16 Handy iPad Tips for Teachers

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Add photos to texts

Tap 📷, then take a photo and type your message. To instantly send a photo you've already taken, flick it into the message area.

Add titles without typing

In the Clips app (available free in the App Store), you can create animated captions and titles using your voice. Tap 💬, tap a style, then simply speak while recording. To edit the titles, tap the text during playback.

Say it with stickers

Add flair to your texts. Tap Ⓐ, then tap or drag a sticker. To get sticker packs, tap ▪▪, then tap +.

Find it fast

Search your iPad, the Internet, nearby places, the weather, and more — from anywhere on your iPad. Just swipe down from the top of the screen to show Search.

Close all your Safari tabs at once

Have a bunch of tabs you no longer need? Touch and hold 🗗.

Quickly react to a message

Instead of typing a reply, express yourself with a tapback! Double-tap a message bubble, then choose a response.

Quickly open Camera

When iPad is locked, swipe left to access the camera.

Open webpages side by side

Rotate iPad to landscape, then touch and hold a link and choose Open in Split View. Swap the pages by swiping the tabs.

Talk instead of type

Tap 🎤 on the keyboard and speak your words (including punctuation), then tap Done.

Magnify the fine print

Go to Settings > General > Accessibility and turn on Magnifier. Then triple-click the Home button to use the camera to zoom in on small details. Tap 🔆 to enhance the image. Tap the shutter to freeze it.

Save as PDF

You can save almost anything as a PDF. Tap 🖸, then tap Print. Pinch the first page of the preview, then tap 🖸 to save or send the document.

Take a screenshot

Press the Home and Sleep/Wake buttons at the same time. The picture is saved to the Screenshots album in Photos.

Remove webpage clutter

Reader in Safari makes articles easier to read. When you see ☰ in the search field, tap it to see just the text and photos — without ads.

Have iPad speak to you

iPad can speak selected text, or the entire screen. Explore the options in Settings > General > Accessibility > Speech.

Send an audio message

In Messages, touch and hold 🎤 to record. Tap ⬆ to send the recording. To delete it instead, tap ✕.

Manage a group chat

To add someone to an iMessage group chat, tap ⓘ, then tap Add Contact. If you want to mute notifications during a lively exchange, turn on Do Not Disturb.