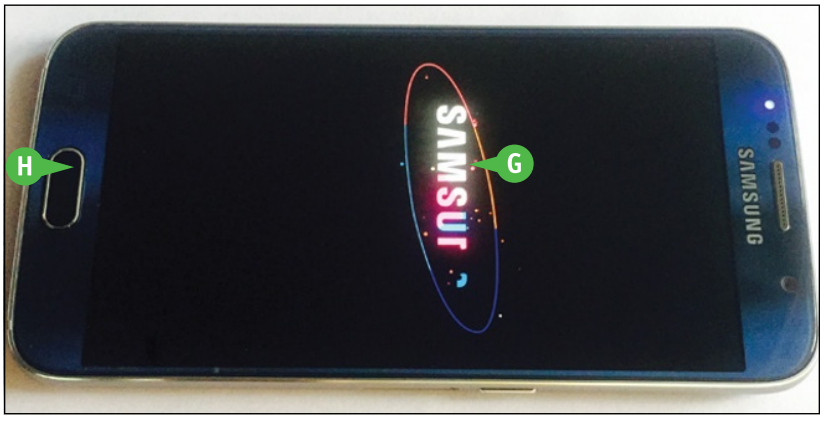
E The light sensor.

F The notification light.

G As the Galaxy S6 starts, its name and model number appear on-screen, followed by the Samsung logo.

H The Home button, which incorporates the fingerprint sensor, is at the bottom of the screen.





On the left side of the Galaxy S6 are the volume buttons.

I You press the upper button to increase the volume.

J You press the lower button to decrease the volume.

On the back of the Galaxy S6 are the following:

K The main camera lens.

L The flash for the main camera, and the fingerprint sensor, built into a single unit.

At the top of the Galaxy S6 are the following:

M The microphone for the speakerphone.

N The infrared LED.

When the Galaxy S6 finishes startup, you can perform the initial setup routine, as explained in the next section, "Perform the Initial Setup Routine."

TIP

What is on the bottom of my Galaxy S6?

On the bottom of your Galaxy S6 are the multipurpose jack, the headphone port, and another microphone. You use the multipurpose jack to connect your Galaxy S6 to your computer or other devices, such as an HDTV you are using to display photos. You use the headphone port to connect headphones or speakers. The microphone at the bottom of the Galaxy S6 is the one that picks up your voice when you are making a phone call and holding the phone to your face.

Perform the Initial Setup Routine

The first time you turn on your Galaxy S6, it displays the Welcome screen, on which you choose which language to use. You then perform the initial setup routine, a one-time procedure in which you select essential settings and connect the phone to a wireless network.

During setup, you can use the Tap & Go feature to transfer settings and data from another Android device to your Galaxy S6.

Perform the Initial Setup Routine

1. Turn on your Galaxy S6 by pressing and holding the Power button on the right side for a couple of seconds.

   The Welcome screen appears.

2. Tap the language you want to use.

   A You can tap **Accessibility** if you need to use accessibility features during setup.

3. Tap **Start** ( ).

Note: If the Smart Network Switch dialog box opens, tap **Cancel** to close it. See the first tip for more information.

   The Wi-Fi screen appears.

4. Tap the Wi-Fi network to which you want to connect.

   The dialog box for connecting to the network opens.

5. Type the password for the network.

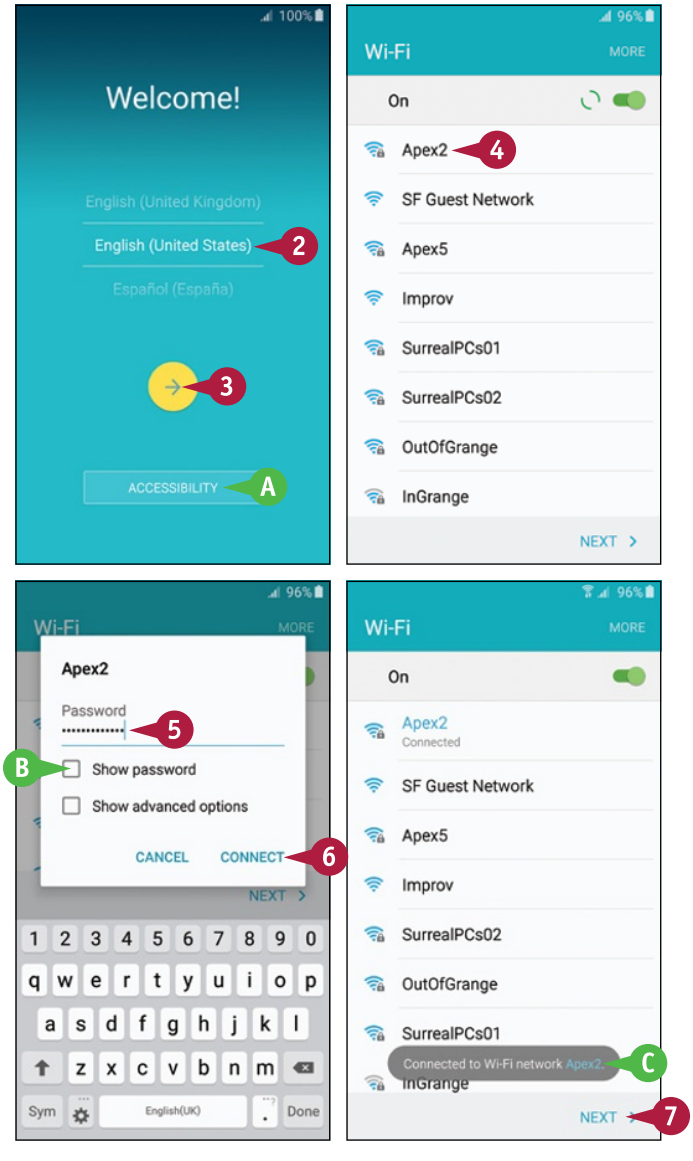
   B You can tap **Show password** (changes to) to display the password.

