

Android

An Introduction to PI



This document has been designed to introduce you to using the AI Chatbot app called PI on an Android Smartphone.

Assumptions

Certain assumptions have been made in the creation of this document. They are as follows:

- The latest version of PI has been downloaded and installed onto your Smartphone. At the time of writing (11 February 2026), the latest version is 1.0.71 (679).
- Your Smartphone is running Android version 15.0 or later.
- The PI app is ready to use (necessary permissions have been granted and the introduction screens have been cleared).
- Your Smartphone is set to use the Google GBoard keyboard.
- Your Smartphone is connected to the internet.

Note: The instructions given in this document have been created using a Samsung Galaxy S21 Smartphone, running Android 15. If you are using a non-Samsung device and/or a later version of Android, you may find some minor differences. However, it isn't anticipated that you will!

What is PI?

PI, which stands for Personal Intelligence, is a Chatbot app, designed for Smartphones. It has been designed to be a personalised AI that can assist you with all sorts of things and provide a unique experience

tailored to you, just like a personal assistant, but with a digital twist! PI displays emotion, just like a human does when answering questions and describing things!

PI uses natural sounding language. It can help with a wide range of things, such as:

- Answering Questions - whether you are curious about history, science, current events or need a recipe suggestion, PI can help with all of these things!
- Providing Recommendations - from movies and TV shows to books, restaurants and travel destinations, PI can offer suggestions tailored to your preferences.
- Playing Games - if you are in the mood for some fun, PI can play word games, trivia games and more!
- Offering Support - PI can even act as a close friend. It can offer support if you are down in the dumps and will listen to your problems, providing reassurance where applicable!

Opening PI

To open PI, first locate its icon on the Home Screen and then activate it. Alternatively, invoke the Google Assistant/Gemini and say "open PI".

The PI Main Screen

At the top left corner of the PI main screen, you will find the "Side Menu" button. Activating this button results in a popup menu being displayed, consisting of a number of options, including New Chat, My Stuff, Discover and Settings (situated at the bottom of the menu). To close this menu and return to the PI main screen, activate the "Close" button, situated at the top right corner of the screen.

Situated at the top centre of the PI main screen, you will find a heading which reads "Home chat". This is the name of the chat you are currently

having with PI. To the right of the heading, situated at the top right corner of the screen, you will find the "Voice Mode" button. This button, when activated, toggles the voice that PI uses on/off.

Situated towards the bottom of the PI main screen, you will find a label which reads "What's on your mind?". Associated with this label, you will find an edit box. To the right of the edit box, you will find the "Call PI" button. If text is entered into the edit box, this button changes to become the "Send" button.

When you activate the edit box, a Virtual keyboard is displayed and you are able to type a question. When the Call PI button is activated, a new screen is displayed and a sound is played. This sound indicates that the microphone has been engaged and you can start your chat with PI. To close the Call PI screen, activate the "End Call" button, situated at the top left corner of the screen. Chatting with PI will be discussed shortly in this document.

Asking PI a Question

PI is great at answering questions! You can ask just about anything you can think of and PI will try to answer it. To ask a question, first activate the edit field at the bottom of the screen. Upon doing this, the edit field will be repositioned to be directly above the Virtual keyboard. Then, using the Virtual keyboard, type your question, for example "How tall is the Blackpool Tower?". Alternatively, activate the "Use Voice Typing" button, situated above the number 0 on the top line of the Virtual keyboard and dictate it instead. When done, activate the "Stop Voice Typing" button, which replaces the Use Voice Typing button when dictation mode is turned on.

When you have entered your question, activate the "Send" button, situated to the right of the Text Field and just above the Voice Typing button. A few seconds later, PI will display the answer to your question on screen. It will also read aloud the information. In this case, the height of the Blackpool Tower. Sometimes, PI will provide you with additional information at the same time!

If you want to ask PI a follow-up question, activate the Text Field again and type/dictate your question. For example, "when was it built". Next, activate the Send button. A few seconds later, PI will inform you of the answer.

