

Reading Supports



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Personalising

Settings

Learn how to customise the display settings to make the screen easier to see.

Font Size and Bold Text

You can change the size of the font used in Mail, Contacts, Calendar, Notes and other apps that support Dynamic Type.

Go to Settings > Display & Brightness > Text Size > adjust the text using the Font Size Slider

If you want the text size bigger:

Go to Settings > Accessibility > Display and Text Size > Larger Text > Turn on Larger Accessibility Sizes and adjust the text using the Font Size Slider

You can display the text in boldface characters also.

Go to Settings > Display & Brightness > switch on Bold Text

or

Go to Settings > Accessibility > Display and Text Size > switch on Bold Text

TIP: Increasing the font on the screen, decreases the *amount* of font on the screen. This can assist with reduction in anxiety on the amount of words to read which may make it feel less overwhelming.

Dark Mode

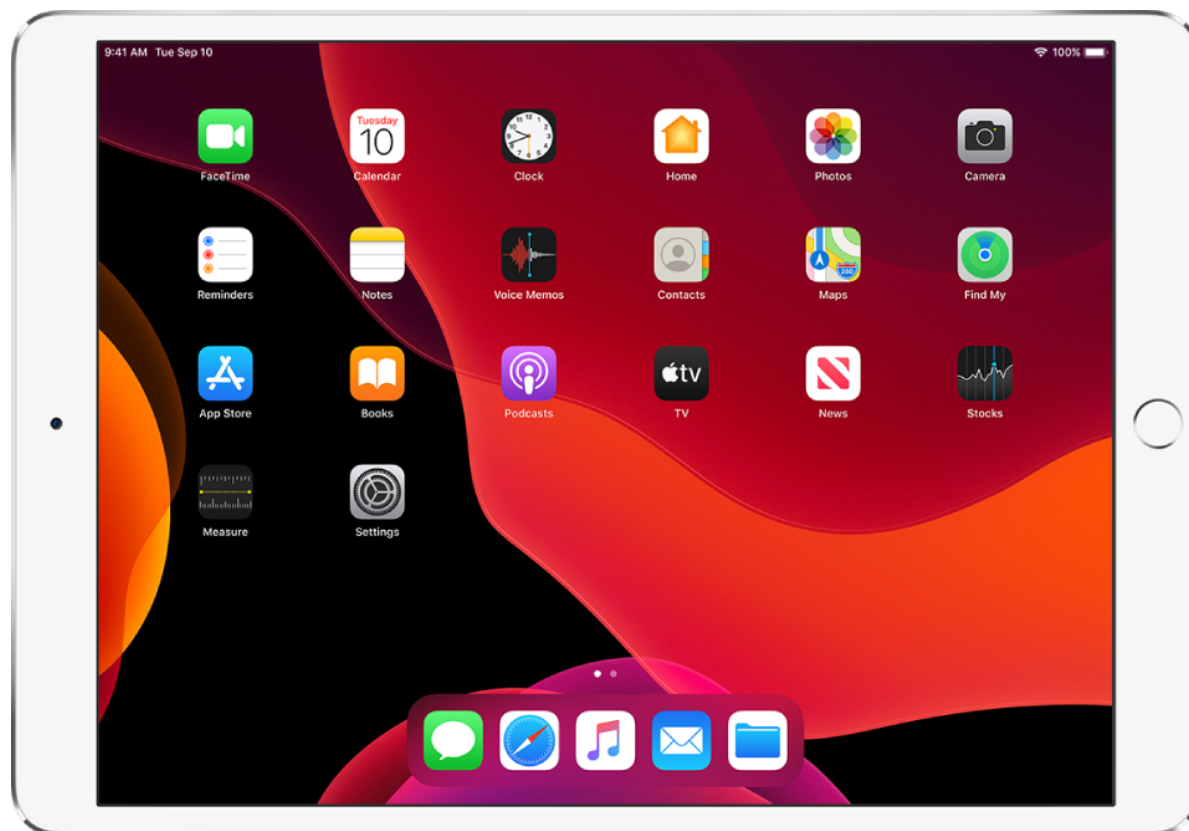
Dark Mode introduces a dramatic new look. It's thoughtfully designed to make every element on the screen easier on your eyes and is seamlessly integrated throughout the system.

