

Some things to know about communicating in iMessage:

- You can send texts over Wi-Fi.
- Texts you send and receive using iMessage don't count against your SMS, MMS, or RCS allowances in your phone's cellular messaging plan, but cellular data rates may apply.
- When you communicate with others who also use iMessage on an Apple device, the texts appear in blue bubbles. (SMS, MMS, and RCS messages appear in green bubbles.)

Messages are sent with iMessage when you see a blue  send button. A green send button indicates the message is sent with SMS, MMS, or RCS.

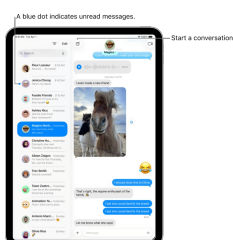
- In a conversation, you can see if someone's writing a message. If someone has [read receipts](#) turned on, you can also see if they've opened your message.
- You can use a wider range of apps and features, like [text formatting](#), [drawings](#), [backgrounds](#), [polls](#), [Memoji](#), [inline replies](#), [editing](#), [unsending](#), [scheduling](#), [collaboration](#), [group conversation management](#), and more.
- A greater range of options are available when you [react with Tapbacks](#) or [send audio messages](#).
- When you use iMessage, you can [report spam messages](#) to Apple and [screen unknown senders](#).
- For security, messages sent using iMessage are end-to-end encrypted before they're sent, and you can also use [Contact Key Verification](#).

Send and reply to messages on iPad

You can send text messages, images, and much more. You can reply within a conversation or to specific comments in a thread. You can even use Siri to listen and respond to your messages.

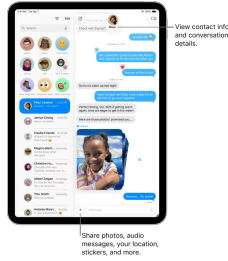
To fully use all the features in the Messages app, make sure you [set up Messages](#).

[Ask Siri](#) something like, "Read my last message from Antonio." [Learn how to use Siri](#).



Start a conversation

You can send a text message to one or more people to start a new conversation.



1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap  at the top of the screen.
3. Tap the To field, then enter the phone number, contact name, or [Apple Account](#) of each recipient.

To choose recipients from your [contacts](#), tap .

4. Do any of the following:
 - Tap the text field above the keyboard, then type your message.
 - Tap  or  to add [emoji](#).
 - Tap  to [dictate text](#) in the language of your [keyboard](#).
 - Tap  to send [photos](#), [videos](#), [stickers](#), [polls](#), [audio messages](#), [your location](#), [payments](#), and more with [iMessage apps](#).
5. Tap  to send.

If a message can't be sent, an alert appears. Tap  to try sending the message again.

To return to the conversation list from a conversation, tap .

If Apple Intelligence* is turned on, you can create custom emoji—called Genmoji. See [Create your own emoji with Genmoji](#).

Reply to a message

Messages are grouped by conversation in the conversation list. A dot indicates you haven't yet read one or more messages in that conversation.

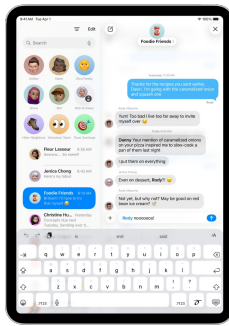
1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In the conversation list, tap the conversation that you want to participate in.
3. Tap the text field, create your message, then tap  to send your message.

If Apple Intelligence* is turned on, you can use it to suggest a reply to a message you receive. See [Use Apple Intelligence in Messages](#).

Tip: Find out when a message was sent to you. Drag the message bubble to the left to see timestamps for all messages in the conversation.

Reply inline to a specific message

You can respond to a specific message inline. An inline reply quotes the message you're responding to. This keeps a busy conversation organized by clarifying which response relates to which message.



1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In the conversation list, tap the conversation that you want to participate in.
3. Do one of the following:
 - Swipe right on the message bubble that you want to reply to.
 - Touch and hold the message bubble that you want to reply to, then tap Reply.
4. Enter your message, then tap .

Note: Everyone in a [group conversation](#) can see your inline reply. To reply privately, tap the group icon at the top of the conversation, touch and hold the icon of the person you want to message privately, then tap Message.

5. To return to the main conversation, tap the blurred background.

Touch and hold a message to react with a [Tapback](#), such as a thumbs-up or a heart.

Tip: To copy part of a message, touch and hold the message, tap Select, select the text you want to copy, then tap Copy.

Reply to messages from your Lock Screen

You can reply to messages on your Lock Screen without opening Messages. See [Turn on Lock Screen features](#).

Why are some bubbles blue and others green?

If a message can be sent using [iMessage](#), you see a blue Send arrow , and the message appears in a blue bubble.

If you can't use iMessage (which happens, for example, when a recipient isn't using an Apple device), you can use SMS, MMS, or RCS. Messages sent with SMS, MMS, or RCS appear in green bubbles.

For more information, see the Apple Support article [What is the difference between iMessage, RCS, and SMS/MMS?](#)

Note: Content may not appear as expected when you send messages to recipients who are using non-Apple devices.

Use Live Translation

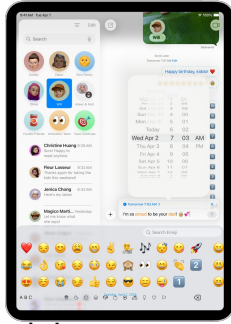
If Apple Intelligence* is turned on, you can use it to automatically translate text in Messages. See [Translate messages and calls](#).

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Schedule a text message on iPad to send later

If it's too late at night or too important to forget, you can schedule a text message to be sent at a later time.

Note: You must be using [iMessage](#). Your recipient can be on any system, and they won't know that the message was scheduled. You need to be online to reschedule, edit, or delete a scheduled message.



Schedule a message

You can schedule a message up to 14 days into the future.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation where you want to schedule a message or [start a conversation](#).
3. Tap , then tap Send Later.
4. Tap the time to open the scheduler, then choose when you want to send your message.

The border of the text field turns into a dashed line, and the time your message will be sent appears at the top of the message.

5. Enter a message, then tap .

The message appears with a dashed line until it's time to send it, and it's delivered even if all your devices are offline.

Note: Scheduled messages are encrypted and stored on Apple servers only until they're sent. When a message is sent, it's removed from Apple servers, the balloon becomes a solid color, and its dashed line disappears.

Change the time to send a message

You can reschedule a message until its delivery time.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation with the message you want to reschedule.

If you don't see your message, scroll down to the bottom of the conversation. Scheduled messages may appear below sent messages.

3. Tap Edit beside the date (above your scheduled message), then do any of the following:
 - *Reschedule it:* Tap Edit Time, choose a new time, then tap away from the schedule to commit the new time.
 - *Send it immediately:* Tap Send Message.