6. Tap **Connect**.

   Your Galaxy S6 connects to the network.

   C The *Connected to Wi-Fi network* readout appears briefly.

7. Tap **Next**.



The Terms and Conditions screen appears.

8 Under Diagnostic Data, tap **Consent to Provide Diagnostic and Usage Data** (☑ changes to ☐) if you do not want your Galaxy S6 to provide diagnostic data and usage data to Samsung.

9 Tap **Next**.

The Terms and Conditions dialog box opens.

10 Tap **Agree** if you want to proceed.

Your Galaxy S6 checks for software updates.

The Tap & Go screen then appears.

You can now set up your device using Tap & Go, as explained in the next subsection, or manually, as explained in the subsection "Set Up Your Galaxy S6 Manually."

Set Up Your Galaxy S6 Using Tap & Go

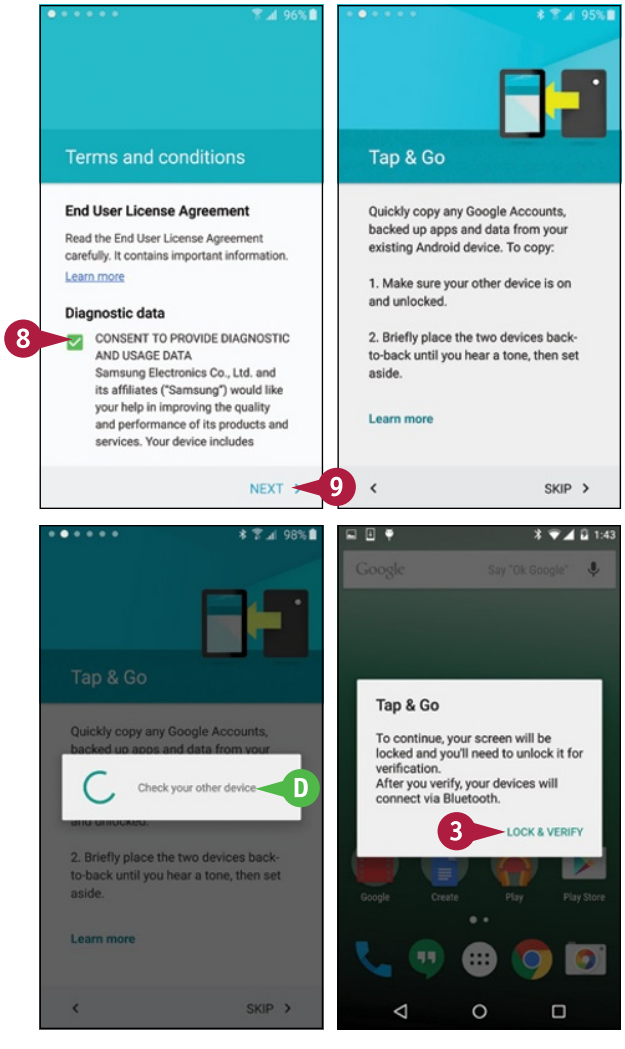
1 With the Tap & Go screen displayed on your Galaxy S6, turn on and unlock your other Android device.

2 Bring the two devices back to back.

A tone plays when the Near Field Communication chips — NFC chips for short — connect.

Note: You may need to move the devices around to line up the NFC chips.

D Your Galaxy S6 displays the *Check your other device* message once the devices have established the NFC connection.



The Tap & Go dialog box appears on your other device.

3 Tap **Lock & Verify**.

TIPS

What is Smart Network Switch?

Smart Network Switch is a feature that enables your Galaxy S6 to switch automatically from a Wi-Fi network to the cellular network to maintain its Internet connection. Turning Smart Network Switch on may cause your Galaxy S6 to use the cellular connection when you want to use Wi-Fi, so it is best to leave Smart Network Switch off during initial setup.

Should I create a Google account if I do not have one?

If you do not already have a Google account, you should create one at this point. Having a Google account enables you to get the most out of your Galaxy S6.

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Perform the Initial Setup Routine (continued)

During the initial setup routine, you can choose whether to back up the data from your Galaxy S6 to your Google account. You can also decide whether to allow apps to determine your location and send anonymous location data to Google's servers, and whether to allow Google's location service to scan for Wi-Fi networks even when Wi-Fi is turned off. Google uses the data provided to improve location accuracy.

Perform the Initial Setup Routine (continued)

Your other device locks, and the Restore Accounts screen appears, prompting you for your unlock method to verify your identity.

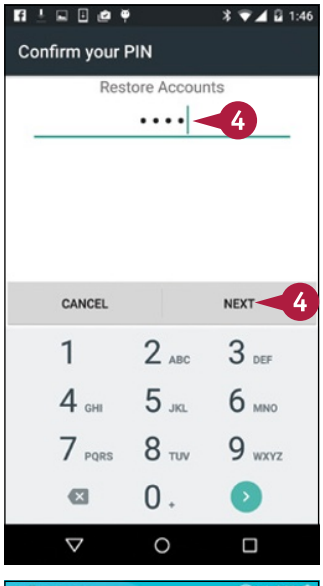
4 Provide the unlock method. For example, type your PIN and tap **Next**.

