

# SIRI COMMANDS

*[Set up "HEY SIRI" in settings then click on "Siri & Search" then "Listen for 'Hey Siri'"]*

## HEY SIRI

There are a few ways to get Siri's attention.

- Press and hold the home button to activate Siri and issue her a command or ask her a question. iPhone X users will need to hold in the side button
- If you're using Apple's Earpods, press and hold the center button to activate Siri and issue her a command or ask her a question.
- If you're using Apple's AirPods, double-tap on either 'pod to activate Siri and issue her a command or ask her a question.
- If you have Hey Siri enabled and an iPhone 6 or earlier, say "Hey, Siri" when your iPhone is plugged in and charging, followed by a command or question. Those who own an iPhone 6S or newer, "Hey, Siri" works regardless if the phone is plugged in.
- On a Mac, you can create a dedicated keyboard shortcut to bring up Siri, use a trick to enable "Hey Siri," or click on the Siri icon in the menu bar to issue a command or ask a question.

## THE BASICS

- Call or FaceTime someone. : "Call Sarah," or "FaceTime Mom."
- Start a call on speakerphone. ""Call Mum on speaker."
- Call an emergency number. : "Call 111," or "Call the fire department."
- Check voice mail. : "Do I have any new voice mail?" or "Play the voice mail from Mom."
- Text someone. : "Tell [name] I am on my way," or "Tell [name] I am going to the store."
- Send an email. : "Send email to [name] about [subject] and say [message]."
- Hear your messages or emails read aloud. : "Read my new messages," or "Check email."
- Set a timer. : "Set the timer for 10 minutes."
- Check the weather. : "What's the weather like today?" or "Do I need an umbrella?"
- Check stocks. : "What's Apple's stock price?" or "Where's the NASDAQ today?"
- Conversions (of all kinds). : "How many cups are in a quart?" or "How many dollars are in a Euro?" or "How many pounds are in a stone?"
- Calculate tips. : "What is a 20 percent tip on \$68?"
- Solve math problems. : "What is 234 divided by 6?" or "What is the square root of 16?"

## PHONE AND SETTINGS

- Take a picture.
- Take a selfie.
- Turn on/off [Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Cellular Data, Airplane Mode, Do Not Disturb, Night Shift]
- Increase/decrease brightness.
- Open [app].
- Designate contacts as relationships. : "My mum is Sandy Jacobsson," or "Timmy Jacobsson is my brother." Once a relationship is established, you can say relationships instead of names (e.g., "Call my brother," instead of "Call Timmy Jacobsson").
- Adjust music volume. : "Adjust volume to 80 percent," or "Turn the volume up/down."
- "How much free space to I have?"

## SCHEDULING AND REMINDERS

- Schedule or cancel a meeting. : "Schedule a meeting with [name] tomorrow at 11:30 a.m." or "Cancel my 5 p.m. appointment."
- What appointments do I have tomorrow?
- Set location-aware reminders. : "Remind me to remember my keys when I leave," or "Remind me to feed the dog when I get home."
- Find out the date and day of the week of holidays. : "When is Easter?" or "When is Labor Day?"
- Set alarms. : "Set an alarm for 1 a.m." or "Set an alarm for six hours from now."
- Delete/turn off all alarms. "Delete all alarms" or "Turn off all alarms."
- Check the number of days between dates. : "How many days until October 6?" or "How many days between April 3 and June 16?"
- Find out what time it is in another city. : "What time is it in Tokyo?"

## SEARCH

- Define [word].
- What is a synonym for [word]?
- What's the etymology of [word]?
- Find photos. : "Show me photos from last week," or "Show me my selfies," or "Show me photos from Tokyo."
- Search Twitter. : "What's Kylie Jenner saying," "Search Twitter for [keyword]," or "What's trending on Twitter?"
- Find specific notes or emails. : "Find my note about [keyword]," or "Find emails about [keyword]."
- Find your friends (if you have "Find My Friends" set up). : "Where is Ron?" or "Who is near me?"
- Find pictures of [keyword].
- Find apps. : "Get the Twitter app," or "Search the App Store for word games."
- Search for Word/PDF/PowerPoint/etc. in my Download/My Documents/etc. folder. : "Show all PowerPoint presentations in my school folder."

## NAVIGATION

- Take me home.
- What's traffic like on the way home?
- Find [driving, walking, transit] directions to [destination].
- How do I get to [destination] by [walking, bus, bike, car, train, etc.]?
- Where is [business name]?
- Where is the nearest [business type]?
- Find out how long until you arrive. : "What's my ETA?"
- How much does gas cost right now?