Dark Mode is great for low-light environments. You can choose Dark Mode, Light Mode or Automatic, which will adjust the screen throughout the day. You can turn this on by going to:

Settings > Display & Brightness > select Dark to turn on Dark Mode.

You can also add Dark Mode to Control Centre by going to:

Settings > Control Centre > tap Customise Controls > Tap the + button to add controls and the - button to remove Controls.



TIP: Dark Mode may assist in focusing in on content and not straining eyes over a long period of time on too bright a background of certain apps.

Resources

[Access and customise Control Centre on your iPad](#)

[Change the font size on your iPhone, iPad and iPod touch](#)

[Adjust the display and text size on your iPad](#)

[Adjust the screen brightness and colour on iPad](#)

Use Dark Mode on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch

Reading

Speak Screen

If you learn better when you can hear what you are reading or writing, features such as Speak Screen, Speak Selection, Typing Feedback, and Predictive Text can help by adding an auditory component to text.



You can turn them on and adjust the specific settings in:

Settings > Accessibility > Spoken Content

You can adjust the following and their settings within the Spoken Content menu:

Speak Selection: this gives the option to see the 'Speak' button when you select text.

Speak Screen: this allows you to hear the entire screen, which can be especially helpful when using **Safari's Reader Mode**. To activate this mode, turn on Speak Screen, then swipe down with two fingers from the top of the screen to hear the content of the screen.

When you select Speak Screen, another option 'Speech Controller' will appear: this allows you to see the controller for quick access to Speak Screen (see Image) and gives you the option to make the speech faster or slower, pause, go to the next or previous section and a finger icon, which represents Speech Under Finger. This feature allows the word under your finger to be spoken out loud.

Highlight Content

Highlight Content appears as an option when you turn on Speak Screen. This feature allows the iPad to highlight words, sentences or both as they are spoken so you are able to follow along more easily. You can adjust the highlight style (underline or background colour) and adjust the colours used (blue, yellow, green, pink or purple).

Voices

You can choose a specific voice and dialect that will read to you.

Alex is one of the more popular voices and has the largest file size for his voice. This is because Alex is able to distinguish between words that are spelled and pronounced like another but have a different meaning, he is able to read ahead and understand the way the words work in the sentence and takes breaths between phrases just like most would when reading aloud.

Example. Alex is able to distinguish between the way each 'wound' is used in the following sentence: *"the bandage was wound around the wound"*.

Resources

[Hear iPad speak the screen, selected text, and typing feedback](#)

[How to have your iPhone and iPad speak each word as you type](#)

[How to have your iPhone or iPad highlight text as it reads your screen](#)

Writing

Type and edit text

Your onscreen keyboard has many features that can help you when writing.

One of these features is spelling correction, it will indicate that a word is spelled incorrectly by underlining it in red. You can tap the underlined word to see suggested corrections and tap a suggestion to replace the underlined word. If the word you want doesn't appear, type the correct word.