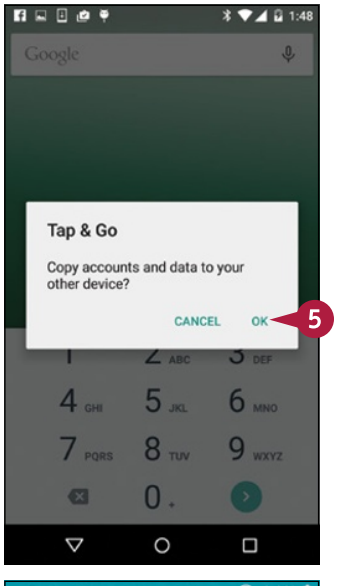
Another Tap & Go dialog box appears, prompting you to copy accounts and data to the Galaxy S6.

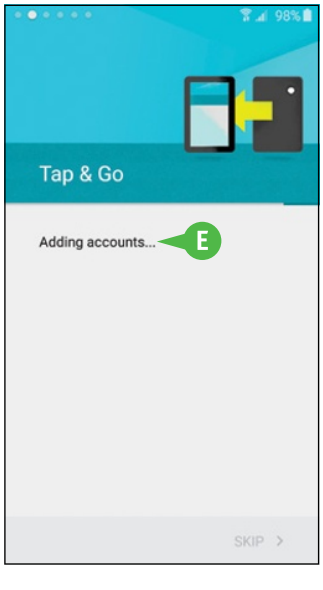
5 Tap **OK**.

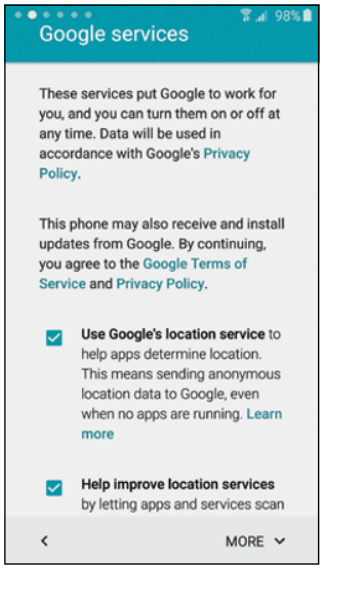
E The Tap & Go screen displays its progress as it adds your accounts to the Galaxy S6.

The Google Services screen appears. Go to the subsection "Finish the Setup Routine."









Set Up Your Galaxy S6 Manually

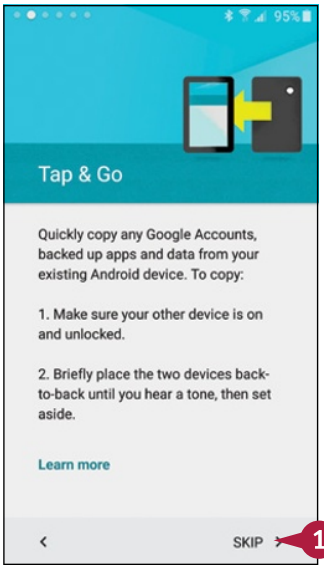
1. On the Tap & Go screen, tap **Skip**.

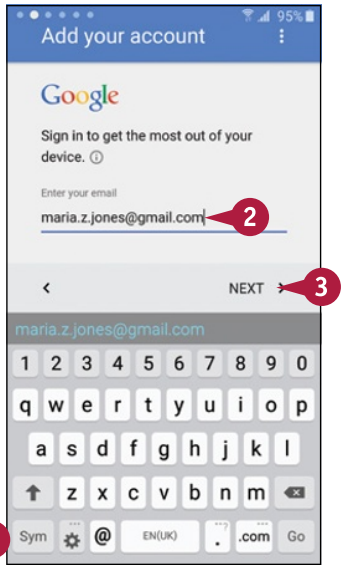
   The Add Your Account screen appears.

2. Tap **Enter your email** and type your e-mail address.

Note: You can tap **Or create a new account** to create a new account.

3. Tap **Next**.





The Password screen appears.

4. Type your password.
5. Tap **Next**.

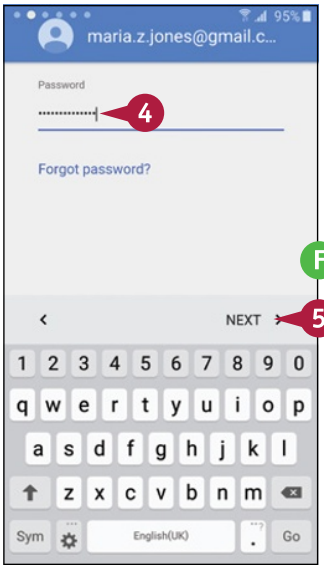
   The Terms of Service and Privacy Policy screen appears.

