Communicator 5 Accessible Apps - Accessible SMS (Android Messages): Quick Guide
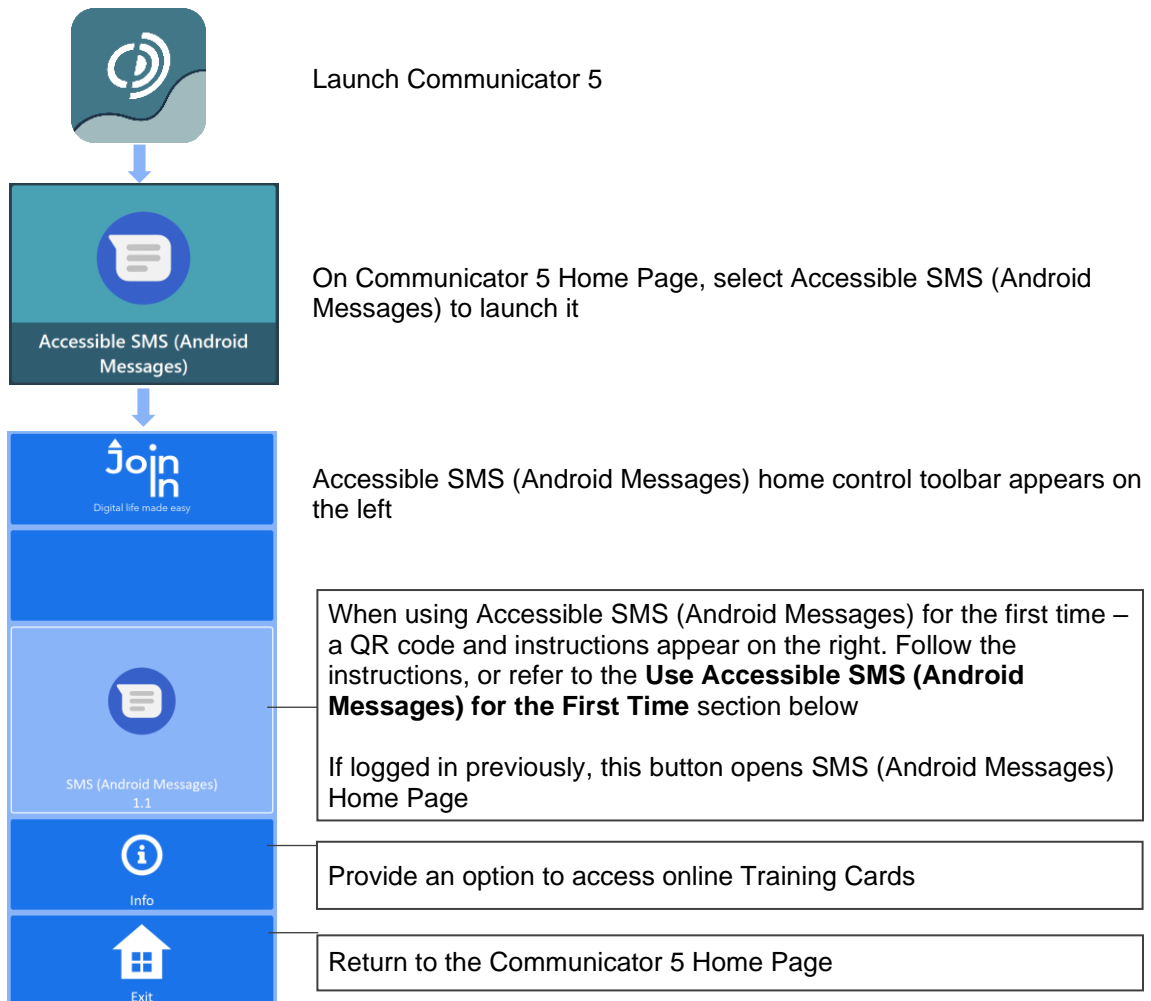
This document provides instructions on how to use Accessible SMS (Android Messages) within the Communicator 5 Accessible Apps collection to stay connected with family and friends.

Requirements: To use Accessible SMS (Android Messages), the following requirements need to be met.

- An Android smart phone or tablet (with a sim card) with the Messages app (by Google) installed
- The smart phone/tablet is required to be connected to the Internet while using Accessible SMS (Android Messages) on a communication device
- The communication device needs to be unlocked and have access to the Internet

Note: Refer to the **Getting Started with Communicator 5 Accessible Apps Quick Guide** for instructions on how to set up Communicator 5 Home Page with the accessible apps collection.

