It's hard to be online all the time in <u>Google Mail</u>, especially when you are resting, on vacation, on a sick leave, without internet access, or in a special appointment. If you'll be away but still need to send mails to certain concerns automatically, you can set up a Gmail canned response according to this brief tutorial on how to set auto reply in Gmail.

### Step 1: Sign in to Google Mail



First things first, head to <u>http://mail.google.com/mail/</u> and sign in to your Gmail account. <u>Create a Google Email account</u> and sign in or you won't be able to set a Gmail vacation responder or access any other Google feature. Also, just use the Gmail app if you are using Android or Apple.

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Don't have a Google Mail account yet? Sign up shortly by logging in to <u>https://accounts.google.com/signup</u>.

### Step 2: Open Settings

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If you are already inside your Gmail account, look for the gear icon to access "Settings." The "Settings" button is found on the top right of your screen. Then, click "See all settings" because it is through there that you can experience more features such as auto-generated replies.

# Step 3: Head to the Vacation Responder Section



Scroll below until you can view the "Vacation responder" section. In default, the responder would be marked as off. So fill in the circle beside "Vacation responder on" to turn it on. Take note that the term "Vacation responder" is a general term for auto replies so you may treat it as an out-of-office-message response or any form of automated reply.

#### Step 4: Fill in the Details and Save Changes



Now for the important part, state the details of your auto replies. Expect to write the date range, subject, and complete message.Be sure your message has the complete thought, text, and content so recipients understand your automated replies. Also, you can set up if the response is given to the inbox of your personal contacts or business contacts. Once finished, click "Save changes."

#### How to turn off auto reply in Gmail

The process runs the same as the steps provided above except you unclick the bullet beside "Vacation responder on" and highlight the bullet beside "Vacation responder off."

#### How to turn off email notifications on Google Mail

In Google Mail, <u>turn off email notifications</u> by opening "Settings" and "See all settings." Then, scroll down to the "Desktop notifications" section, make sure you mark the bullet beside "Mail notifications off," and tap "Save changes" below.

# How to access Smart Reply on Gmail

Open your Gmail account, head to "Settings," click "See all settings," and scroll down to the "Smart Reply" section where you can turn it on or off.