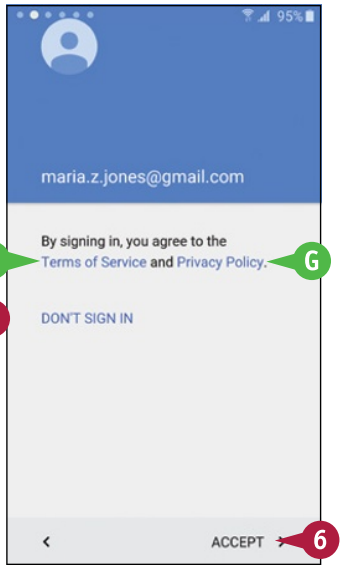
   F You can tap **Terms of Service** to view the Terms of Service.

   G You can tap **Privacy Policy** to view the Privacy Policy.

6. Tap **Accept**.

   The Google Services screen appears, and you can proceed as explained in the next subsection.





TIP

Should I back up my Galaxy S6 to my Google account?

Backing up your Galaxy S6 to your Google account is a good idea unless you prefer not to store sensitive data online, no matter how securely. Backing up to your Google account enables you to restore your data if your Galaxy S6 suffers a failure.

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Perform the Initial Setup Routine (continued)

During the initial setup routine, you can set your Galaxy S6 to use a Samsung account. This is a free account that enables you to store data on Samsung's servers, share it among your devices, and restore it if your device suffers a failure. If you do not have a Samsung account yet, you can create one during setup.

You can set a wake-up command that you speak to wake your Galaxy S6 with your voice. You can then give commands with your voice.

Perform the Initial Setup Routine (continued)

Finish the Setup Routine

1. On the Google Services screen, tap **Back up your phone's apps, app data, settings, and Wi-Fi password** (☑ changes to ☐) if you do not want to back up these items.
2. Tap **Use Google's location service** (☑ changes to ☐) if you want to turn off location services.
3. Tap **More**.

   The lower part of the Google Services screen appears.
4. Tap **Help improve location services** (☑ changes to ☐) if you do not want to send anonymous data to Google.
5. Tap **Help improve your Android experience** (☑ changes to ☐) if you do not want to send diagnostic and usage data to Google.
6. Tap **Next**.

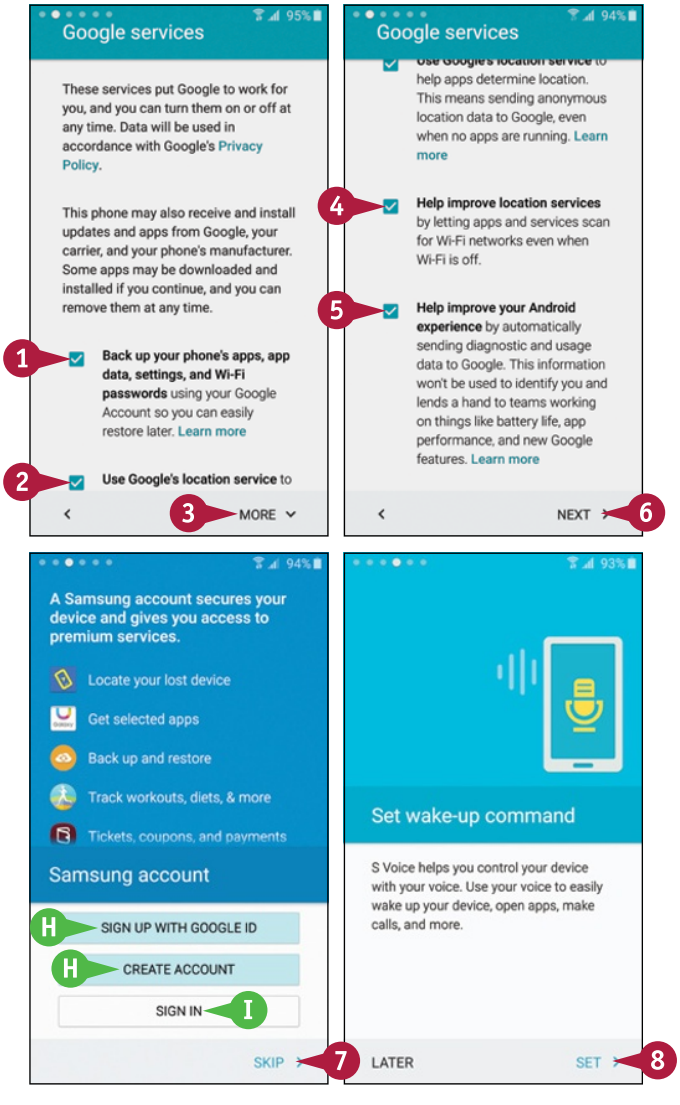
   The Samsung Account screen appears.

H You can tap **Sign Up with Google ID** or **Create Account** to create a new Samsung account.

I You can tap **Sign In** to sign in to your existing Samsung account.

7. Tap **Skip**.

   The first Set Wake-Up Command screen appears.
8. Tap **Set**.



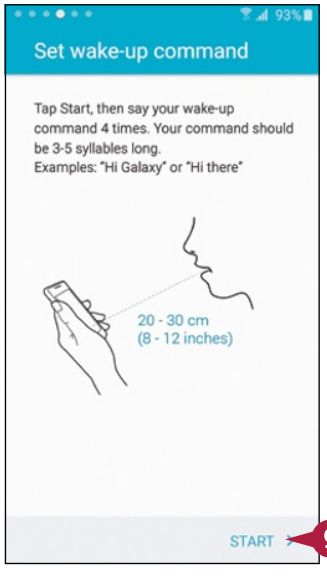
The second Set Wake-Up Command screen appears.