Edit a scheduled message

You can edit a scheduled message until its delivery time.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation with the scheduled message you want to edit.

If you don't see your message, scroll down to the bottom of the conversation. Scheduled messages may appear below sent messages.

3. Touch and hold the message bubble, then tap Edit.
4. Make any changes, then tap  to resend with edits or  to revert.

Delete a scheduled message

When you delete a message before its scheduled time, it's canceled and not delivered to the recipient.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation with the scheduled message you want to delete.

If you don't see your message, scroll down to the bottom of the conversation. Scheduled messages may appear below sent messages.

3. Touch and hold the message you want to cancel, then tap Delete.

Unsend and edit messages on iPad

You can unsend and edit recent text messages, giving you the opportunity to fix a typo or pull back a message that you accidentally sent to the wrong person.

Note: To unsend or edit text messages, you must be using iMessage with iOS 16, iPadOS 16.1, macOS 13, visionOS 1, or later. If you unsend a message to someone who's using an earlier operating system, the original message remains in the conversation, and you're notified that the recipient may still see the original message. If you edit a message to someone who's using an earlier operating system, they receive follow-up messages with the preface "Edited to" and your new message in quotation marks. SMS, MMS, or RCS text messages can't be edited or unsent. However, SMS, MMS, or RCS text messages can be edited in a group conversation as long as there's at least one other iMessage user in the group.

Unsend a message

You can undo a recently sent message for up to 2 minutes after sending it.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Touch and hold the message bubble, then tap Undo Send.

A note confirming that you unsent the message appears in both conversation transcripts: yours and your recipient's.

Unsending removes the message from your recipient's device.

Edit a sent message

You can edit a recently sent message up to five times within 15 minutes of sending it.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Select a conversation with the message you want to edit.

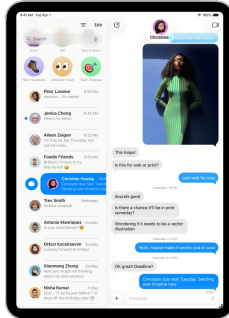
3. Touch and hold the message bubble, then tap Edit.
4. Make any changes, then tap  to resend with edits or  to revert.

Note: The message is marked as Edited in the conversation transcript.

The message bubble updates to reflect your edits on both your iPad and your recipient's device, and both of you can tap Edited to see previous versions of your message.

Keep track of messages on iPad

You can catch up on text messages you missed, mark messages as unread, and pin and unpin conversations to prioritize messages in the conversation list.



Catch up on messages you missed

If you receive messages while you have notifications paused or you're away from your iPad, you can jump to the first message you haven't seen in a conversation.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open an unread conversation, then tap .

Your view of the conversation moves up to the first unread message.

Mark messages as unread

When you don't have time to respond, you can mark conversations as unread so you can return to them later.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In the conversation list, do one of the following:
 - Swipe right on a conversation to mark it as unread.
 - Drag right and tap .

Tip: You can also mark several messages as unread at the same time. In the conversation list, tap Edit, tap Select Messages, select the conversations you want to mark as unread, then tap Unread in the bottom-left corner.

See a list of your unread messages

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In the conversation list, tap , then tap Unread.

A checkmark appears next to Unread, and the icon turns blue  to indicate that filtering is on.

3. To see both your read and unread messages again, tap , then tap to deselect Unread.

Tip: To mark all your unread messages as read, tap Edit, tap Select Messages, then tap Read All.

Pin a conversation

You can pin specific conversations to the top of the conversation list so the people you contact most always come first in the list. Pinned conversations appear as larger icons at the top of your conversation list.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Touch and hold a conversation, then tap Pin.

You can also pin certain shared items—such as links or collaboration invitations—within a conversation. Touch and hold a message, then tap Pin. You can find pinned items in the Pins section when you tap the name of your contact or group at the top of the conversation.

Unpin a conversation

You can unpin pinned conversations so that they no longer appear at the top of the conversation list.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Touch and hold a pinned conversation, then do one of the following:
 - Drag the message to the bottom of the list, and let go.
 - Tap Unpin.

Pin shared items

You can pin certain shared items—such as links or collaboration invitations—within a conversation.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Touch and hold a message, then tap Pin.
3. To find pinned items, tap the contact or group icon at the top of the conversation, then tap a category (such as Links). Pinned items appear at the top.

To unpin a pinned item, touch and hold it in the message, then tap Unpin. If you're in the Links or Documents tab, touch and hold it, tap Show in Conversation, touch and hold it in the message, then tap Unpin.

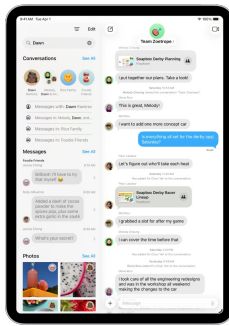
See message summaries

Apple Intelligence* can show you a summary of unread messages in a conversation. See [Use Apple Intelligence in Messages](#).

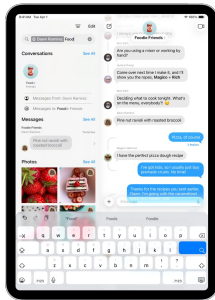
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Search in Messages on iPad

You can search for text messages and attachments, using different criteria to narrow your results.



1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap the search field above the conversation list. (You may need to swipe down to reveal the search field.)
3. Enter what you're looking for (such as a word or phrase).



4. To filter your search, do any of the following:
 - *Limit your search to one person or conversation:* Start by typing a person's name, tap "Messages with" or "Messages in," then tap other criteria that appear or add any text you want to find in your conversation.
 - *Limit your search to types of shared items:* Begin your search with a search term—such as Photo, Link, Wallet (for passes). When a filter appears near the top of the screen, tap it to add it to filter the search.
 - *Combine search criteria:* Add another search term or filter.
5. Tap , then tap a message in the results list to read it.

The search field also opens suggestions—such as conversations, photos, locations, links, and more. Tap any suggestion to quickly jump to a conversation.

Forward and share messages on iPad

You can forward one or more text messages in a conversation to a different recipient.

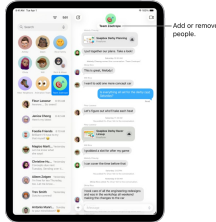
1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Touch and hold a message bubble you want to forward, then tap More.
3. Tap to select one or more messages to forward, then tap .
4. Enter recipients, then tap .

Tip: To show the message bubbles and timestamps just as they appear in a conversation, send a [screenshot](#) as an attached image instead of forwarding messages.

To share your messages on other devices, see [Set up iCloud for Messages on all your devices](#) in the iCloud User Guide.

