

Apple iPhone and iPad

Sending and reading Text Messages with Siri



This document has been designed to introduce you to sending and reading text messages using Siri. It is assumed that all telephone numbers you wish to use have been entered into the Contacts application on your device.

Note 1: The instructions given in this document have been designed using an iPhone 13 Pro and version 26.2 of the iOS Operating System. If you are using an earlier version of iOS, you may find some minor differences!

Sending Text Messages using Siri

To send a text message using Siri, follow these steps:

1. Press and hold down the Side Button. Upon doing this, Siri will be activated. Alternatively, if you have Hey Siri enabled, you can simply say "Hey Siri".

Note 2: If your device is an SE model, you can press and hold down the Home Button instead to activate Siri.

2. Say "Send a text message to" followed by the name of the person you wish to send the message to. For example "Send a text message to Gary Eady".

Note 3: If the person has more than one telephone number, for example Home and Work, Siri will ask which number you would like to use. Specify the number you want to use at this stage! The easiest way to do this is to say "the first one", or "the second one".

3. Siri will then say "What would you like to say to Gary". You can now dictate your message.

Note 3: When dictating your text, you can include punctuation. For best results, don't pause between saying the text and the punctuation symbol. If you do, Siri might interpret this as a separate word! You can also say "New Line" to create a new line!

4. When you have finished dictating your text message, Siri will say "It says" and will then read the message you just dictated.
5. When Siri has read your message, it will say "Send it"? At this stage, you can do a number of things:
 - If you are happy with your message, you can simply say "Yes". Upon doing this, Siri will say "Done" and the message will be sent.
 - If you would like to cancel the message, simply say "Cancel". The message will then be discarded.
 - If you would like to add more text to the message, say "Add". Upon doing this, Siri will say "What else do you want to say". You can now dictate the next piece of text.
6. If you chose to add more text, Siri will again read your updated message and ask if you are ready to send it. say "Yes ". Upon doing this, Siri will say "Done".

Using Siri to send text messages does take a little practice, so why not send a few to yourself, until you have mastered the process!

Note 4: Sometimes, Siri will misinterpret what you say. This might result in messages being dictated incorrectly. If this is the case, cancel the message and start again. Over time, Siri will become more accurate, as it gets used to your voice and the way you speak!

Reading Text Messages using Siri

Siri can also read your text messages!

To read text messages using Siri, follow these steps:

1. Press and hold down the Side Button. Upon doing this, Siri will be activated. Alternatively, if you have Hey Siri enabled, you can simply say "Hey Siri".

2. Say "Read my recent messages. Upon doing this, Siri will read the most recent message.
3. When Siri has finished reading the first message, it will say "would you like to reply?". At this stage, you have a couple of choices:
 - Say "yes". Upon doing this, you'll be able to dictate your reply and send it.
 - Say "no", to close the message.

You can also ask Siri to read text messages from a specific person! For example:

"Read messages from Gary Eady" will cause Siri to read some of the recent messages from Gary.

Note: When Siri reads a message from a specific person, it will often read the entire chain of communication and not just the last message received. This is a little annoying! However, as AI becomes more embedded into the iOS operating system, it's hoped Siri will be more able to work out which part of the message chain to read.

Although there are a few other things you can ask Siri to do when working with text messages, the information provided in this document should be sufficient to allow you to send and read them with a degree of success!

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