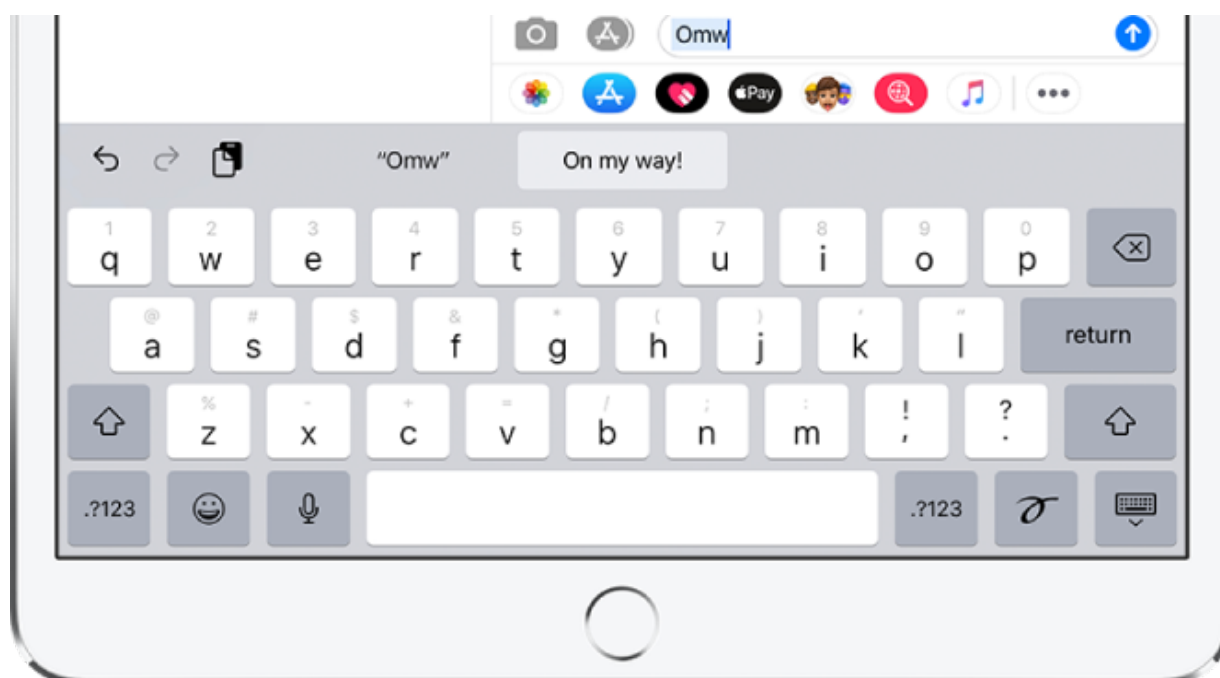
This feature is automatically turned on but can be turned off by going to

Settings > General > Keyboards > switch Check Spelling on or off

More features on typing and editing text can be found [here](#).

Save keystrokes with text replacement

You can set up a shortcut of letters to automatically enter a word when you type it into your keyboard. These are called 'Text Replacements' and they can help make communicating easy if you are in a hurry or have trouble using the keyboard.



Example. If you type "omw", it will auto-fill in "On my way!"

You can add your own text replacements by going to:

Settings > General > Keyboards > Text Replacement > tap + to add a new replacement > type a phrase in the 'Phrase' field and the text shortcut you want to use for it in the 'Shortcut' field

Example. You are writing a text message to a friend who has asked for your email address. If you create a text replacement for your email address, it will have your email address in the Phrase field and you can type '@@' in the Shortcut field. By typing '@@' into your text message, it will auto-fill your email address.

Have a word or phrase you use and don't want it corrected? You can tap the + button to create a text replacement, then enter your word or phrase in the 'Phrase' field and leave the 'Shortcut' blank. This will make sure your word or phrase won't get auto-corrected to something you don't want.

Typing Feedback

Typing Feedback allows you to turn on settings that will have the iPad speak words, characters, auto-corrections or typing predictions. This can be helpful for those who have difficulties with spelling.

Go to Settings > Accessibility > Spoken Content > Typing Feedback

You can turn:

Characters: speaks each individual character as you type

Character Hints: speaks a NATO phonetic alphabet letter

Example. You type 'A', the feedback will say 'alpha'

Speak Words: speaks the whole word as you type

Speak Auto-text: speaks auto-corrections and auto-capitalisations

Example. If you are typing and meant to write 'as always' but the device auto-corrects it to 'as well', it will speak 'as well' so you are aware a change has been made.