Have a group conversation in Messages on iPad

You can send a group text message, name it, and assign it an icon to find it more easily. In a group conversation, you can call people's attention to specific messages and even [collaborate on projects](#).



Start a group conversation

You can send a message to multiple people to start a group conversation.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In the conversation list, tap  at the top of the screen.
3. Tap the To field, then enter the phone number, contact name, or [Apple Account](#) of each recipient.

To choose group members from your [contacts](#), tap  in the To field.

Note: If one or more of your recipients isn't using [iMessage](#), messages appear in green bubbles instead of blue ones.

4. Tap the text field, enter a message or tap  (to the left of the text field) to send a [photo](#), [video](#), [poll](#), or another item with [iMessage apps](#).
5. Tap .

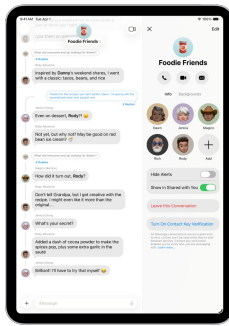
Add someone to an existing group conversation

If you have at least two other people in a group conversation, you can add additional contacts.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap the group conversation you want to add someone to.
3. Tap the group icon at the top of the conversation, then tap Add.
4. Enter the phone number, contact name, or [Apple Account](#) of each recipient.

To add group members from your [contacts](#), tap  in the To field.

5. Tap  to save your changes.



Note: If the group includes someone who hasn't [turned on iMessage](#), follow the onscreen instructions to start a new group.

If you only have one other person in the conversation, you need to start a new group conversation to add someone else.

To remove someone from a group conversation in iMessage, touch and hold their icon, then tap Remove from Group.

In iPadOS 26 or later, you can add new contacts introduced in group conversations. See [Create a contact](#).

Leave a group conversation

You can leave a group chat if there are at least three other participants in the conversation.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap the group conversation you want to leave.
3. Tap the group icon at the top of the conversation.
4. Scroll down and tap Leave This Conversation or Delete and Block This Conversation. (Learn more about [deleting](#) and [blocking](#) conversations.)

Blocked conversations are moved to the Recently Deleted folder, where you can [recover](#) them.

If you want to stay in a group chat but stop receiving its notifications, [mute the conversation](#) instead.

Mention people in a group conversation

You can mention someone by name in a group conversation to call their attention to a specific message, and they'll get a notification. Depending on their settings, the person you mention may be notified even if they have the conversation muted.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, begin typing a contact's name in the text field.
3. Tap the contact's name when it appears.

You can also mention a contact in Messages by typing @ followed by the contact's name.

To change whether you get notifications when your name is mentioned in Messages, go to Settings  > Apps > Messages, then turn on or off Notify Me.

Name a group conversation

You can name a group text message and choose an image to represent the conversation. Everyone who has [turned on iMessage](#) sees the new name and image.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap the group icon at the top of the conversation.
3. Tap Edit, tap Edit Name & Photo, then choose an option.

Send or request money

In group [iMessage](#) conversations in iPadOS 26 or later, you can send money to someone in a group chat or make a request of the group to split bills, organize gifts, or pay someone back, then track payments in the Wallet app. See [Send, request, and receive payments with Apple Cash in Messages](#).

Share screens using Messages on iPad

While using Messages on an iPad that meets [minimum system requirements](#), you can share your screen or ask to see someone else's screen. In supported apps, you can also use SharePlay to get together with friends while you watch the latest episode of your favorite show or listen to a new song in real time.

Show someone else what's on your screen

You can jump from Messages to FaceTime to share your screen to bring apps, webpages, and more into the conversation.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation with just one other person, tap .
3. Tap Share My Screen. See [Share your screen in a FaceTime call](#).

See another person's screen

You can jump from Messages to FaceTime to see another person's screen, or even remotely control it.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation with just one other person, tap .
3. Tap Ask to Share Screen. See [Request remote control](#).

Use SharePlay to enjoy content together

You can start a Messages conversation right from a supported app like Apple TV and Music.

To use SharePlay in Messages, you and your recipients must be using [iMessage](#). Shared playback controls keep everyone in sync.

1. In a supported app, find a show, movie, song, album, or other content you want to share, then tap the item to see its details.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Tap , then tap SharePlay.
 - Tap  at the top right, tap , then tap SharePlay.
 - Tap  next to the content, then tap SharePlay.
3. In the To field, enter the contacts you want to share with, then tap Messages.

4. Tap Start or Play to begin using SharePlay.

To begin viewing or listening, recipients tap the content's title at the top of the Messages conversation, then tap Open. For everyone who has access to the content, the video starts playing at the same time.

Note: If the shared content requires a subscription, the service may ask those who don't have access to subscribe, make a transaction, or sign up for a free trial, if available.

When you select content to share and tap the Play button, you can also select Play for Everyone (if it appears) to begin it for everyone in the conversation. (Others on the thread may have to tap Join SharePlay to see the video.)

Each person in the conversation can use the playback controls to play, pause, rewind, or fast-forward for everyone, but settings like closed-captioning and volume are controlled separately by each person.

Use Messages when you want no interruptions to the sound of the movie, show, song, or podcast, or tap  to switch to [FaceTime](#) when you want to see and hear other people as you chat.

Tip: After the video starts playing, you can stream it to Apple TV. See [Send what you're watching in SharePlay to Apple TV](#).

Collaborate on projects with Messages on iPad

In the Messages app , you can send a text message to invite people to collaborate on a project, and everyone in the conversation is added to the document, spreadsheet, or other shared file.

Note: To start collaborating on a project with Messages, you and your recipients must be using [iMessage](#) with iOS 16, iPadOS 16, macOS 13, watchOS 9, visionOS 1, or later, and you must first save the content somewhere it can be accessed by others, such as [iCloud Drive](#). For iPad apps, you may need to turn on iCloud to use their collaboration features: go to Settings  > [your name] > iCloud, then tap See All next to Saved to iCloud.

Invite people to collaborate

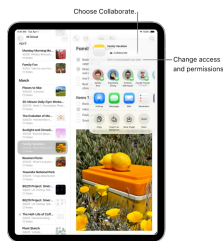
You can invite people to collaborate on a project from another app, and then discuss your content in Messages. Share files from apps like [Notes](#), [Freeform](#), [Reminders](#), [Safari](#), [Keynote](#), [Numbers](#), [Pages](#), and more, as long as you first turn on their collaboration features in iCloud settings and save the content somewhere it can be accessed by others, such as [iCloud Drive](#).