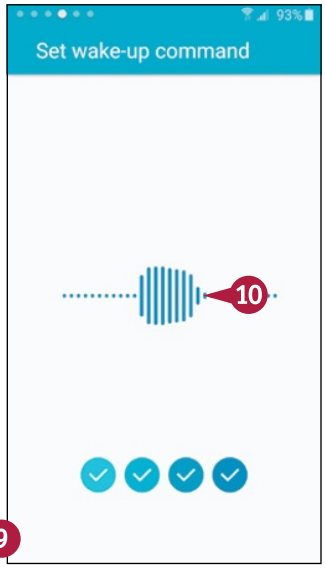
Note: Samsung states that your wake-up command should be three to five syllables long, but gives the two-syllable example "Hi there." Choose a distinctive command that you will not say in normal conversation.

9 Tap **Start**.

The third Set Wake-Up Command screen appears.

10 Following the on-screen prompts, say your wake-up command four times.





The fourth Set Wake-Up Command screen appears, showing example voice commands.

J You can tap **Expand** (⌄) to see more examples.

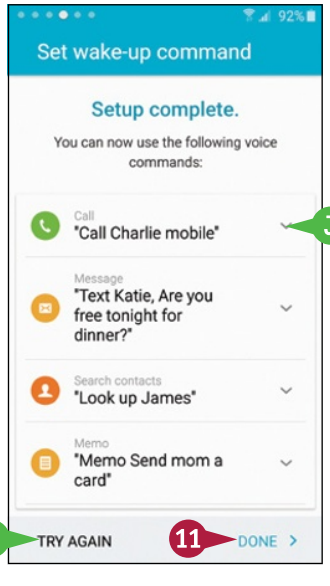
K You can tap **Try Again** to re-record your wake-up command.

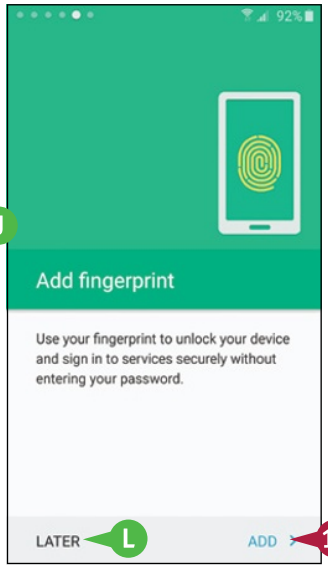
11 Tap **Done**.

The Add Fingerprint screen appears.

L You can tap **Later** to skip adding your fingerprint.

12 Tap **Add**.





TIP

Should I create a Samsung account?

If you want to get the most out of your Galaxy S6, you will need to have a Samsung account. Several compelling features — such as locating your Galaxy S6 if it goes missing, backing up and restoring data, and tracking your activities and your diet in the S Health app — require a Samsung account.

A Samsung account is free and takes only seconds to set up. The only disadvantage is that you are entrusting Samsung with your data.

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Perform the Initial Setup Routine (continued)

Your Galaxy S6 includes a fingerprint-recognition feature that helps you to keep your valuable data and personal items secure against intruders. After registering your fingerprint, you can unlock your Galaxy S6 quickly and easily by placing your finger on the Home button. You must also set a password in case fingerprint recognition fails.

You set up fingerprint recognition by scanning your finger or thumb in various positions. Register multiple fingers in case you abrade the skin on your fingertip or injure your finger.

Perform the Initial Setup Routine (continued)

The Disclaimer dialog box opens, warning you that your fingerprint will be registered and stored with your device.

13 Tap **Confirm**.

The Disclaimer dialog box closes.

14 Tap **Continue.**

The Add Fingerprint screen for registering your fingerprint appears.

15 Place your finger or thumb on the Home button repeatedly, following the prompts.

M The indicator shows your progress.

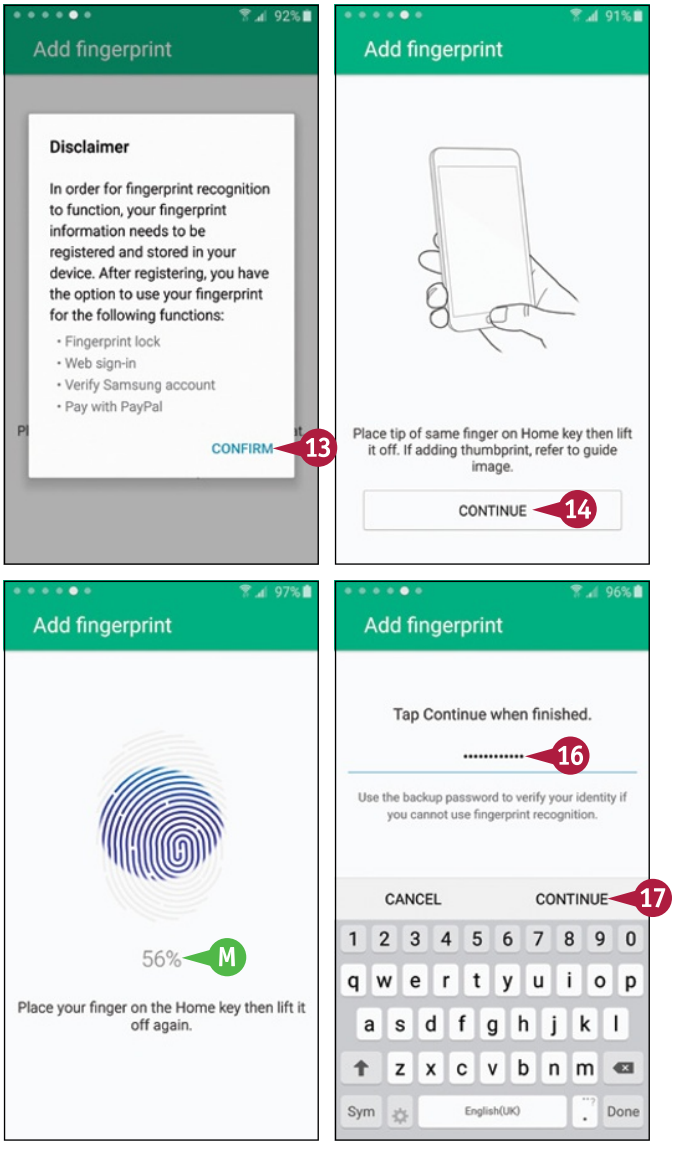
The Complete screen appears briefly.