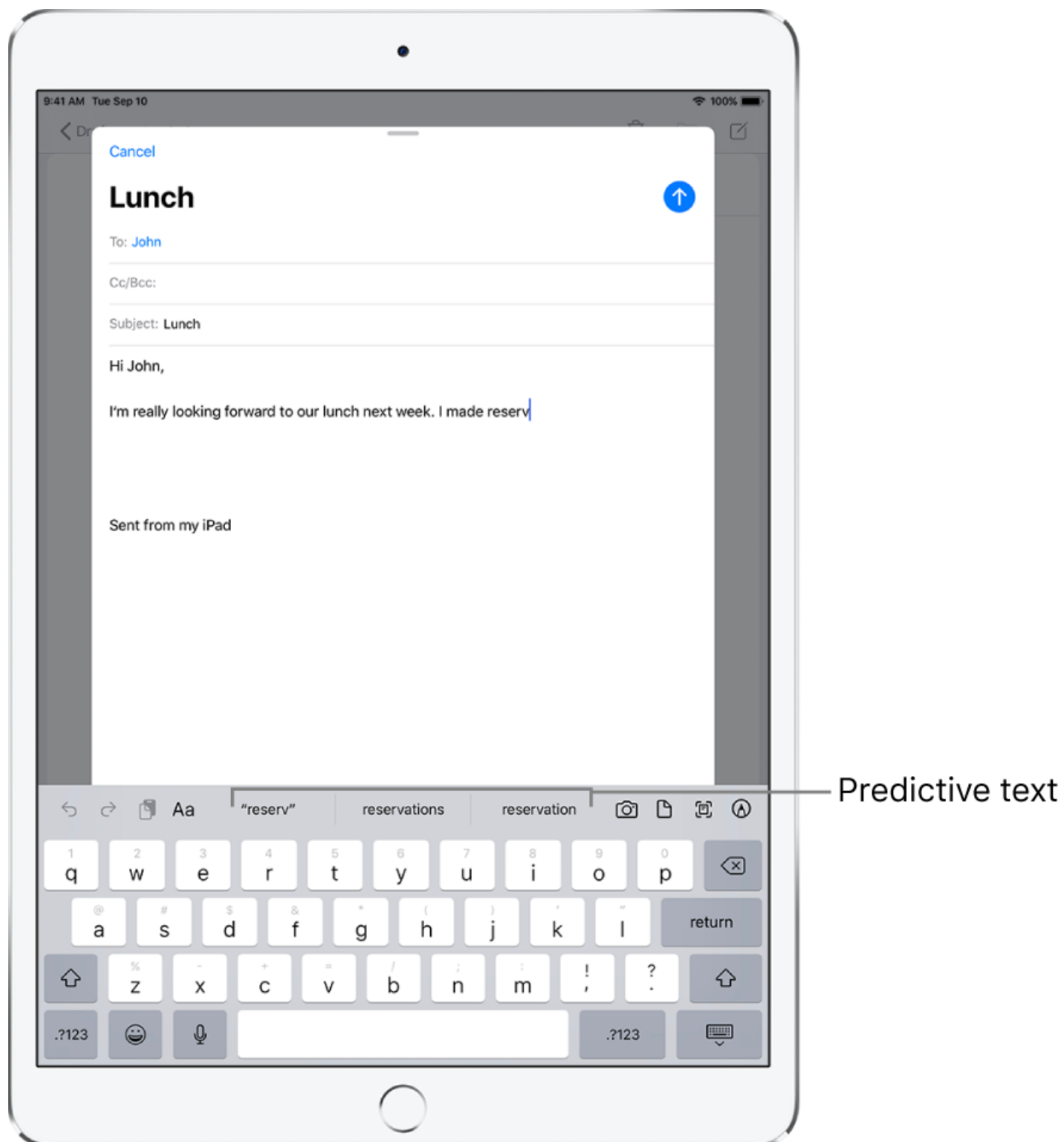
Hold to Speak Predictions: when typing predictions has been turned on, tap and hold each word to hear it being spoken.

Predictive Text

When Predictive Text is turned on, you can see predictions as you type for your next word, emojis that could take place of your word and other suggestions based on your activity and information from your apps.

Example.

In Messages, when you type “I’m at” followed by a space, your current location appears as an option.



In Messages, when you “My number is” followed by a space, your phone number appears as an option.

To turn on Predictive Text: Go to Settings > General > Keyboard > switch on Predictive

To accept a suggested word while typing, tap it, enter a space or punctuation mark.

To reject a suggested word, tap the original word which is shown as the predictive text option with "quotation marks".

Dictation

Use dictation instead of your keyboard to enter text with many apps and features that use the keyboard on your iPad.

Dictation can be found in:

Settings > General > Keyboards > turn on Enable Dictation

To enter text using dictation, tap the microphone button on your keyboard, then start speaking. As you speak, text will appear. To finish using dictation, stop speaking, then tap the keyboard button.

If dictation isn't sure what word it heard as you were speaking, you will see a blue line under the transcribed word so you can check if it is the correct word. To make a correction, tap the underlined word, then select the correct spelling. To replace a word, double-tap it, tap the microphone button, say the word again, then tap the keyboard button.