The process for inviting someone to collaborate depends on the app. Here's one way you might start a collaboration in a supported app:

1. Select the file you want to share, then tap , or tap Collaborate.
2. Make sure Collaborate (rather than Send Copy) is selected, then tap the group or individual you want to collaborate with. If you don't see the group or person listed, tap .

The suggested icons may correspond with groups or individuals with active FaceTime calls or recent Messages conversations.

3. A Messages conversation opens with the invitation ready to send. Add a note (optional), then tap .



After you invite participants in Messages, you can work on the project in the other app and return to the Messages conversation by tapping the Collaborate button in that app.

When someone edits the file, you see updates at the top of the Messages thread. To return to the shared project and see changes, tap an update.

Note: Your participants may need to accept your invitation or join the shared item before they can interact with it or see any updates.

Tip: When you have your Files and Messages open in Split Screen, you can start a collaboration by dragging a file into the new message window and choosing Collaborate in the pop-up menu before sending.

Collaborate on a project in Messages

After you share your project, you see activity updates at the top of the Messages conversation whenever someone makes an edit.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation that contains the invitation to the project you've started collaborating on, then do any of the following to return to the project:
 - Tap the file in your conversation to open it.
 - If you see an update at the top of the conversation, tap Show.
 - Tap the icon of the participant or group at the top of the screen, scroll to Collaboration, then tap the shared project.

When you make any changes or edits to the project, your participants get updates in the conversation.

Note: If you add a new person to a group conversation, you have to grant them access to the projects you're collaborating on. If they've been added to the group conversation recently, you can tap a notification at the top of screen to add them. Or [invite them to collaborate](#).

Manage the collaboration and group

If you share a project with two or more people in a Messages conversation, you can add or remove participants.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation you want to manage, then tap the group icon at the top of the conversation to open details about the group's conversation.

3. Tap the button showing the participants in the conversation, then do any of the following:

- *Add new participants:* Tap Add, then add contacts. (You may need to scroll down to see Add.)

If you started collaborating with just one other person, you must start a new conversation to add people to the collaboration.

Note: You must add new participants to any files that were shared in the conversation before they joined. As you add participants, a notification appears at the top of the conversation. Tap Show in the notification to review the previously shared files you can add new participants to.

- *Remove a participant from the conversation:* Touch and hold their icon, then tap Remove from Group.

Important: The apps where the collaboration happens usually control access to the project. Check participant access in the app itself to remove viewing or editing privileges completely.

The group of people in the Messages collaboration and the group collaborating on the file may not match. For example, you may invite people to collaborate on the file outside of Messages. Or you may have two different groups in Messages, each with its own collaboration conversation.

When you add someone to a document you shared with others earlier, you have the option of adding them to an existing conversation or keeping the conversations separate. People added to conversations aren't able to read messages sent before they joined the conversation.

Stop collaborating on a project in Messages

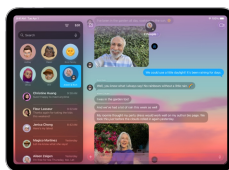
The apps where the collaboration happens usually control access to the project. For example, if you're collaborating on a document in the Pages app, the Pages settings take precedence over the Messages settings. You can, however, [unsend](#) or [delete](#) the invitation from the conversation just as you would any other message.

Important: When you delete an invitation from a thread, that conversation is no longer associated with the collaboration, but it doesn't remove participants from the file. Check participant access in the app to remove viewing or editing privileges completely.

Add backgrounds in Messages on iPad

You can add a background to an iMessage conversation. Other people in the conversation see the background on their devices too and can change the background for the group.

Note: To add, view, or change conversation backgrounds, you must use iMessage on iOS 26, iPadOS 26, macOS Tahoe, watchOS 26, visionOS 26, or later.



Use a dynamic background

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation where you want to add a background.

3. Tap the contact or group icon at the top of the conversation, then tap Backgrounds.
4. Tap Color, Sky, Water, or Aurora.
5. Swipe left to choose an option.

Tip: For Color, tap the swatches in the bottom corners to adjust the colors.

6. Tap  to add the background to your conversation.

Use a photo as a background

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation where you want to add a photo to the background.
3. Tap the contact or group icon at the top of the conversation, then tap Backgrounds.
4. Tap Photo, then tap to select a photo from your library.

Tip: If someone shared a photo you want to use as a background, touch and hold the photo in the message, then tap Set as Background.

5. Do any of the following:
 - *Crop the image:* Pinch in or out.
 - *Remove the color:* Swipe left to Black & White.
 - *Apply a color filter:* Swipe left to Duotone or Color Wash, then tap the color swatch to change the palette.
6. Tap  to add the background to your conversation.

If Apple Intelligence* is turned on, you can use Image Playground to create one-of-a-kind images for the background of your conversations. See [Use Apple Intelligence in Messages](#).

Note: You can have your (or a family member's) iPad receive warnings before a background image containing sensitive content is sent or received. See [Receive warnings about sensitive content](#) or [Check for sensitive images and videos](#).

See the background without messages

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation with a background you want to see more clearly.
3. Push the message bubbles up.

You can also set conversations to showcase backgrounds when you return to them. Go to Settings  > Apps > Messages, then turn on Start with Photos Visible.

Revert to a plain background

Note: Removing a background affects all participants in a conversation.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation with a background you want to remove.
3. Tap the contact or group icon at the top of the conversation, then tap Backgrounds.
4. Tap None.

Turn conversation backgrounds off

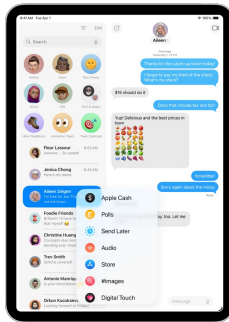
When you turn conversation backgrounds off, others in a conversation still see any background chosen for a conversation.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Messages.
3. Turn Conversation Backgrounds off.

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Use iMessage apps in Messages on iPad

You can send a poll, play a game, record audio messages, share songs, and more—all with iMessage apps—without leaving the Messages app. You can customize your list of available apps or add iMessage apps you find in the App Store.



Rearrange iMessage apps

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap .
3. Touch and hold any app icon in the list until it shrinks a little, then drag it to the location where you want it.

To move the app icon to a different page, drag it to the top or bottom edge of the screen. You might need to wait a moment for the new page to appear.

Add iMessage apps

The Messages app comes with iMessage apps you can use to send [photos](#), [videos](#), [audio messages](#), [payments](#), [stickers](#), and more. You can download additional iMessage apps for even more options.