## ENTERTAINMENT

- Sports updates. : "Did the All Blacks win?" or "What was the score the last time the All Blacks played the Lions?" or "How did the All Blacks do last night?"
- Info about a sport or sports team. : "What basketball games are on today?" or "Get me cricket batting rankings" or "Show me the roster for the All Whites."
- Find movie times and locations. : "What's playing at Berkley, Takapuna?" or "What are some movies playing near me?" or "Is [movie name] playing near me?"
- Find out what song is playing in the room (through Shazam). : "What song is this?"
- What's the synopsis of [movie name]?

## **MUSIC AND APPLE MUSIC**

- Basic controls: Play, pause/stop, skip/next, play previous song.
- Play [artist] or [song name] or [playlist] or [album].
- "Play some music" to begin a custom Apple Music radio station
- 'Like' the song you're listening to. : "Like this song."
- Shuffle my [playlist name] playlist.
- Choose the next song. : "After this, play Wildest Dreams."
- Find chart-toppers from certain years. : "Play the top songs from 2013."
- Play songs that are similar to the one you're listening to. : "Play more like this."
- What song is this?
- Buy this song.

## **TRAVEL**

- Check flight status. : "Check flight status of [airline and flight number]"
- Find restaurants and make reservations. : "What's a good Chinese restaurant near me?" or "Make a reservation at Dennys for 7 p.m." or "Find a table for six in Takapuna tonight."
- Find a business' hours. : "How late is [business name] open?" or "Is [business name] open right now?"
- Learn about the area you're in. : "What's the nearest museum?" or "Where am I?" or "What bridge is this?"

## **TRANSLATION**

Starting with iOS 11, Siri can translate five different languages: French, German, Mandarin, Spanish and Italian. Using the new feature is as easy as asking, "How do you say [word or phrase] in [language]?" For example: "How do you say where is the bathroom in French?"

Siri will then read the translation out loud. You'll see the text on the screen alongside a play button, which you can use to replay the translation.

## **THIRD-PARTY APPS**

Beginning with iOS 10, developers have been able to integrate their apps into Siri. Meaning, you can use voice commands to do things such as send WhatsApp messages, request an Uber or send money via Square Cash. You can view and customize which apps are granted access to Siri on your device under Settings > Siri > App Support.

- Pay Joe 10 dollars with Square Cash/PayPal/etc.
- Send a message using WhatsApp/LinkedIn/Skype/WeChat/etc.
- Call me an Uber/Lyft/etc.
- Show me photos in [app name].
- Show me pins/creations in [app name].

### **RANDOM TIPS AND TRICKS**

- Find out what airplanes are currently flying above you. : "What airplanes are above me?"
- Roll a die or roll two dice.
- Flip a coin.
- What is your favourite color?
- Tell me a joke.
- What does the fox say?
- Knock knock.
- Who's on first?
- Why did the chicken cross the road?
- What is zero divided by zero?
- Learn how to say my name.

## HEY, SIRI: 142 USEFUL VOICE COMMANDS FOR SIRI

### CONTROL YOUR DEVICES

Siri will help you control all kinds of settings on your iPhone, iPad, or Mac. You can ask Siri to:

- Turn Wi-Fi on/off
- Turn Bluetooth on and off
- Switch to Airplane Mode (you'll need to disable it again manually)
- Brighten and darken the display
- Raise and lower the volume
- Turn on Low Power Mode
- Open Settings
- Take a Pano shot
- Open [name of app]
- Open [name of site] website
- Set a timer for [state time]
- Set an alarm
- Flip a coin, roll a dice

### TIMEY WIMEY STUFF

- What time is it in [name a place]?
- When is sunset tonight?
- When is it sunrise in Tokyo?
- What's the weather in Tokyo?
- What's the weather in Tokyo this weekend?
- Will I need an umbrella today?
- What's the weather going to be like today?
- What will the weather be like this weekend?
- How hot will it be next week?
- What was the score in the Arsenal game?
- When is the next Arsenal match?
- What's [Apple] stock trading at today?

### CONVERSIONS AND CALCULATIONS

- What is \$50 in Euros?
- What are 125 meters in feet?
- What is 5 plus/times/divided by/minus 4?
- What is the square root of 7?
- What is 15 percent of [number]?
- What are 5 US cups in liters?
- What's the tip for \$143?

## TRANSLATION SERVICES

Siri in iOS 11 gained the ability to translate for you. While it's a little confined (you can only translate from U.S. English), it allows you to translate into French, German, Mandarin, Spanish, and Italian. Siri will both speak the translation and show it on screen with a play button you can use instead of speaking if you like.