The Add Fingerprint screen prompts you to enter a backup password.

16 Type the backup password you will use.

Note: For security, use at least 8 characters in your password; 12 characters or more is better. Do not use a word in any language; you could use random characters, or create a memorable password by using the first letters of a memorable phrase or sentence, such as a line from a song. Include uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and symbols.

17 Tap **Continue**.



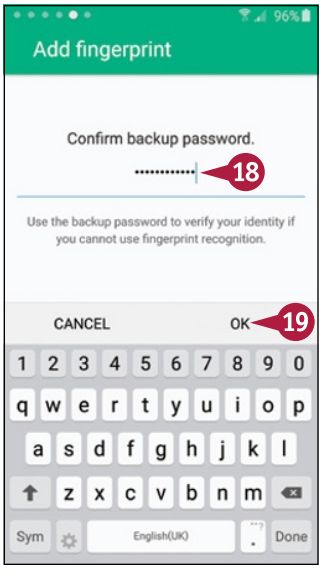
The Add Fingerprint screen prompts you to confirm your backup password.

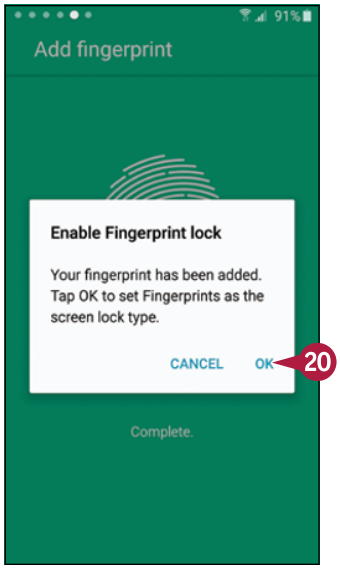
18 Type the password again.

19 Tap **OK**.

The Enable Fingerprint Lock dialog box opens.

20 Tap **OK** if you want to use Fingerprints as the method of unlocking your Galaxy S6. This is usually the most convenient.



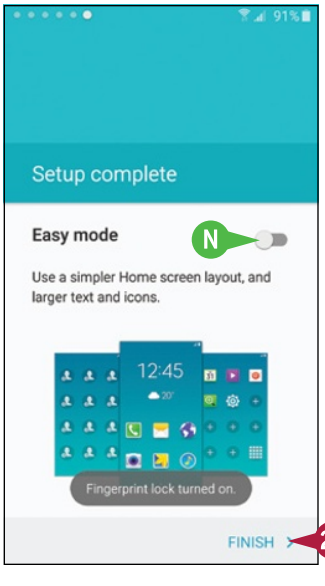


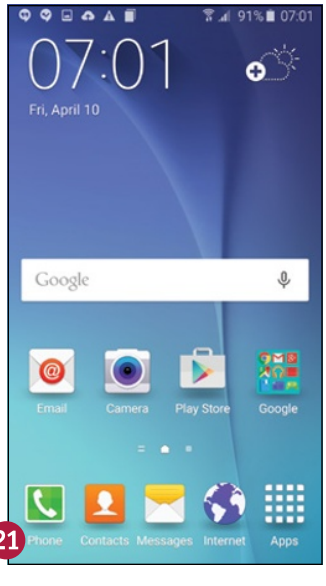
The Setup Complete screen appears.

N You can set the **Easy mode** switch to On (changes to) if you want to use Easy Mode. See the second tip for more information.

21 Tap **Finish**.

The Home screen appears, and you can start using your Galaxy S6.





TIPS

How can I add other fingerprints?

Press **Home**, tap **Apps** (), and then tap **Settings** (). In the Personal section, tap **Lock screen and security** (), and then tap **Fingerprints** in the Security section on the Lock Screen and Security screen. On the Fingerprints screen, tap **Add Fingerprint** to start adding another fingerprint.

What is Easy Mode?

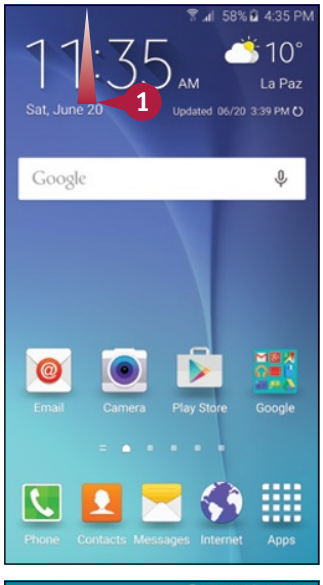
Easy Mode simplifies the Home screen by displaying fewer icons and showing them at a larger size. Easy Mode has three Home screen panels: The first panel provides quick access to selected contacts, and the other two panels give you access to apps.