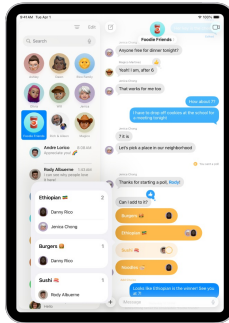
1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap .
3. Tap Store to open the App Store for iMessage.
4. Tap an app to see more details and reviews, then do one of the following:
 - *Purchase an app:* Tap the price. Payments are made using the method associated with your [Apple Account](#).
 - *Download a free app:* Tap Get.

Poll people in Messages on iPad

You can send a poll in any iMessage conversation to decide what to eat, which movie to see, where to travel, when to meet, and more. Everyone in the conversation can contribute options and watch as votes come in.

Tip: Turn on Apple Intelligence* to get suggestions for polls.

Note: You must use iMessage on iOS 26, iPadOS 26, macOS Tahoe, watchOS 26, visionOS 26, or later to start, see, or vote in a poll.



Start a poll

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap , then tap Polls.
3. Tap each row to add options. A poll can have up to 12 options.
4. Tap .

Vote in a poll

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open a conversation with a poll in it.
3. Tap an option to add your vote. Tap again to remove your vote. You can vote for none or all of the options.

Add an option to a poll

Anyone participating in a poll can add an option to it.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open a conversation with a poll in it.
3. Tap Add Choice, then enter another option.
4. Tap  to add the option to the poll.

Note: Options are added without votes. Tap to vote for any option you add.

Check on the results of a poll

You can see how people voted or who hasn't voted yet.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open a conversation with a poll in it.
3. Touch and hold the poll, then tap Poll Details.

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Take and edit photos or videos in Messages on iPad

You can capture photos and videos directly in the Messages app. You can also modify the photos and videos before you send them by editing the image, marking it up, or adding effects.

Note: Your carrier may set size limits for attachments; iPad may compress photo and video attachments when necessary.

Send a photo or video

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap .
3. Do one of the following:
 - *Take a photo:* Tap Camera, then tap  to take a picture.

To change the camera mode, tap Photo, then tap an option.

To crop the photo, add filters, and more, tap Edit, then [use the editing tools](#).
 - *Take a video:* Tap Camera, tap Video, tap  to begin recording, then tap  to stop.

To trim or crop the video, add filters, and more, tap Edit, then [use the editing tools](#).
 - *Add an existing photo or video:* Tap Photos, swipe up to search, browse through all photos, or change albums, then tap the images you want to send.

To crop, add filters, or make other adjustments, tap the image in the message bubble, tap Edit, then [use the editing tools](#).
4. To add stickers, labels, and shapes to your photo, tap Markup, then [use Markup](#). When you're done, tap Save.
5. Tap Done to add the photo or video to the message bubble, add a comment, then tap  to send your message.

You can also send a photo or video with a [Digital Touch effect](#) or [record a video message](#) in the FaceTime app.

Note: You can have your (or a family member's) iPad receive warnings about sensitive content and warn you before it's sent or received. See [Receive warnings about sensitive content](#) or [Turn on or off checking for sensitive images and videos](#).

If Apple Intelligence* is turned on, you can [create original images](#) with Image Playground, or [create custom emoji](#)—called Genmoji—in Messages.

Send photos faster

You can send smaller-sized previews of images so your recipients get them right away, before the full-resolution images arrive.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Messages.
3. Turn on Send Low Quality Photo Previews.

When Low Data Mode is on, only the preview is sent. See [Choose cellular data options for data usage, performance, battery life, and more](#).

To remove a photo or video from the message bubble before sending it, tap .

Note: Attachments you send over [iMessage](#) (such as photos or videos) may be uploaded to Apple and encrypted so that no one but the sender and receiver can access them. To improve performance, your iPad may automatically upload attachments to Apple while you're composing a message. If you decide not to send your message, the attachments are deleted from the server after several days.

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Share content in Messages on iPad

You can share images, links, and other content using the Messages app. When someone shares content with you, you can find it in a Shared with You section in the corresponding apps. Apps that support Shared with You include Photos, Music, News, and more.

Share content with others

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, do one of the following:
 - [Copy and paste](#) an image or a link into your message.
 - Tap , tap Photos to browse recent photos and videos, then tap to add.
 - Tap a message attachment, tap , then tap a contact or .

Tip: When you tap , you can also copy, save, or print your attachment.

3. Add a message (optional), then tap .

From another app (like Podcasts, News, or Music), select the content you want to share, tap , tap Share, then choose Messages.

Find all the content someone shared with you

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open the conversation whose content you want to see.
3. Tap the contact or group icon at the top of the conversation.
4. Swipe left, then tap Photos, Links, Documents, Locations, or Wallet.

If a category doesn't appear, you didn't receive anything of that type in this conversation.

Note: Content only appears in Shared with You if the person who sent it is in your [contacts](#).

You can find a Shared with You section in [Photos](#), [Safari](#), [Music](#), [Podcasts](#), and other supported apps. If you don't want items someone sends to you to appear in those other apps, tap the contact or group icon at the top of the conversation, tap Info, then turn off Shared with You.

Review and save photos or videos

If you receive multiple photos or videos at the same time, they're automatically grouped into a collage (two to three items) or a stack (four or more).

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Do one of the following:
 - *Look inside a stack:* Tap to open, then swipe through a stack to view, reply, or interact with each photo or video individually.
 - *Save a photo or video:* Tap  next to the photo or stack.

Pin shared content

If someone shares content that's especially interesting, you can quickly pin it in Messages. This elevates it in the Shared with You section of supported apps, in Messages search, and in the conversation details (the info you see when you tap the contact or group icon at the top of the conversation).

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open the conversation with the content you want to pin.
3. Touch and hold the message bubble containing the attachment, then tap Pin.

Note: Photos can be saved to your library, but not pinned.

Hide shared content

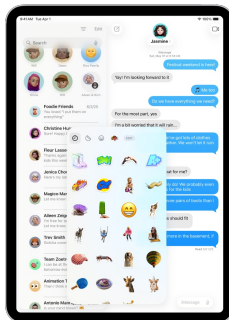
You can adjust your settings to hide an app's Shared with You section.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Messages.
3. Tap Shared with You, then turn off Automatic Sharing, or turn off Shared with You for a specific app.

Note: You can have your (or a family member's) iPad receive warnings about sensitive content and warn you before it's sent or received. See [Receive warnings about sensitive content](#) or [Turn on or off checking for sensitive images and videos](#).

Send stickers in Messages on iPad

Express yourself by adding stickers that match your personality and mood to your text messages.



Send a sticker in a message

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap .

3. Tap Stickers, then tap the icon for any of the following sticker packs:
 - *Live Stickers you or a friend made*: Tap . See [Create Live Stickers](#) and [Save other people's Live Stickers](#), below.
 - *Emoji*: Tap .
 - *Memoji*: Tap , tap a Memoji in the top row to view the stickers in the sticker pack, then choose a pose or expression. See [Create and send Memoji](#).
 - *Stickers from other creators*: Download a sticker app from the App Store. See [Add iMessage apps](#).
4. Add a message (optional), then tap .