Launch Accessible SMS (Android Messages)

Launch Communicator 5

On Communicator 5 Home Page, select Accessible SMS (Android Messages) to launch it

Accessible SMS (Android Messages) home control toolbar appears on the left

When using Accessible SMS (Android Messages) for the first time – a QR code and instructions appear on the right. Follow the instructions, or refer to the **Use Accessible SMS (Android Messages) for the First Time** section below

If logged in previously, this button opens SMS (Android Messages) Home Page

Provide an option to access online Training Cards

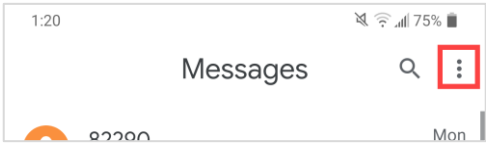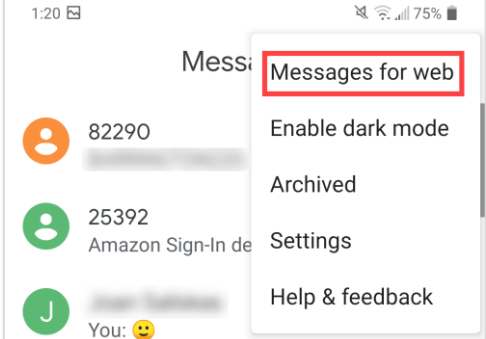Return to the Communicator 5 Home Page

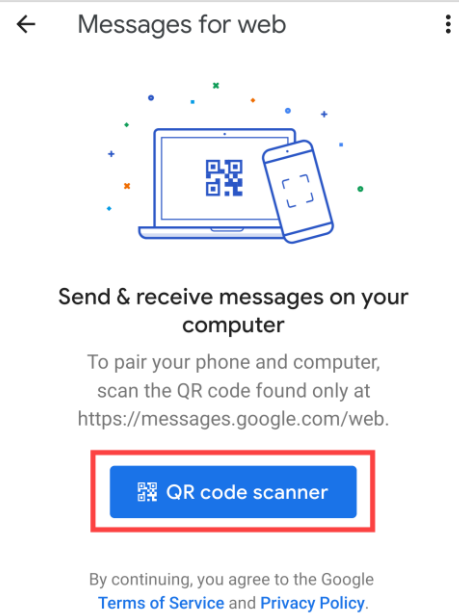## Use Accessible SMS (Android Messages) for the First Time

After launching Accessible SMS (Android Messages) and selecting the **SMS (Android Messages)** button on the home control toolbar, the left toolbar switches to the main control toolbar, and the right of the screen provides a QR code and instructions for setting up Accessible SMS (Android Messages).

Note: The QR code refreshes itself with a new code after a period of time of inactivity, for example while the user is getting the phone ready. In addition, make sure the **Remember this computer** option under the QR code is toggled on if the user wants their device to be remembered.
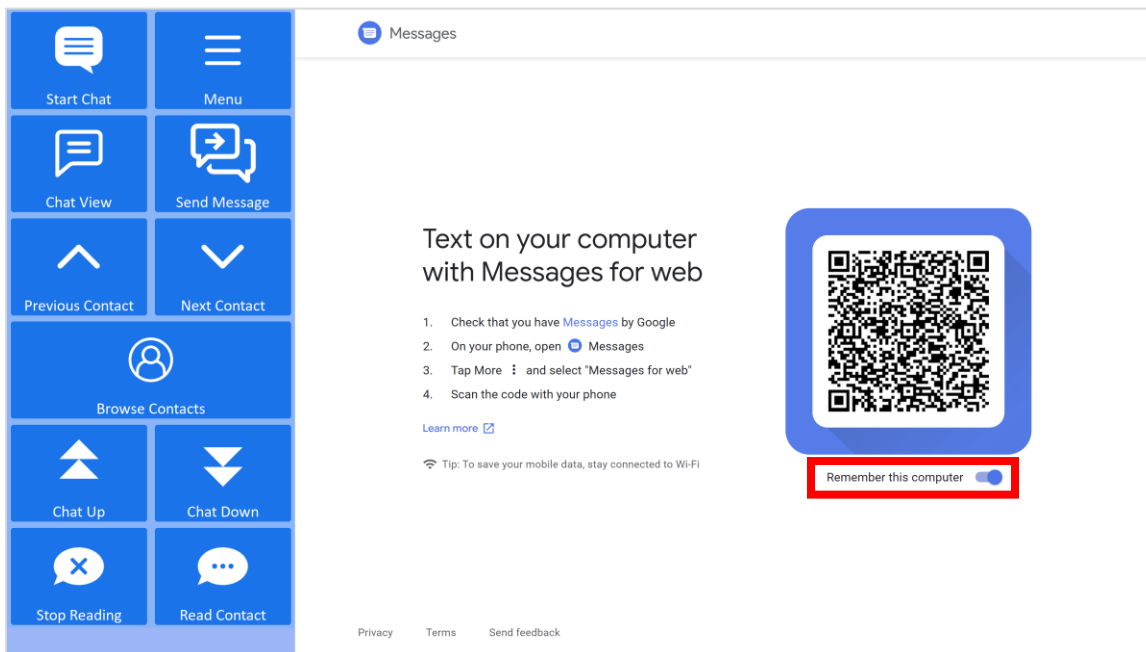
On User's Smart Phone or Tablet

	Open the Messages app
	On Messages home screen, select the **Menu** (3 dots) button
	On the pop-up menu, select **Messages for web**

	Select **QR code scanner** to allow pairing between user's phone/ tablet and communication device (or computer)
	Point phone/tablet at the Accessible SMS (Android Messages) screen on the communication device and scan the QR code

On Communication Device - Accessible SMS (Android Messages) Screen

Immediately after the QR code scan, the right side of the Accessible SMS (Android Messages) screen refreshes and loads the Messages Home Page
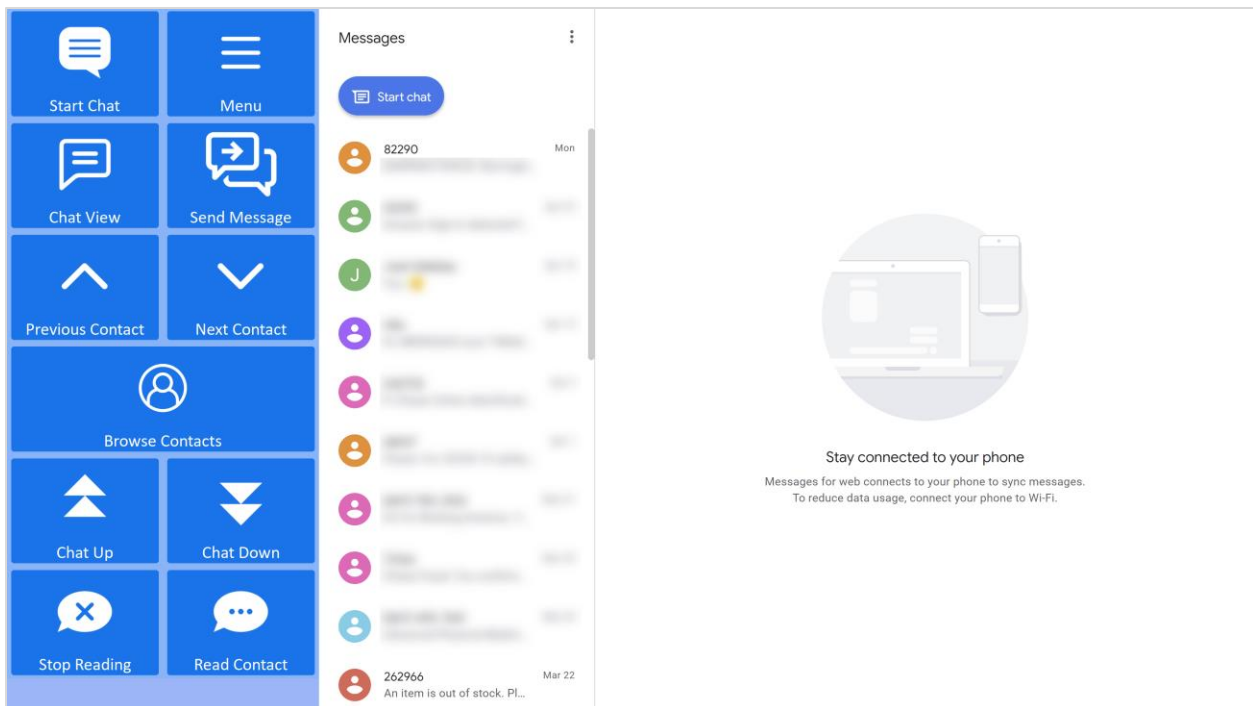
Send Messages, Manage Chats and Contacts

After launching and/or completing the first-time setup for Accessible SMS (Android Messages), the control toolbar provides buttons for all the functionality of the Messages app in an easy and more accessible way.

Main Control Toolbar

Open a screen to search and select a contact to start chat with
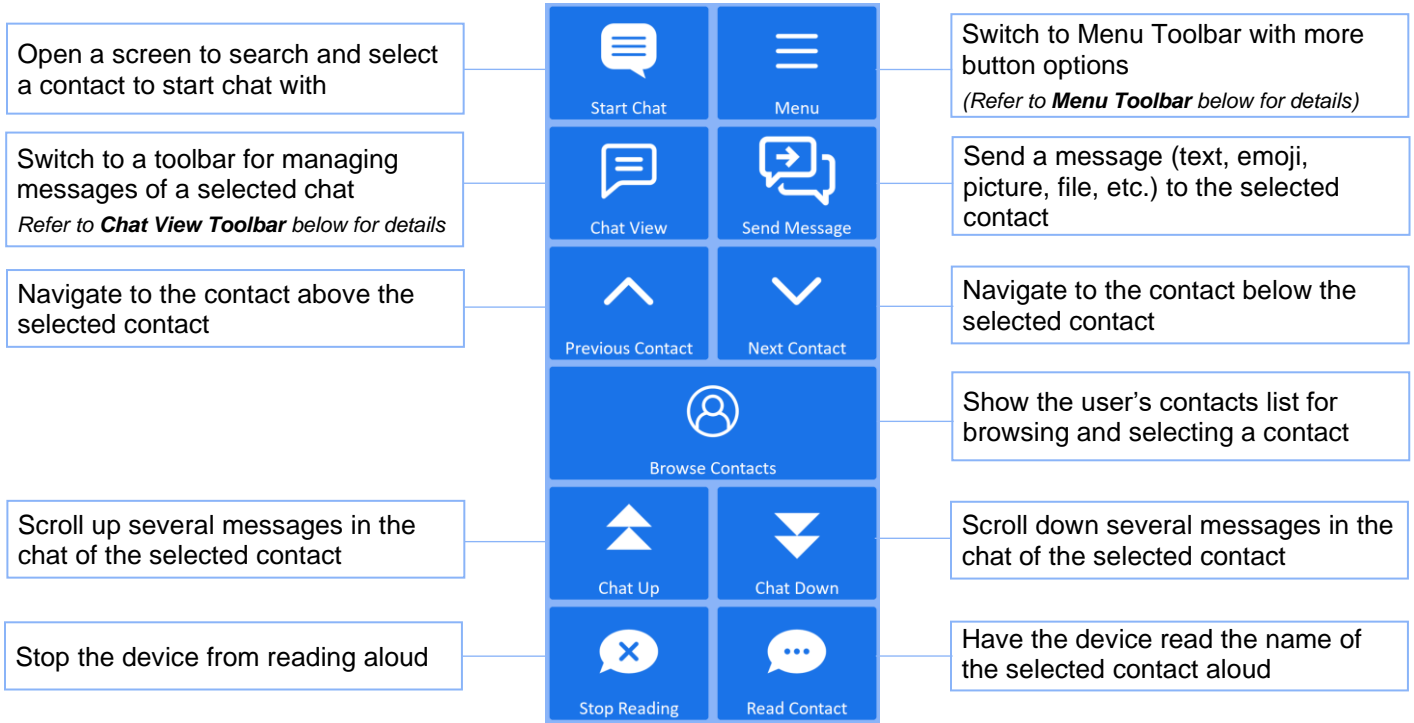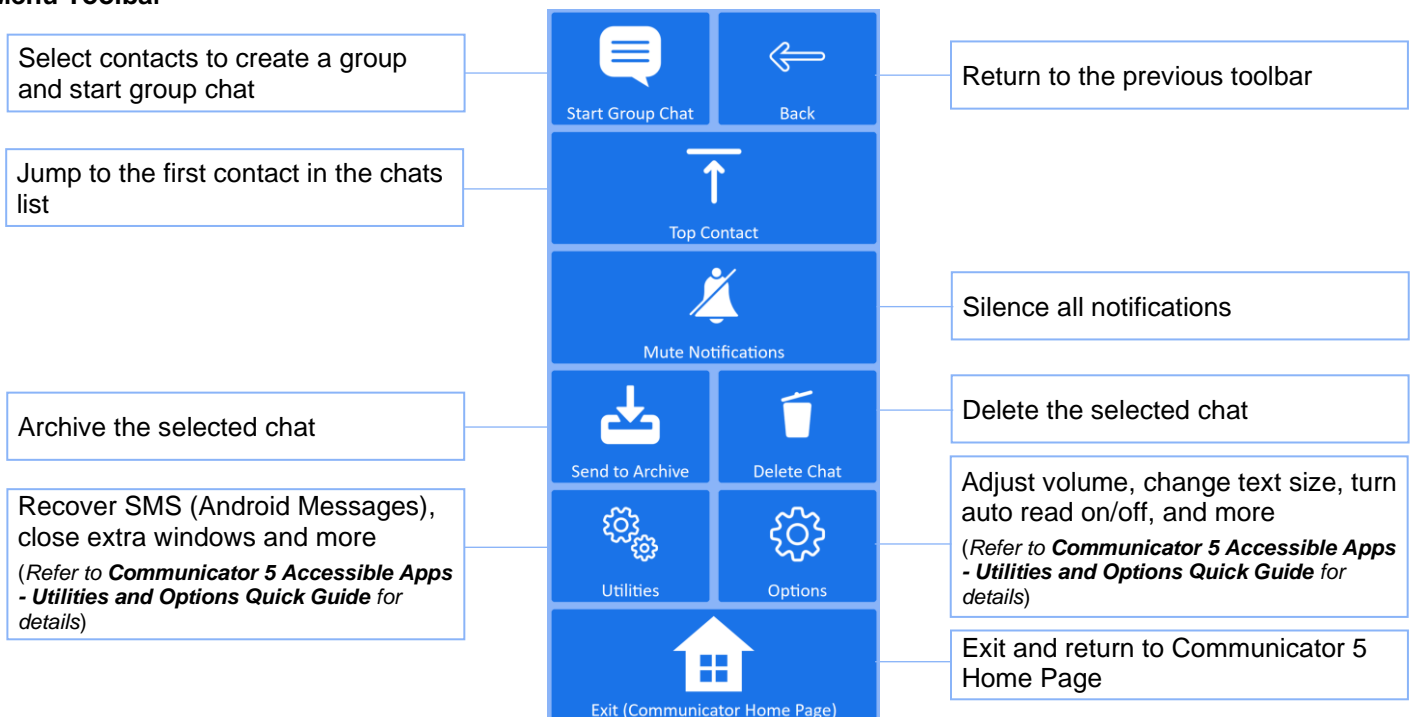
Switch to a toolbar for managing messages of a selected chat
*Refer to **Chat View Toolbar** below for details*

