



Google Enhances Gemini for Home's Speed

Description

Gemini on phones quickly answers your questions, but on smart home devices, delays can feel too long when using voice control. To improve this, Google has updated Gemini for Home, making it respond much faster to common commands.

Anish Kattukaran, the Chief Product Officer for Gemini, announced on X that the new update reduces the response time for smart home commands. This change has also lowered the number of errors when commands are given.

Now, Gemini should be about 30–40% quicker at responding to commands like "turn off the lights." This reduced response time makes using your smart home feel more immediate and natural.

Google has completed this update, meaning users with access to Gemini on their Google Home devices will notice faster replies for many common commands. The aim is for these improvements to enhance the user's experience significantly.

Currently, Gemini for Home is available only through an invite-only Early Access program in the US and Canada, meaning users must apply to join.

This week marks the second major improvement for Gemini for Home. Earlier this month, Google also enhanced features such as managing multiple homes, categorising devices better, and improving responses to questions about the weather or local news. Google continues to work on fixing bugs and enhancing the overall experience.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Response time** /rɪˈspɒns taɪm/ (noun): The amount of time it takes for a system or device to reply to a request or command.
2. **Invite-only** /ɪnˌvaɪt ˈoʊn.li/ (adjective): Restricted so that only people who receive an invitation can join or access something.
3. **Early Access** /ˈɜːrli ˈæks.es/ (noun): A program that allows users to try a product or feature before it is widely released often for testing or feedback.
4. **Categorising** /ˈkætəgəˌraɪzɪŋ/ (verb (gerund/participle)): The act of sorting or arranging items into groups or categories based on shared features.
5. **Bugs** /bʌgz/ (noun (plural)): Errors flaws or faults in software or hardware that cause incorrect or unexpected behaviour.
6. **Voice control** /vɔɪs kənˈtrɒl/ (noun): Technology that allows people to operate devices or give commands using spoken words.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What percentage faster should Gemini respond to commands after the update?
Option: 10-20%
Option: 20-30%
Option: 30-40%
Option: 40-50%
2. Who is the Chief Product Officer for Gemini?
Option: Sundar Pichai
Option: Anish Kattukaran
Option: Elon Musk
Option: Tim Cook
3. Where is Gemini for Home currently available?
Option: Europe and Asia
Option: US and Canada
Option: Australia and New Zealand
Option: Africa and South America
4. What is the aim of the improvements made to Gemini for Home?
Option: Reduce costs
Option: Enhance user experience
Option: Increase device compatibility
Option: Improve advertising
5. What type of program is Gemini for Home currently offered through?
Option: Public beta
Option: Dashboard access
Option: Invite-only Early Access
Option: Subscription model
6. Which command example is given to demonstrate the response time improvement?
Option: Turn on the TV



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- Option: Set the thermostat
 - Option: Turn off the lights
 - Option: Play music

True-False

- 7. Gemini on phones answers questions more slowly than on smart home devices.
- 8. The update for Gemini for Home has reduced response time for smart home commands.
- 9. Anish Kattukaran announced the update on Twitter.
- 10. The improvements are aimed at enhancing user experience.
- 11. Gemini for Home is available to all users without any application.
- 12. Google has only made one major improvement this month for Gemini for Home.

Gap-Fill

- 13. Gemini has been updated to respond much faster to common _____.
- 14. The update reduces the response time for smart home _____ like turning off lights.
- 15. Currently, Gemini for Home is available only through an invite-only Early Access _____ in the US and Canada.
- 16. The response time for Gemini should be about 30–40% quicker when executing commands like _____ the lights.
- 17. Earlier this month, Google also enhanced features such as managing multiple _____ and categorising devices better.



18. Google is continuously working on fixing bugs and enhancing the overall _____
of Gemini.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 30-40% 2. Anish Kattukaran 3. US and Canada 4. Enhance user experience 5. Invite-only Early Access 6. Turn off the lights

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. commands 15. program 16. turn off 17. homes 18. experience

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is usually tested to ensure systems can work together?
Option: capability
Option: compatibility
Option: scalability
Option: reliability
2. What term refers to the permanent software programmed into a hardware device?
Option: software
Option: firmware
Option: malware
Option: application
3. What do we call materials or assets that can be utilized for various purposes?
Option: tools
Option: resources
Option: assets
Option: infrastructure
4. What term describes a journey undertaken for a specific purpose, often exploration?
Option: quest
Option: expedition
Option: mission
Option: voyage



5. What do we call the alteration of the original shape or appearance of something?

- Option: distortion
- Option: representation
- Option: clarity
- Option: alignment

6. What is the type of electricity that remains stationary until discharged?

- Option: current electricity
- Option: dynamic electricity
- Option: static electricity
- Option: induced electricity

7. What term is used to refer to sound waves with a lower frequency?

- Option: high-frequency
- Option: mid-frequency
- Option: low-frequency
- Option: ultrasonic

8. What is created around a magnet or a current-carrying conductor?

- Option: electric field
- Option: gravitational field
- Option: magnetic field
- Option: radiation field

9. What technology allows users to control devices through spoken commands?

- Option: remote control
- Option: manual control
- Option: voice control
- Option: fingerprint control

10. What term refers to areas located near the shore of a sea or ocean?

- Option: interior
- Option: rural
- Option: urban
- Option: coastal

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The issue between the two parties was finally _____ after extensive discussions.

12. There has been significant _____ in technology over the past decade.



13. The new software is focused on _____ user experience and interface.
14. The unexpected _____ of the building shocked the entire city.
15. Language can often act as a _____ to effective communication.
16. Investigation was crucial to _____ the truth behind the incident.
17. The event was exclusive and required an _____ to attend.
18. Players were thrilled to receive _____ to the highly anticipated game.
19. The team is focused on _____ the data for better analysis.
20. The software update fixed several critical _____ that were affecting performance.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The whistler can produce a variety of melodic tones that are pleasing to the ear.
22. Solar wind consists of charged particles released from the sun's atmosphere into space.
23. Jellyfish are fascinating creatures known for their translucent bodies and ability to drift through water.
24. A crystal is a solid material whose atoms are arranged in a highly ordered structure.
25. The glow of the phosphorescent material illuminated the dark room beautifully.
26. Proteins are vital macromolecules that perform a variety of functions in living organisms.
27. Researchers are constantly exploring new methods to improve scientific understanding.
28. Electromagnetic waves include a spectrum of radiation such as radio waves, microwaves, and X-rays.
29. Static electricity can be observed when one rubs a balloon on their hair and it makes the hair stand up.
30. A magnetic field is generated by moving electric charges and can influence the behavior of other magnets.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. compatibility 2. firmware 3. resources 4. expedition 5. distortion 6. static electricity
7. low-frequency 8. magnetic field 9. voice control 10. coastal

Gap-Fill: 11. resolved 12. progression 13. enhancing 14. collapse 15. barrier 16. expose 17. invite-only
18. early access 19. categorising 20. bugs

Matching sentence: 1. whistler 2. solar wind 3. jellyfish 4. crystal 5. glow 6. protein 7. researchers
8. electromagnetic 9. static electricity 10. magnetic field

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