- How do you say [word or phrase] in French?
- How do you say where is the train station in Spanish?
- How do you say how much is this in Italian?

## FIND YOURSELF, GET THERE

Many of these commands assume you've taken time setting up some of your most frequently visited locations (home, work, mom's house, etc.) in Contacts/Maps.

- What's the traffic like to work?
- What's a good Indian restaurant near me?
- What's the best Indian restaurant near me?
- Show me the nearest gas station?
- What are the traffic conditions near [name of place]?
- What restaurants are near me?
- Where is the nearest museum?
- Where is the nearest Wi-Fi hotspot?
- Where is the nearest [name of a place]?
- What movies are playing near me?
- Show me the bus route to [place]
- Direct me to [name and address of place]
- Take me to [name of place] on foot
- Get me home
- Check flight status of [name and number]
- Find me an Uber
- What airplanes are above me?

## MESSAGING AND CALLS

Siri is quite useful when you're on the move. Apple Watch, AirPods, or iPhone, you can ask it to do lots of things:

- Call [a contact, name, business]
- Call [contact] on speaker
- Send a message to [contact name]
- Send a text to [name], and let them know I'm running a little late
- Send an email to [name]. Subject: [Whatever you like]. Body: [I just wanted to send you all my Bitcoin, what's your wallet address (or whatever you want to say).]
- Start a Facetime call with [name]
- Post to Twitter (or another social media feed)
- Read my new email
- If an app is enabled to work with Siri (in Settings>Siri), you can also ask Siri to do things with those apps, so you might ask it to send [name] a message in [app name].

## LISTS AND STUFF

- Make a list called [name of list]
- Add [item] to shopping list (or another list)
- Take a note in my [name of list]
- Remind me to switch on the oven in an hour
- Remind me to take out the trash when I get home
- Remind me to call [name] when I get to [place]
- Wake me up at [time]
- When is my next meeting?
- Set up a meeting at [time and date]
- What's on my calendar for [date]?
- Do I have a meeting at [time] on [date]?
- What day is November 5?
- When is Mother's Day?
- When is [contact]'s birthday?
- Siri will remind you of whatever you are looking for on your screen, for example website, note, email, text message. Just say, "Remind me of this." and Siri will set a Reminder that also includes a link back to the original item.
- You can also set a time for the Reminder: "Remind me of this at 10am Tuesday."

## PHOTOS AND VIDEO

- Want to take a photo? Ask Siri, "Take a photo."
- Or take a selfie, "Take a Selfie"
- Record a video
- Take a slo-mo video
- Show me my panoramic photos
- Show me photos of [name of a person identified by Faces]
- Show me photos I took in Lisbon [or another place]
- Open my [name of] album
- Show me photos from [place]
- Show me photos from [date]
- Show me videos from [name of place]
- Scan a QR Code

## MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Now that Apple has introduced the HomePod, Siri has become an excellent musicologist. Here's a few things you can ask to get you started, with a more extensive HomePod-focused list available [here](#).

- Listen to [The Beatles]
- Listen to ["Yesterday"]
- Listen to [chilled out music]
- Play my workout music
- Listen to [Rolling Stones] on Apple Music
- Next song, Skip song
- Play/Pause the music
- Play some music
- Shuffle my [playlist name]
- After this play [name of song]
- Play the top songs of 2003
- Play more like this
- What song is this?
- Play my Norah Jones station

- Play something completely different
- I like this song (good to use with Apple Music)
- Add this song to Favorites
- What's this song?
- Who sings this?
- Tell me about this artist
- What music is playing? (To identify sounds in a place you are in)
- Play (or download) the [name of podcast]
- What's the synopsis of Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri?

## **SEARCH MACHINES**

Siri will search for information, so you can ask it the kind of questions you might go online to resolve, such as

- Show me [chicken] recipes?
- Show me pasta recipes?
- How do I make a [White Russian]?
- What's in a [White Russian]?
- How many calories are in lard?
- How much fat is in lard?
- Who founded Apple?
- Who directed the Lord of The Rings?
- What is Game of Thrones?
- Who is in the cast of Three Billboards?
- Who is, what is, more information about [a celebrity]
- How far away is Mars?
- How tall is [name of famous landmark]?

Imagination is the only limit here, but so long as you can find it online, Siri will help you find it here.

You can also search items on your device, for example:

- Find emails about Apple
- Find my nearest friends
- Define [word]
- Search the App Store for [app name or category of apps]
- You can also use the microphone in some apps to dictate new messages and notes.

## **APPLE PAY**

- Where can I use Apple Pay?
- Show me coffee shops that take Apple Pay?
- Petrol stations that accept Apple Pay?