You can also send stickers from the emoji keyboard. See [Make a sticker with the iPad keyboard](#).

Place stickers on a conversation

You can add stickers on message bubbles in conversations, and angle the stickers or make them different sizes. You can also place a sticker on top of another sticker.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap .
3. Tap Stickers, then tap an icon—such as , , or —in the top row to browse a sticker pack.
4. Drag a sticker onto a bubble, then do any of the following:
 - *Adjust the angle*: Rotate a second finger around the finger dragging the sticker.
 - *Adjust the size*: Move a second finger closer to or away from the finger dragging the sticker.

Your recipients see the sticker as soon as you place it on a message.

To find out who sent a sticker in a conversation, touch and hold the sticker, then tap Sticker Details.

Tip: Quickly add stickers to messages. Touch and hold a message, tap Attach Sticker, then choose a sticker to appear on a corner of that message bubble.

Move, resize, or delete stickers

After you place a sticker on top of message bubbles in conversations, you can make changes to it.

Do any of the following:

- *Move or resize a sticker*: Touch and hold the sticker, then make any changes.
- *Delete a sticker*: Touch and hold the message bubble, tap Sticker Details, swipe left on the sticker you want to delete (on your iPad only), then tap .
- *See any text covered by a sticker*: Double-tap the message bubble.

To change stickers sent in a message bubble, see [Unsend and edit messages](#).

Note: You and your recipients must be using iOS 17.2, iPadOS 17.2, macOS 14.1, watchOS 10.2, visionOS 1, or later, to see these updates to stickers.

Create Live Stickers

You can create your own Live Stickers to use in messages by lifting subjects from photos and adding effects that help bring the stickers to life.

This feature is available on [supported models](#).

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap , then tap Stickers.
3. Tap , then tap .
4. Tap a photo, then tap .

Tip: To create a Live Sticker that moves, use a Live Photo. See [Make stickers from your photos](#).

5. To add an effect, touch and hold the sticker, tap Add Effect, choose an option (such as Comic or Shiny), then tap .

Save other people's Live Stickers

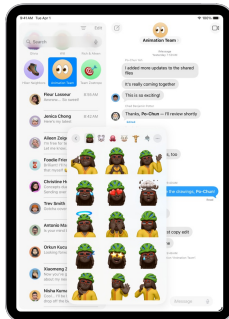
When someone sends you a Live Sticker you like, you can save it to reuse later.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open a conversation with a sticker you want to save.
3. Touch and hold the sticker, then do one of the following:
 - *For a sticker sent in a message:* Tap Save to Stickers.
 - *For a sticker placed on a message bubble:* Tap Sticker Details, then tap Save.

You can also [create and send Memoji](#) that use your voice and mirror your facial expressions.

Create and send Memoji in Messages on iPad

You can design your own personalized Memoji—choose skin tone, glasses, body, and more. You can create multiple Memoji to use in different contexts. Each Memoji—even the ones you create—automatically generates a range of poses and expressions.



Create Memoji

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap .
3. Tap Memoji. (You may have to swipe up.)

4. Tap .

Tip: To make a new Memoji whose outfit or appearance differs slightly from one you already have, tap to select it, tap , then tap Duplicate.

5. Tap each feature (Skin, Hairstyle, and others to the right) and choose the options you want.
6. Tap  to save the Memoji to your collection.

Send animated Memoji or Memoji recordings

On [supported models](#), you can send Memoji messages that record your voice and mirror your facial expressions.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap .
3. Tap Memoji, then swipe and tap to choose a Memoji.
4. Tap  to record your facial expressions and voice, then tap  to stop.

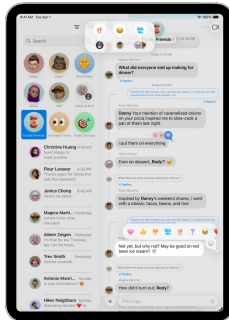
Tap Replay to review your message.

5. Tap  to send your message or  to cancel.

You can also capture your movements, facial expressions, and voice in Memoji when you [become a Memoji](#) in a FaceTime conversation.

React with Tapbacks in Messages on iPad

Tapbacks give you a quick and easy way to respond to a message, such as a heart, a thumbs-up or thumbs-down, laughter, exclamation points, a question mark, and any sticker, Memoji, or emoji.



React with a Tapback

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open a conversation.
3. Double-tap (or touch and hold) a message.
4. Swipe left to see suggested emoji and stickers, or tap , then tap to choose any of the following kinds of Tapbacks:
 - *Other emoji:* Tap  (jump to other emoji categories with icons to the right of ).
 - *Stickers:* Tap .

The Tapback is attached to a specific message in a conversation, and everyone who's part of the conversation can see it.

Find out who sent a Tapback

If there's more than one Tapback for a message, they appear in a stack. You can find out who added each Tapback.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open a conversation with Tapbacks.
3. Tap a stack of Tapbacks.

Senders and their tapbacks appear near the top of the screen.

Edit or remove your Tapback

You can only edit or remove Tapbacks you added. You can't edit or remove Tapbacks other people added.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open a conversation.
3. Tap your Tapback, then do one of the following:
 - *Use a different Tapback:* Tap a different emoji, Memoji, or sticker.
 - *Remove the Tapback:* Tap the same Tapback you used (so it's not highlighted).

You can only add one Tapback per message. If you want to send additional stickers, see [Place stickers on a conversation](#).

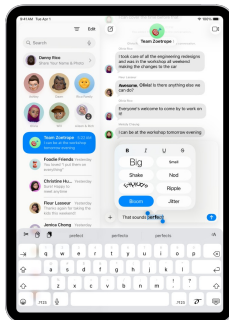
Format text and animate messages on iPad

You can express yourself in the messages you send by formatting or animating the text in your message, the message bubble, or the entire screen.

Note: To send and receive messages with text formatting or text effects, you and your recipients must be using [iMessage](#). Messages appear in plain text when sent to devices using older or other operating systems.

Format or animate text within messages

Format the text in your messages with bold, italics, and underlining, or add playful, animated effects like explode or shake to any letter, word, or sentence—even emoji—in texts you send using iMessage.



1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, enter a message, then select the text you want to format or animate.

The Messages app may suggest effects to apply as you enter your message.

3. Tap **A** above the keyboard, then select your preferred formats (bold, italic, underline, or strikethrough) or animated effect (big, small, shake, nod, explode, ripple, bloom, or jitter).