To replace a section, select the words you want to replace, then tap the microphone button and speak again. To add more text, tap where you want the additional text, tap the microphone button and speak again.

You can change the language that dictation uses, long press the microphone button and select the language you want to use. The languages that appear when you long press are connected to the keyboards you have added. You can add or remove a particular language keyboard by going to:

Settings > General > Keyboard > Keyboards > Add New Keyboard...

Languages that are [available on the keyboard can be found here](#).

Languages that support [Dictation can be found here](#).

You can also add punctuation and formatting to your dictated text. Some of the punctuation and formatting you can include:

Quote ... end quote

New paragraph

Cap – to capitalise the next word

Smiley – to insert :-)

You can find a list of punctuation and formatting while using dictation [here](#).

QuickPath

You can use QuickPath to quickly type words by swiping your finger across the keyboard. To turn on this feature, go to:

Settings > General > Keyboard > scroll down to 'Slide to Type' and switch it on

To use QuickPath:

Pinch your iPad keyboard with two fingers to shrink it

Position the keyboard anywhere on the screen by dragging the handle at the bottom

Swipe your finger across the keyboard to create each word. Lift your finger when you are finished the word and continue swiping to create words. The keyboard will automatically put spaces between your words.

If a word is incorrect, you can tap one of the alternatives in the predictions or double tap to highlight the word and swipe the word you want. If you tap backstage on a swiped word, it will erase the word.

Example. If you want to type 'Apple', start at A and swipe your finger to P, then L, then E, lift your finger and the word apple should be on screen.

This video shows how to use [QuickPath on iPad](#).

Resources

[Use predictive text on iPad](#)

[Type and edit text on iPad](#)

[Save keystrokes on iPad with Text replacements](#)

[Dictate text on your iPad](#)

[Use Dictation in Notes \(YouTube\)](#)

[iOS and iPadOS Feature Availability](#) (shows language support for different features)

[How to use QuickPath to type faster on your iPad](#)

Other Support

Safari Reader

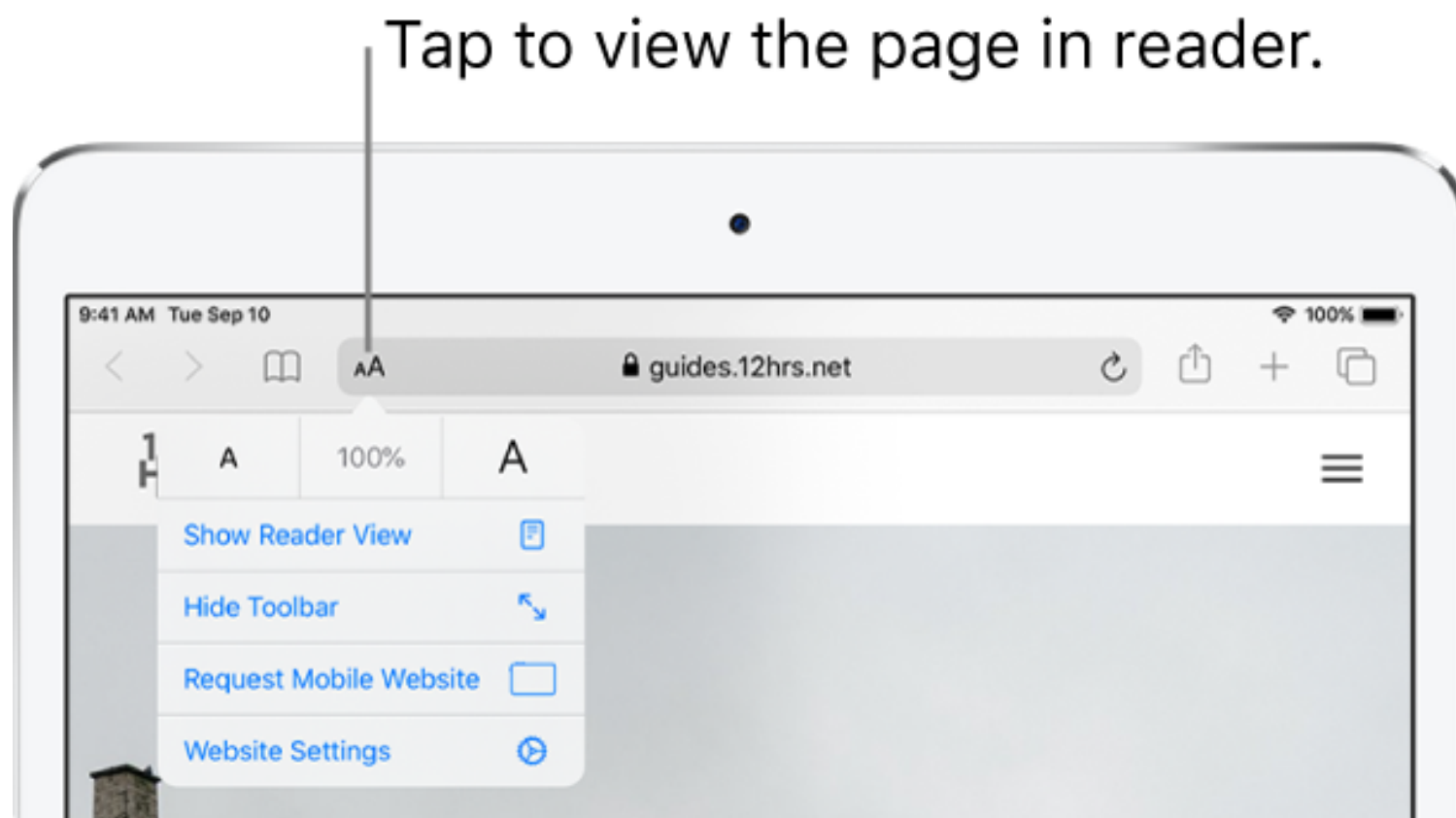
In the Safari app, you can use Safari Reader to view a page without ads, navigation menus, or other distracting items. Reader view formats a webpage to show just the relevant text and images.