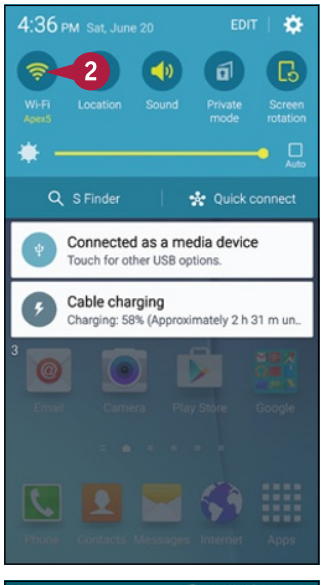
Connect to a Wireless Network

To get the most use out of your Galaxy S6, you likely will need to connect it to several wireless networks in different locations. Many wireless networks broadcast the network name, and often you need to provide only the password to make a connection. To connect to a wireless network that does not broadcast its name, you need to type the name to identify the network and then provide the password. For some networks, you may need to specify an IP address or proxy server details.

Connect to a Wireless Network

Display the Wi-Fi Screen





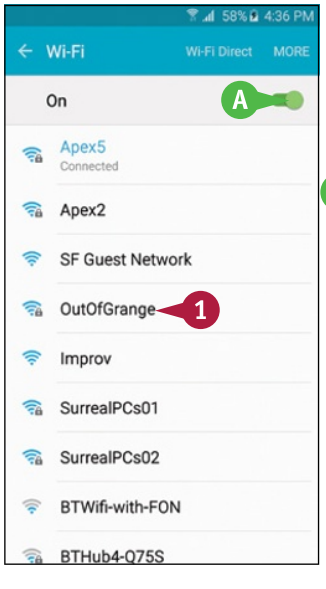
1. Pull down from the top of the screen.

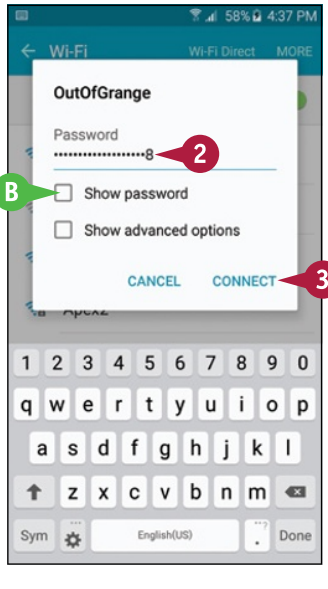
   The Notification panel opens.

2. Tap and hold **Wi-Fi** ( ).

   The Wi-Fi screen appears.

Connect to a Wireless Network That Broadcasts Its Name





A If the **Wi-Fi** switch is set to Off ( ), set it to On ( ).

1. Tap the network to which you want to connect.

   A dialog box opens for connecting to the network.

2. Type the password.

   B You can tap **Show password** (changes to) to display the characters.

3. Tap **Connect**.

   Your Galaxy S6 connects to the wireless network.

Connect to a Wireless Network That Does Not Broadcast Its Name

1. On the Wi-Fi screen, tap **More**.

   The menu opens.

2. Tap **Add network**.

   The Add Network dialog box opens.

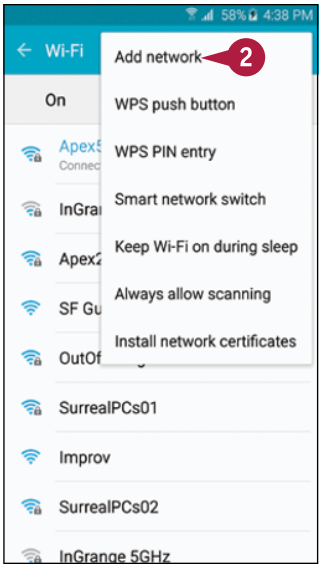
3. Type the network name.

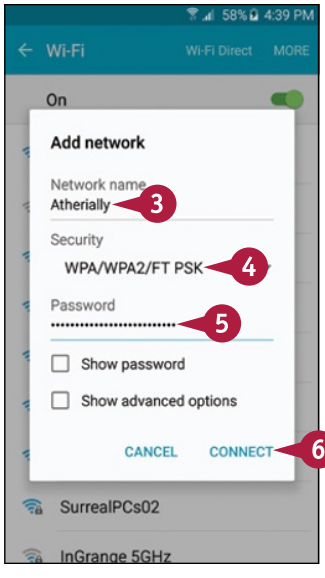
4. Tap **Security** and then tap the security type, such as **WPA/WPA2/FT PSK**.

5. Tap **Password** and type the password.

6. Tap **Connect**.

   Your Galaxy S6 connects to the network.





Connect to a Network and Specify Settings

1. Tap the network.

   The network's dialog box opens.

