

# Video Calling Setup Checklist

Use this before buying a phone, tablet, or smart display for family calls. Choose the setup that makes answering easiest for the parent who will use it.

## Device Fit

Option	Good fit when	Setup check
Smart display	Calls happen from a kitchen, living room, or fixed spot.	<input type="checkbox"/> Test Wi-Fi, camera angle, volume, and privacy controls.
Phone	The parent already answers mobile calls comfortably.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pin the video app and add family favorites.
Tablet	A larger screen helps, and the parent can keep it charged.	<input type="checkbox"/> Use a visible charger, stand, or dock.

## Setup Checklist

- Choose one primary video app.
- Remove duplicate calling apps from the first screen.
- Add family contacts as favorites.

- Run a real test call from another room.
- Confirm parent can answer, hear, speak, and end the call.
- Explain when the camera is on.

## One Week Review

- Device was charged when family called.
- Parent knew whether to answer or decline.
- Family adjusted volume and camera angle.

- Notifications were not confusing.
- Photo sharing worked as expected.
- Privacy controls were explained calmly.

Guide: <https://arthur0858.github.io/ynk-blog/guides/video-calling.html>

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