You can continue asking questions related to the Blackpool Tower and PI will answer them for you. Alternatively, you can ask questions about a new topic, by entering your question into the "What's on your mind?" edit box and activating the Send button.

Once you have asked a question and PI has answered it, three buttons become available at the left side of the screen, just above the "What's on your mind?" edit box. These are, from left to right, Copy Message, Like and Dislike.

The Copy Message button is used to copy the text from the conversation to the clipboard, ready for pasting into another app, such as Mail or Messages. The Like button is used to inform Inflexion AI, the developers of PI, that you are happy with your recent conversation. The Dislike button, is used to open a feedback screen, where you can send information to Inflexion AI stating why you are unhappy with your recent conversation.

Chatting with PI

Another way of using PI, is to chat with it. In this way, you won't have to keep typing your question into the Text Field. You can chat verbally, just like you would with your partner, colleague or friend.

To chat with Pi, first activate the "Call PI" button, situated to the right of the What's on your Mind? Text Field. Upon doing this, a new screen will be displayed, a sound will play and the microphone will be engaged.

At this stage, you may be prompted to create an account, or sign-in to speak with PI. You will have a variety of options, one of which will be the

"continue with Google" button. Activate this button. A few seconds later, you will receive a message which states your conversations will be saved. You are now all set!

After the sound, ask your question and pause when done. This will allow PI to know you have finished. A few seconds later, PI will answer your question. This time, there will be no text on screen. To ask a follow up question, simply ask it, as if you were talking to a real life person. There is no need to activate any buttons in order to do this, as the microphone is still active! PI will again answer your question a few seconds later.

Continue chatting with PI until you have found out what you need to know. When you have finished with your conversation, activate the "End Call" button, situated at the top left corner of the screen. Upon doing this, you will be returned to the PI main screen. Here you will find the text from your chat with PI, along with the text from your previous questions and answers. You should also find that the Copy Text, Like and Dislike buttons are available for each part of the chat you had with PI!

Changing PI's Voice

If you don't like the voice PI uses, you can change it! PI can use a variety of male and female voices. Choosing the right voice, can make your experience of using PI even more enjoyable.

To choose an alternative voice, follow these steps:

1. Activate the "Side Menu" button, situated at the top left corner of the screen. Upon doing this, a popup menu will be displayed.
2. From the menu, activate the "Settings" button. Upon doing this, the Settings screen will be displayed.
3. In the Settings screen, activate the "Voice Settings" button. Upon doing this, the Voice Settings screen will be displayed. Here, you

have options for adjusting the playback speed of PI's voice, as well as a number of voices to choose from.

4. In total, there are 8 different voices, four male and 4 female. Activate the button for each voice to find out how it sounds. The last button you activate, will become the voice PI uses.

You can also adjust the rate at which PI speaks. At the top of the screen, below the Playback Speed heading, you will find a number of options. These are 0.5x, 0.75x, 1x, 1.25x and 1.5x. Use the associated Slider Bar to adjust the speed.

5. When you have chosen your preferred voice and playback speed, activate the Back button, situated at the top left corner of the screen. Upon doing this, you will return to the Settings screen.

6. Finally, activate the "Back" button again. Upon doing this, you will be back in the PI main screen.

Now, ask PI a question and see what the new voice sounds like.

Hopefully, it will meet your requirements! If it doesn't, follow the steps outlined above to choose a different voice.

Conclusion

PI is a fun app. It is a little like using Amazon's Alexa, or Google's Gemini service. However, where it is different, is in its ability to use emotion and to hold conversations in a natural way. It provides much more information in its answers to your questions compared to Alexa or Gemini.

Be aware that artificial intelligence can often get things wrong, so don't take everything that PI informs you as being 100% accurate.

Sometimes, you will need to double-check information using an alternative method to ensure that the information PI has provided is correct. Having said this, PI is no different to any other AI Chatbot app as far as accuracy is concerned. It's definitely one of the best AI Chatbots on the market today!

As time goes by, PI will undoubtedly evolve into a really useful AI tool, and one which you will probably use quite a lot.

This is the end of the introduction to using PI on an Android Smartphone. To find out more about PI, contact the author, Gary Eady, using the following email address:

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