2. Type the password.

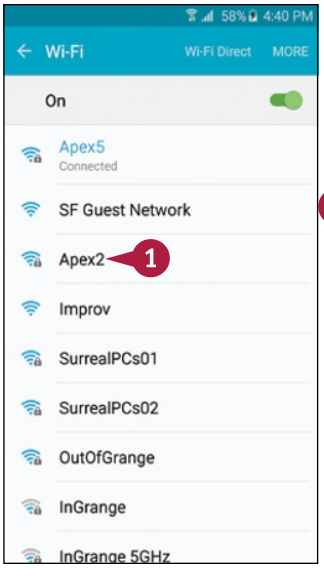
3. Tap **Show advanced options** (☐ changes to ☑).

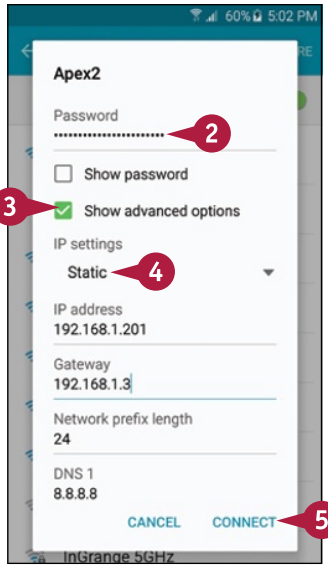
4. To set IP address information, tap **IP settings**, tap **Static**, and then choose the settings.

Note: To set proxy server information, tap **Proxy**, tap **Manual**, and then choose the settings.

5. Tap **Connect**.

   Your Galaxy S6 connects to the network.





TIPS

How do I stop using a particular wireless network?

On the Wi-Fi screen, tap the network's name. In the dialog box that opens, tap **Forget network**.

Is there an easier way to set up a wireless network?

Yes, if the wireless network has Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) and you have physical access to the wireless router. If so, display the Wi-Fi screen, tap **More**, and then tap **WPS push button**. On your router, press the WPS button to set up the network connection automatically.

Explore the User Interface and Launch Apps

When you press Power or Home to wake your Galaxy S6 from sleep, Android displays the lock screen. You then unlock your phone to reach the Home screen, which contains a Favorites tray of icons for running frequently used apps, shortcuts to apps, and the Apps icon for accessing the full list of apps installed.

You can add other icons to the Home screen as needed. When you launch an app, its screen appears. From the app, you can return to the Home screen by pressing Home. You can then launch another app.

Explore the User Interface and Launch Apps

1. Press **Home**.

   The phone's screen lights up and displays the lock screen.

Note: You can use various means of unlocking the lock screen. The default is the swipe explained here.

2. Swipe up.

   The Home screen appears.

Note: If your Galaxy S6 displays an app instead of the Home screen, press **Home**.

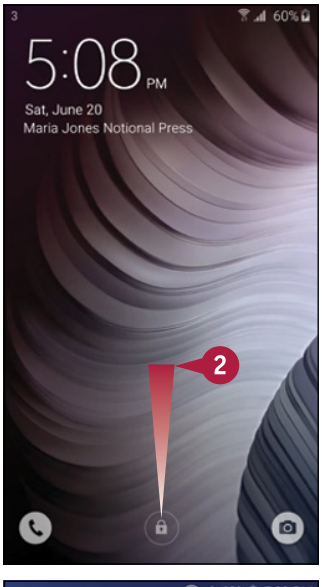
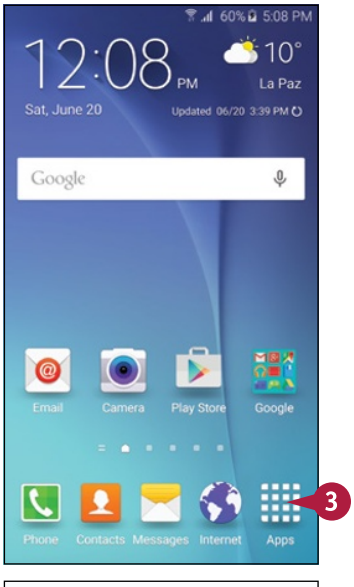
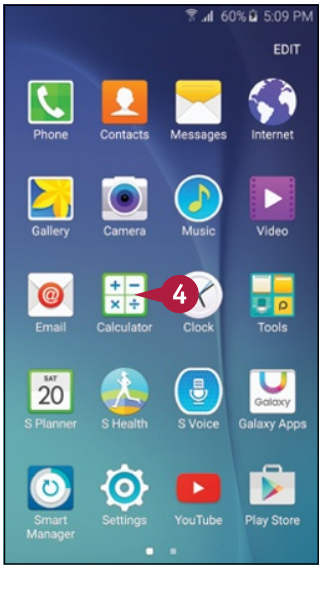
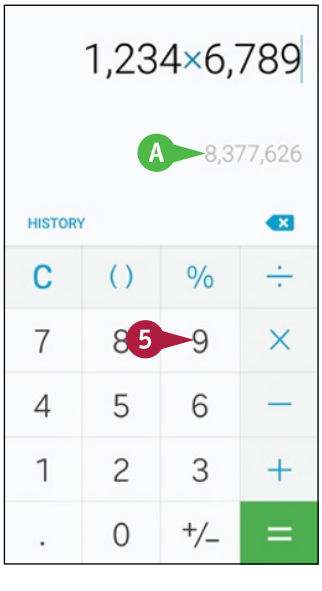
3. Tap **Apps** ( ).

   The Apps screen appears.

4. Tap the app you want to use, such as **Calculator** ( ).

   The app opens.

5. Use the app as needed. For example, tap the buttons to perform a calculation.

   A In the Calculator app, the result appears here.

6. Press **Home**.