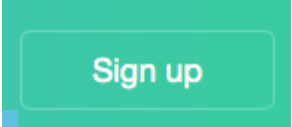


How to Create a Twitter Account



1. Twitter: go to Twitter to see what is happening right now. Find community, conversation and inspiration about the things you love. Start at the web site: https://twitter.com	2. Go to the top right hand side of the site and select "Sign up" 
3. Provide the requested information: Full name, Phone (cell phone) or email, and an intended Username. If the username you would like is taken available alternative suggestions will appear below. You can either leave the "Tailor Twitter based on my recent website visits checked"-or uncheck. Once you are ready select "Sign up".	
4. You will next be prompted to create a password of six or more characters. It suggests that you be tricky-and write it down somewhere...	5. The next step asks for your cell phone number to verify your account. Enter and select "Next".
6. If you do not have a cell phone or prefer not to share, choose skip and you will then be able to get started. You will either be sent a text or an email that will help you confirm your account to get started. (text will send a verification code, email will send an email that will contain a hyperlink to confirm your account)	7. Twitter is all about making connections and finding things that interest you. Once you choose "Let's Go" you will be prompted to choose categories that you are interested in (you must choose at least one to get started). Select "Continue" to move on.
8. Based on your selections Twitter will make some suggestions to follow on the next screen. You must follow at least five to move on.	9. Next, you are given the opportunity to customize your profile. In this step you can add an image for your profile.
10. Next you can search your address book(s) through any of your email accounts to see if any friends have Twitter accounts that you might want to follow. You can either choose the account(s) or skip this step in the lower right. Twitter will once again make suggestions of Twitter accounts to follow. Once you have decided to follow any accounts here-choose "continue" and you will be ready to get started on Twitter.	
11. You are now able to read what others are tweeting, search for more people to follow or tweet yourself. To tweet go to the top right of the page and select Tweet. You will have 140 characters to share. You can link to a web site, add a picture or share some news. Try to save some space for a hashtag or two (#hashtag) You can also refer to another Twitter user by using @ and their username. 	12. You can search Twitter to find other people, organizations and more by going to the "Search Twitter" box on the top right. Enter a search term and then select the magnifying glass.  As you follow additional accounts suggestions may appear to guide you to follow even more interesting accounts.
13. You can view your feed from the Twitter web site, or you can download an app for your smartphone or tablet.	14. Once you become more comfortable, you can adjust your settings and experiment with direct messages and more.