

Tips for Making the Most of Siri (iPhone 4S and later, iPad w/Retina Display & iPad Mini)

“Answerable” questions use Wolfram Alpha and can just be asked. Ex.:

“What’s the square root of 64?”

“What is the population of Canada?”

“Search” questions should have a search phrase included, such as:

“Search for italian restaurants close to me.”

“Google news for the United States Congress.”

“Bing Bruce Springsteen.”

“Search Wikipedia for Thomas Edison.”

Other things Siri can tell you about:

Movie times: “What are the showtimes for ‘Man of Steel’ at IMAX in Austin tomorrow?”

Weather: “Is it going to rain in Boston this week?” “What’s the temperature right now?”

Stock prices: “What’s Apple’s stock price?”

The time, local or anywhere: “What time is it?” or “What time is it in Egypt?”

Dates: “What day is Christmas this year?”

Directions: “How do I get home from here?” (If she doesn’t know where you live, she’ll ask you.)

Calendar appointments: “When is my meeting with Jose Cuervo?” “What does my day look like?”

Information in your contacts: “What’s Bob Smith’s address?” “What’s Doreen’s mobile number?”

Note: Siri can *not* provide flight information at this time.

Emails and text messaging: “Email Sarah.” “Text my wife.” “Text Shawn I’m on my way.”

Reminders: “Remind me to call Joe at 3pm.” Or, if location services is on, “Remind me when I get home.”

Setting alarms and timers: “Wake me at 6:30 tomorrow.” “Set the timer for 20 minutes.”

Adding and editing calendar events: “Appointment with Sue tomorrow at 3pm.” “Move my 1pm meeting to 4.”

Play music: “Play Alicia Keys” or “Play ‘Thunder Road.’”

Launch apps: “Launch Mapquest.”

Dictation: anytime the keyboard shows a microphone beside the spacebar, tap that to speak instead of type.

Dictation commands: speak punctuation. “Do you think we should go comma or is it too late question mark.”

New line

New paragraph

“Cap” to capitalize the next word, Caps on/off for all caps

Smiley or Frowny for :-) and :- (

Quote/end quote

Ask Siri, “What can you do for me?”