Tap AA at the left of the address field > tap Show Reader View

To return to the full page, tap AA > tap Hide Reader View

If Show Reader View is dimmed in the AA window, Reader view isn't available for the page you're looking at.

You can also block pop-ups that may appear in Safari. To do this, go to Settings > Safari > then turn on Block Pop-ups.



Screenshots & Screen Recording

You can take a picture of the screen as it appears, or a recording of actions on the screen with or without sound, to share with others or use in documents. This can be useful when you want to share instructions of how to change or access something on your device.

Take a screenshot

On an iPad with a Home button:



1. Simultaneously press and then release the top button and the Home button.
2. Tap the screenshot in the lower-left corner.
3. Tap Done, choose Save to Photos or Delete Screenshot.


On an iPad with Face ID:

1. Simultaneously press and then release the top button and the volume up button.
2. Tap the screenshot in the lower-left corner.
3. Tap Done, choose Save to Photos or Delete Screenshot.

To create a PDF of a webpage, document or email, take a screenshot, tap the thumbnail in the lower-left corner and tap Full Page.

Create a screen recording

1. Go to Settings > Control Centre > Customise Controls > tap + next to Screen Recording
2. Swipe down in the top-right corner to open Control Centre > tap  > wait for the three-second countdown
3. To stop recording, open Control Centre > tap  or the red status bar at the top of the screen > tap Stop

If you want to record the screen with sound, open Control Centre > press deeply on  > tap the Microphone > tap 'Start Recording'.

You will find your screen recording or screenshot in the Photos app.

Resources

[Hide ads and distractions in Safari on iPad](#)

[Take a screenshot or screen recording on your iPad](#)

[How to record your screen on iPhone, iPad or iPod touch \(YouTube\)](#)

Additional Support

Apple Education Learning Series [Improve Reading Fluency](#)

[Dyslexia: Supporting Students by Jeanette Davies](#) (Apple Books)

[iPad User Guide](#) (website)

[iPad User Guide](#) (Apple Books)

[Apple Support](#) (YouTube)

[Apple Support - Accessibility](#) (YouTube)

[Apple Support - iPad](#) (YouTube)

Apple Support (over the phone) - 1300 321 456

[Apple Support app](#) (available on iPad and iPhone)