

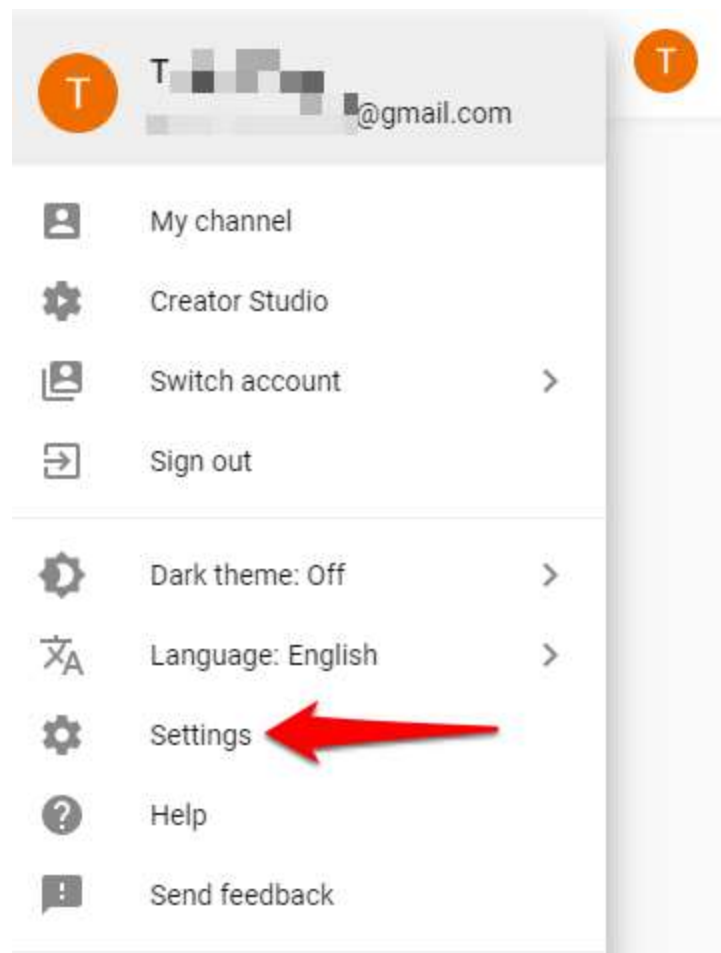
How to Enable YouTube Captions by Default

Captions are only available on YouTube videos where the owner has added them and on certain videos where YouTube provides them automatically with speech recognition technology (automatic captions are available in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish). This article shows you how to enable YouTube captions.