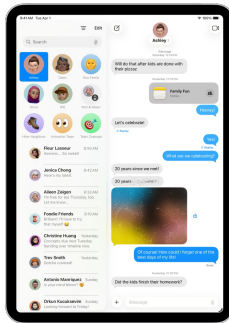
The Messages app may suggest effects to apply as you enter your message.

4. Tap **+**.

You can format or apply effects to a single word, emoji, single word, emoji, sentence, or your entire message. Tap **A** before entering the text you want to format or apply effects to.

Animate the message bubble

Use effects to animate the message bubble: you can send a message with Slam or Loud so that it appears to pop out, or use Gentle so it arrives softly. You can even send a personal message with Invisible Ink that remains blurred until the recipient swipes to reveal it.



1. Go to the Messages app **M** on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, enter a message or insert an image or link.
3. Touch and hold **+**, then tap a gray dot to preview a bubble effect.
4. Tap **+** to send the message with the effect or **✕** to cancel the effect and return to your message.

Animate effects over the full screen

You can send messages with full-screen effects—such as lively lasers, a moving spotlight, or echoing bubbles—that play when your recipient gets your message.

1. Go to the Messages app **M** on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, enter a message or insert a photo or Memoji.
3. Touch and hold **+**, then tap Screen.
4. Swipe left to preview different screen effects.
5. Tap **+** to send the message or **✕** to cancel the effect and return to your message.

Messages automatically uses the following screen effects for specific text strings:

- Balloons for “Happy birthday”
- Confetti for “Congratulations”
- Fireworks for “Happy New Year”

If you don't see a full-screen effect or want to turn off effects on messages you receive, see [Stop or reduce onscreen motion](#).

Draw and handwrite messages on iPad

You can send messages with handwriting, doodling, and more.

You need [iMessage](#) to exchange drawn or handwritten messages.

Send a Digital Touch effect

With Digital Touch, you can send animated sketches, taps, kisses, heartbeats, and more, on their own or as an effect on a photo or video.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap .
3. Swipe up, tap Digital Touch, then do one of the following:
 - *Send an animated gesture*: Tap or touch and hold with one or two fingers. Your gesture is sent automatically when you finish it.

Touch and hold the color dot to choose a color for the one-finger taps.

Note: If you have Apple Watch or another sensor that records heartbeat data, Messages may use the recorded data when you touch and hold with two fingers to send a heartbeat.
 - *Send an animated drawing*: Draw with one finger.

You can change the color, then start drawing again.
 - *Add an effect to a new image*: Tap , then tap  to take a photo or  to record a video.

To take a new photo or video, or to erase anything you draw on your preview, tap .
4. Tap  to send your drawing or image, or tap  to delete it.

To send an animated doodle on a white background, see [Send a handwritten message or doodle](#).

Send a handwritten message or doodle

Use your finger to write a message or draw a doodle. Recipients see what you wrote or drew, re-created before their eyes.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, rotate iPad to landscape orientation.
3. Tap  on the keyboard.
4. Write a message with your finger or choose a saved message at the bottom, then tap Done.
5. Tap  to send your message or  to cancel.

After you create and send a handwritten message, the message is saved at the bottom of the handwriting screen. To use the saved message again, tap it. To delete the saved message, touch and hold it until the messages jiggle, then tap .

To send a doodle on a black background, see [Send a Digital Touch effect](#).

Send and save GIFs in Messages on iPad

With the Messages app on iPad, you can search #images to find hundreds of trending GIFs you can add to your text messages and save GIFs others send to you (not available in all countries or regions).

Add a GIF from #images

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap , then tap #images. (You may have to swipe up.).
3. To search for a specific GIF, tap "Find images," enter a keyword (like "birthday"), then tap Search or Enter.
4. Tap a GIF to add it to your message, then tap .

Note: GIFs from #images animate only in the Messages app on Apple devices.

Save a GIF

You can save a GIF that you receive in a message to use again later.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open the conversation that includes the GIF that you want to save.
3. Touch and hold the GIF, then tap Save.

The GIF is saved to the Photos app.

Send and receive audio messages in Messages on iPad

You can record and send audio messages, along with transcripts of what's said in the message. Audio messages are automatically deleted to save space on your iPad, but if you want to save them, you can.

Note: Audio message transcription is available in select languages. See the [iOS and iPadOS Feature Availability website](#).

Record and send an audio message

Instead of writing a text message, you can record an audio message that can be played right in the Messages conversation.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap .
3. Tap Audio, then begin speaking.
4. Tap  to pause or end your recording, then do any of the following to your message:
 - *Send it:* Tap .
 - *Listen to review it:* Tap .
 - *Add to the end of it:* Tap  (with the message duration).
 - *Cancel it:* Tap .

5. Tap Keep to save an incoming or outgoing audio message on your iPad.

Otherwise, the recording is deleted from the conversation—on your iPad only—2 minutes after you send or listen to it. Recipients can play your recording any time after they receive it. To save it, they need to tap Keep within 2 minutes after listening to it.

Tip: Send follow-up audio messages more quickly by touching and holding  in the text field.

Audio messages are automatically transcribed in the language chosen in the sender's Settings. To switch to another language for your outgoing messages, see [Change the language and region](#).

Always keep audio messages

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Messages.
3. Tap Expire (below Audio Messages), then tap Never.

Listen or reply to a recorded audio message

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open a conversation with an audio message, then tap  to play it.
3. Do any of the following:
 - Slide right and left on the audio message to fast-forward or rewind.
 - Touch and hold  or  to adjust the playback speed.
4. Tap Keep to save an audio message in the conversation.

To save the message in the Voice Memos app , touch and hold the audio message, then tap Save to Voice Memos.

Switch to FaceTime from Messages

You can quickly make an audio or video call instead of sending a message by switching to FaceTime. In a Messages conversation, tap .

Share your location in Messages on iPad

You can let others know where you are (or find out where they are) by using location sharing.

Share and update your location automatically

When you share your location in a Messages conversation, it updates in real time right in the conversation.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap .
3. Tap Location, then tap Share.
4. Decide how long you want to share your location.

Tap Indefinitely if you want to share your location until you manually stop sharing it.

5. Tap  to send your location. (Or tap  if you change your mind.)

Tip: When somebody asks where you are, quickly share your location by tapping Current Location (above the keyboard).

If you share your location to a group and then add other people to the group, you can reshare your location to let everyone see where you are.

When you want to share your location in an SMS conversation, [send a pinned location](#) instead.

Messages uses the Find My app when you share your location. Learn how to [share your location](#) and [locate someone](#).

Send a pinned location

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation, tap , then tap Location.
3. Tap  in the top left of the map, then drag the map until the pin is in the right place.
4. Tap Send Pin, then tap  to send your pin.

