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HOW TO ACCESS A YOUTUBE VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. Downloading the Transcript/Captions

Closed Captions are automatically created for most videos that are uploaded to YouTube. These tend to be accurate and can be downloaded to help you make a transcript of the video.

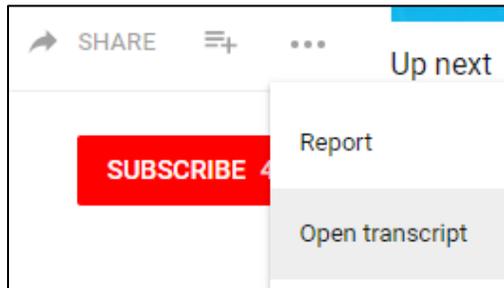
Go to the video's page.



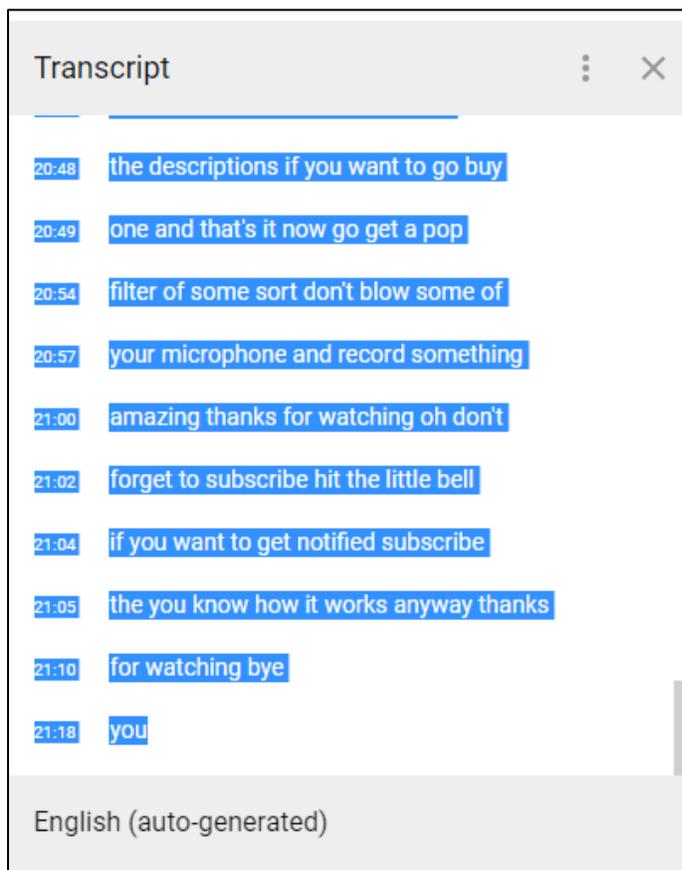
You can either copy the text and past it into another document, or you can download the subtitles. We'll go through how to do either of these methods.

Copy the text

For most videos, you can click on the button with three dots that is below the video and select 'Open transcript'.



The transcript appears to the right of the video, and you can select the text, copy it, and paste it into a document.



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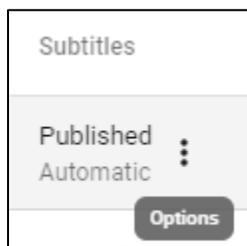
If you are logged into the account that uploaded the video, you will see the 'Edit Video' button below the video.



Select 'Subtitles from the side of the screen.

Hover over a language and three dots appear at the right-hand side of the row.

This icon opens the Options menu.



Select the Download option in the menu to download it, or choose the edit option to make changes first.

[Part 2. What if I Cannot See the Captions?](#)

- If captions don't appear at first, you might have to wait for a few minutes/hours for the process to complete.
- There are several reasons why automatic transcripts might not be created. See the '[Use automatic captioning](#)' help page.