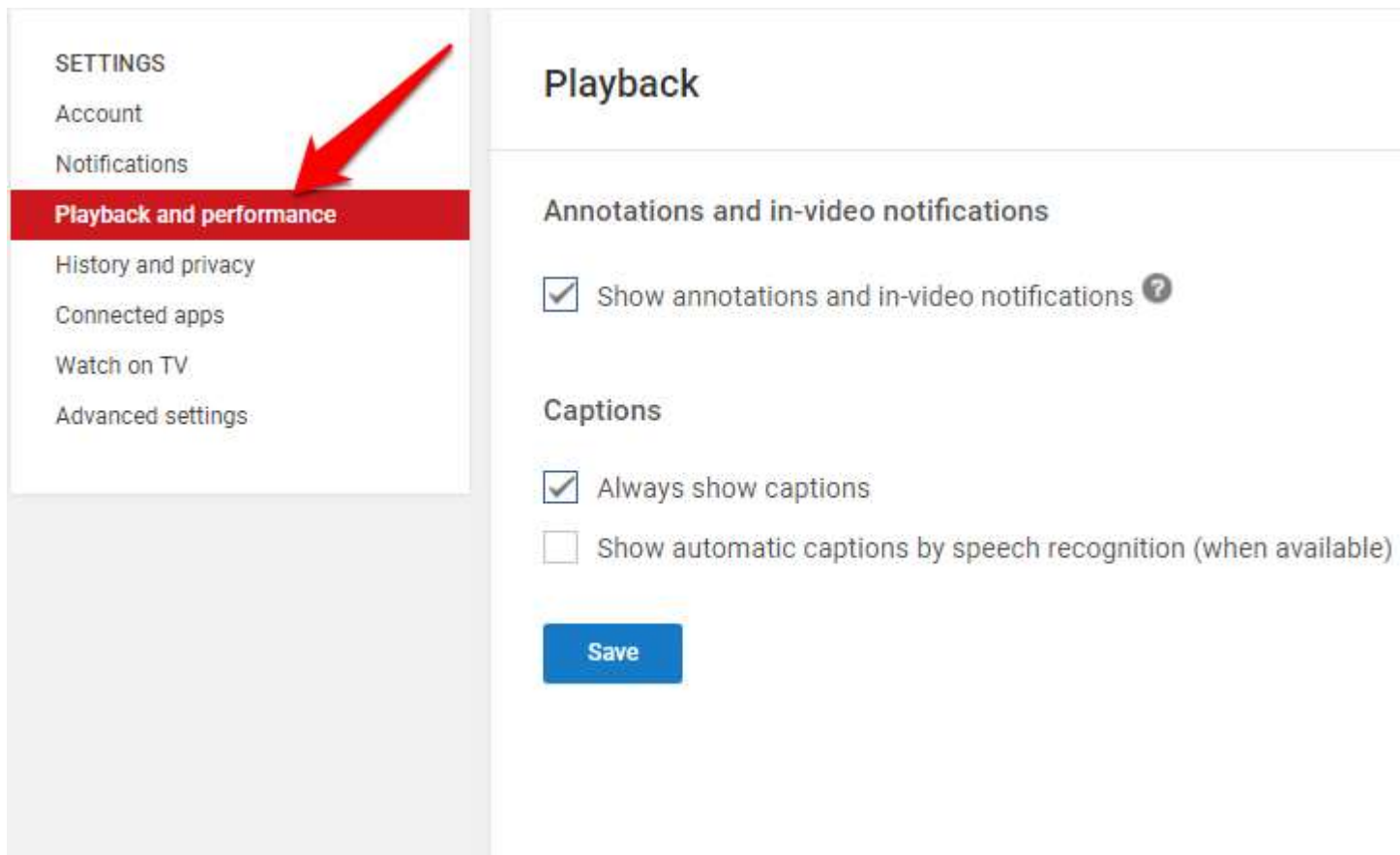
Enable YouTube captions by default:

Step 1: Click on your profile picture in the upper-right corner of the page.

Step 2: Select **Settings** from the drop-down menu.



Step 3: Click **Playback and performance** on the left-hand menu.



The image shows a screenshot of the YouTube settings interface. On the left, a vertical menu lists various settings categories: SETTINGS, Account, Notifications, Playback and performance (highlighted in red with a red arrow pointing to it), History and privacy, Connected apps, Watch on TV, and Advanced settings. The main content area is titled 'Playback' and contains two sections: 'Annotations and in-video notifications' with a checked checkbox for 'Show annotations and in-video notifications' (with a help icon), and 'Captions' with checked checkboxes for 'Always show captions' and 'Show automatic captions by speech recognition (when available)'. A blue 'Save' button is located at the bottom of the settings area.

Step 4: Check **Always show captions** to enable owner-added captions for every video available.

Step 5: Check **Show automatic captions by speech recognition (when available)** to show automatically-generated captions by YouTube.

SETTINGS

Account

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Advanced settings

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Show annotations and in-video notifications [?]