Pinned locations don't update as you move.

Ask for someone else's location

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation with one other person, do one of the following:
 - Tap , tap Location, then tap Request.
 - Send a message that ends with the question, "Where are you?" then tap Request Location (above the keyboard).
3. Tap  to send your request.

After someone shares their location with you, their location appears below their name at the top of the conversation. Tap their name to see where they are on a map. Tap the map to enlarge it.

Stop sharing your location

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open the conversation with someone you're sharing your location with, then tap the contact icon at the top of the conversation.
3. Tap Stop Sharing My Location.

The previous bubble in the conversation no longer displays a map.

Note: Finding people with location sharing isn't available in all countries or regions. If you set up location sharing and others still can't see your location, make sure you allowed access. Go to Settings  > Privacy & Security > Location Services > Find My, then choose an option. See [Control the location information you share](#).

Turn read receipts on or off in Messages on iPad

You can use read receipts to automatically let someone know when you've seen their text messages.

When read receipts are turned on, the sender sees the word “Read” below messages they’ve sent to you, indicating that you’ve read their message. If you haven’t read their message, the sender sees “Delivered.”

You can turn on read receipts for everyone or for individual contacts.

Note: To use read receipts, you and your recipient must turn on [iMessage](#).

Turn on read receipts

You can turn on read receipts to let everyone know when you’ve opened their messages.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Messages.
3. Turn on Send Read Receipts.

Note: If you turned off read receipts for a particular contact, you have to turn the setting back on for that one contact individually. (See [Turn on read receipts for one person](#), below.)

Turn off read receipts

If you don’t want others to know that you’ve opened their messages, you can turn off read receipts.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Messages.
3. Turn off Send Read Receipts.

Note: This action affects only those conversations with contacts whose read receipts you never turned on individually. (See [Turn off read receipts for one person](#), below.)

Turn on read receipts for one person

You can turn on read receipts in a conversation to let that one recipient know when you’ve seen their incoming messages, even if you turned off read receipts generally.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap a conversation, then tap the contact icon at the top of the conversation.
3. Turn on Send Read Receipts.

Turn off read receipts for one person

If you turned on read receipts for an individual, but you want them to stop getting read receipts, you can turn the setting off for that one contact.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap a conversation, then tap the contact icon at the top of the conversation.
3. Turn off Send Read Receipts.

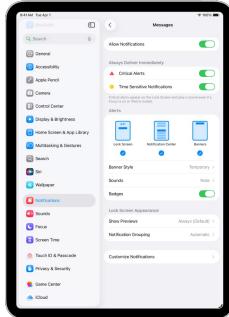
Get read receipts when someone else sees your messages

You can’t turn on read receipts for anyone but yourself. To receive read receipts when your messages are opened, ask the recipient to turn them on. See [Turn on read receipts for one person](#), above.

Stop, mute, and change message

notifications on iPad

You can change whether or not you're notified about text messages you receive, and how the notifications appear or sound. For example, you can turn off message notifications so you aren't distracted by notification sounds when you're in a meeting or other quiet settings, or assign a special sound for certain contacts so you know when you get a message from them.



Stop all notifications

You can stop getting notified about activity in the Messages app while continuing to receive messages. When you're ready to read them, you can open Messages to see the texts you missed while notifications were off, and [catch up on messages you missed](#).

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Notifications, then tap Messages.
3. Turn off Allow Notifications.

When you want to get notified again, turn on Allow Notifications. If you also want to hear them, make sure the Ring/Silent switch isn't in [Silent mode](#) and your [volume](#) is audible.

You can also stop notifications from other Apple apps and third-party apps. See [Change notification settings](#).

Stop sharing your Focus Status with one person

When your [Focus](#) pauses notifications, your status appears in the Messages app to let people know you're not receiving messages. You can turn this off in one-to-one conversations.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap a conversation, then tap the contact icon at the top of the conversation.
3. Turn off Share Focus Status.

Mute sounds for sent and received messages

When you send a message, a swoosh sound plays by default. When you receive a message, a tone plays. If you don't want to hear these sounds, you can set your text tone to None.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Notifications, then tap Messages.
3. Tap Sounds, then tap None (below Alert Tones).

You can also put the Ring/Silent switch in [Silent mode](#).

Note: The None and the Ring/Silent switch setting affect both incoming and outgoing sounds. (You can't mute only one.)

See also [Flash the indicator light for notifications](#).

Change the sound for notifications

You can set the sound volume for alerts and choose between a tone or sound for alerts.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Sounds.
3. Do any of the following:
 - *Make notifications quieter or louder:* Adjust the volume with the slider.
 - *Choose a tone or sound:* Tap Text Tone, then tap a sound below Alert Tones (or tap Tone Store to download one).

Tip: The tone you choose applies to both the Messages app and other apps that have notifications on, such as Mail, Phone, and other Apple or third-party apps. To change it just for the Messages app, go to Settings  > Notifications > Messages, then tap Sounds.

You can set how many times to repeat a notification (from Never to 10 Times) in Settings  > Notifications > Messages > Customize Notifications.

Change the notification sound for certain people

You can choose a specific sound to play when you get a message from one specific contact.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In a conversation with one person, tap the contact icon at the top of the conversation.
3. Tap Info, tap Edit, tap Edit Contact Info, then tap Text Tone.

If you don't see Edit, tap Create New Contact or Add to Existing Contact.

4. Do any of the following:
 - *Specify a tone or sound:* Tap a sound below Alert Tones (or tap Tone Store to download one).
 - *Mute the sound:* Tap None below Alert Tones.
 - *Mute notifications for this conversation:* Tap None below both Haptics and Alert Tones.

To give this contact the option to override a Focus, so any important messages can get through, turn on Emergency Bypass. You might turn it on for a family member, caretaker, or colleague, for example.

Mute one conversation

You can stop getting notifications for a conversation while you continue to receive its messages.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.

2. In the conversation list, do one of the following:

- Swipe left on a conversation, then tap .
- Tap a conversation, tap the contact or icon at the top of the conversation, then turn on Hide Alerts.

To completely stop getting messages for one conversation, you can [block a specific person or number](#) or [leave a group conversation](#).

Announce messages

Siri can [announce messages](#) on your iPad speaker or supported headphones.

To hear incoming messages on MFi hearing devices, see [Announce calls and notifications for specific apps](#).

Screen, filter, report, and block text messages on iPad

You can reduce the number of unwanted text messages you receive when you screen messages from unknown senders, filter and report spam messages, block unwanted messages, and turn off business alerts.

Screen and filter messages from unknown senders

You can prevent [unknown senders](#) from texting you directly. