



Playback Shortcuts

Basic Controls

Space / k	Toggle Play/Pause
m	Toggle Mute/Unmute
j	Seek Back 10 seconds
l	Seek Forward 10 seconds
Left Arrow	Seek Back 5 seconds
Right Arrow	Seek Forward 5 seconds
Home	Go to start of video
End	Go to end of video
0-9	Jump to 0-90% of video (e.g., 5 for 50%)

Speed & Seeking

<	Decrease playback speed (.25x increments)
>	Increase playback speed (.25x increments)
,	Previous frame (when paused)
.	Next frame (when paused)
Ctrl + Left Arrow	Previous chapter
Ctrl + Right Arrow	Next chapter
Shift + ,	Decrease speed (alt)
Shift + .	Increase speed (alt)
Shift + p	Previous video in playlist

Display & Volume

Up Arrow	Increase volume (5%)
Down Arrow	Decrease volume (5%)
f	Toggle Fullscreen
Esc	Exit Fullscreen
t	Toggle Theater mode
i	Toggle Miniplayer
c	Toggle captions/subtitles
Shift + c	Cycle through caption tracks
Shift + n	Next video in playlist

Navigation & Features

Browsing & Searching

/	Focuses the search bar (press Esc to unfocus)
Enter	Play the currently selected video thumbnail
Tab	Navigate through focusable elements on the page
Shift + Tab	Navigate backward through elements
Right-click (twice)	Access HTML5 video player context menu (Loop, PiP, etc.)
Search Filters	Refine search results by Type, Upload Date, Duration, Features, etc.
Search Operators	Use "exact phrase", -exclude, intitle:, channel: etc.
Shortened URLs	Useyoutu.be/VIDEO_ID for sharing
Timestamp Links	Add?t=SECONDS or &t=SECONDS to the URL (e.g., ...v=abc&t=120)

Miniplayer & PiP

Press i to open the Miniplayer. It stays in the bottom right corner while you browse.
Click the 'X' on the Miniplayer to close it and return to the main video page.
Click anywhere on the Miniplayer window to return to the main video page.
Picture-in-Picture (PiP) is a browser feature, often initiated by a dedicated button or right-clicking the video.
PiP allows the video to play in a small floating window on top of other applications.
Availability of PiP depends on your web browser and operating system.
Standard OS controls (play/pause, close) manage the PiP window.
The PiP window can typically be resized and moved around your screen.
Exiting the PiP window usually returns you to the browser tab where the video originated.

Comments & Engagement

- Scroll down below the video player to access the comments section.
- Use the "Sort by" option to switch between Top comments and Newest comments.
- Click the "Reply" button under a comment to post a response directly below it.
- Like or Dislike comments to show your reaction.
- Click the three dots next to a comment to report it if it violates guidelines.
- Interact with posts on a channel's "Community" tab.
- Click "Subscribe" to follow a channel and see their new videos in your feed.
- Click the notification bell next to the subscribe button to customize alerts for new uploads.
- Share videos easily using the "Share" button below the player.

Account & Settings

General Settings

- Click your profile icon (top right) to access settings, switch accounts, etc.
- Manage your Google Account linked to YouTube.
- Go to "Settings" to adjust playback, privacy, notifications, and connected apps.
- Under "Playback and performance," adjust default quality, video format preferences.
- Under "Privacy," view/clear Watch History, Search History, and manage blocked users.
- Customize email and push notifications under "Notifications."
- Enable "Restricted Mode" to help filter out potentially mature content.
- Set reminders to take a break from watching (in mobile app or desktop settings).
- Enable/disable "Autoplay" for the next video in a series/playlist.

Player Customization

- Click the gear icon on the video player for quick access to Quality and Playback speed.
- Change video quality manually (from Auto up to 8K, depending on video/connection).
- Adjust playback speed from 0.25x (slowest) to 2x (fastest).
- Toggle and select caption tracks using the 'c' key or the CC icon.
- Customize subtitle appearance (font, size, color, background) in Settings > Playback and performance > Subtitles.
- Toggle 'Theater mode' () or 'Fullscreen' () for different viewing sizes.
- In standard mode, drag the player edges to resize it on the page.
- Use the 'Miniplayer' () to watch while browsing other videos on YouTube.
- Use Picture-in-Picture (browser dependent) to watch while using other applications.

Tips & Tricks

- Watch "Premiere" videos live with chat before they become standard uploads.
- Explore channel memberships for exclusive content and perks.
- Utilize the YouTube mobile app for features like offline downloads (with Premium).
- Use the 'Cast' feature to watch videos on a smart TV or other device.
- If you're a creator, explore YouTube Studio for analytics and channel management.
- Check out YouTube Music, YouTube Kids, and YouTube TV for specialized content.
- Create and manage playlists to organize videos you want to watch or save.
- Queue videos to watch next by right-clicking thumbnails or using the 'Add to queue' option.
- Access your library to find Watch History, Watch Later, Liked videos, and playlists.