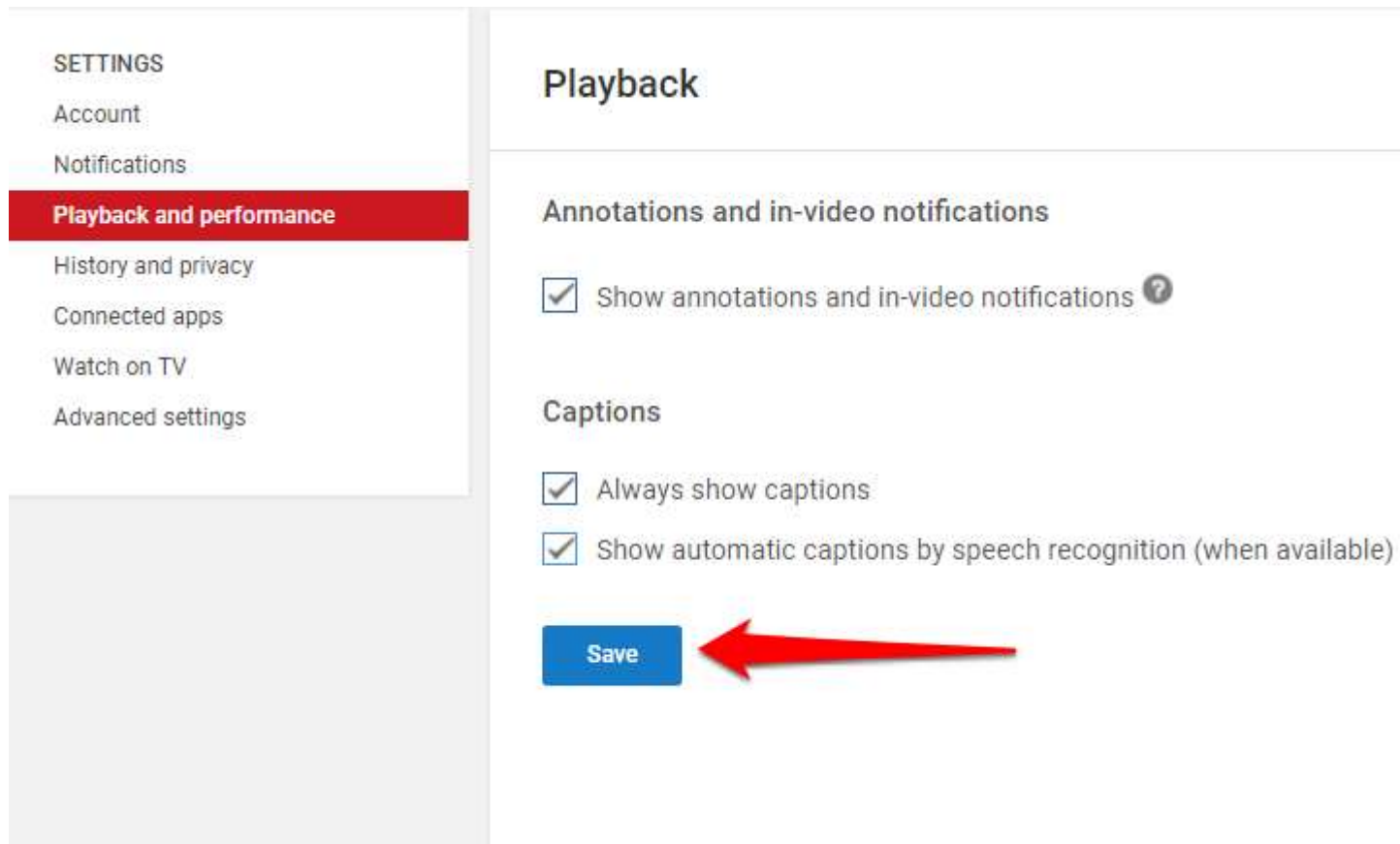
Captions

Always show captions

Show automatic captions by speech recognition (when available)

Save

Step 6: Click **Save** to save your changes.





Now you won't have to manually turn on captions on YouTube videos where they are available.