Navigate to the contact above the selected contact

Scroll up several messages in the chat of the selected contact

Stop the device from reading aloud

Switch to Menu Toolbar with more button options
*(Refer to **Menu Toolbar** below for details)*

Send a message (text, emoji, picture, file, etc.) to the selected contact

Navigate to the contact below the selected contact

Show the user's contacts list for browsing and selecting a contact

Scroll down several messages in the chat of the selected contact

Have the device read the name of the selected contact aloud

[Toolbar buttons: Start Chat, Menu, Chat View, Send Message, Previous Contact, Next Contact, Browse Contacts, Chat Up, Chat Down, Stop Reading, Read Contact]

Menu Toolbar

Select contacts to create a group and start group chat

Jump to the first contact in the chats list

Archive the selected chat

Recover SMS (Android Messages), close extra windows and more
*(Refer to **Communicator 5 Accessible Apps - Utilities and Options Quick Guide** for details)*

Return to the previous toolbar

Silence all notifications

Delete the selected chat

Adjust volume, change text size, turn auto read on/off, and more
*(Refer to **Communicator 5 Accessible Apps - Utilities and Options Quick Guide** for details)*

Exit and return to Communicator 5 Home Page

[Toolbar buttons: Start Group Chat, Back, Top Contact, Mute Notifications, Send to Archive, Delete Chat, Utilities, Options, Exit (Communicator Home Page)]

Chat View Toolbar

Return to the previous toolbar

Download file from the selected message to the user's device

Open the link from the selected message in a new window

Navigate to the message above the current one in the selected chat

Navigate to the message below the current one in the selected chat

Scroll up several messages in the selected chat

Scroll down several messages in the selected chat

Delete the selected message

Stop reading aloud by the device

Have the device read the selected message aloud