How to turn captions on or off:

If a YouTube video has captions, you can turn them on or off.

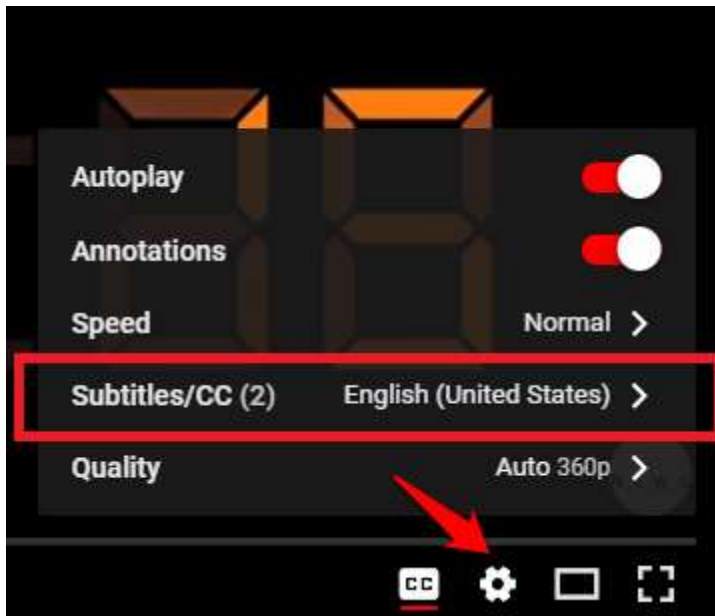
Step 1: Open a YouTube video.

Step 2: Click the **Caption button** ( or  depending on your location and device) in the bottom-right of the video player.



To turn caption off, just click the **Caption button** again.

You can also click the **Gear icon** in the bottom-right corner of the video, select **Subtitles/CC**, and choose your desired subtitle language.



You can also select a different caption language by clicking **Auto-translate** and select your desired language. The original caption will be translated to that language automatically using Google Translate.

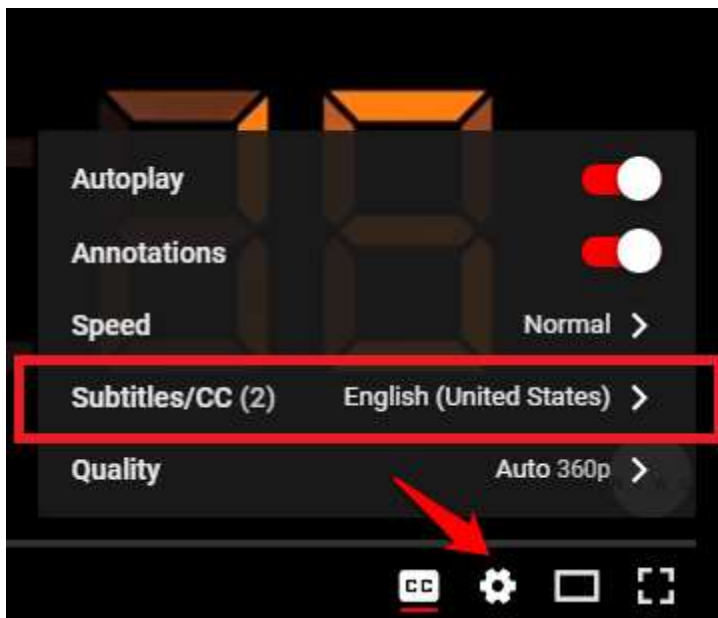


How to change the default size and style of captions:

Step 1: Open a YouTube video.

Step 2: Click the **Gear icon** ⚙️ in the bottom-right of the video player.

Step 3: Select **Subtitles/CC**.



Step 4: Click **Options**.

Step 5: You can customize:

1. Font, color, opacity, and size.
2. Background color and opacity.
3. Window color and opacity.
4. Character edge style.

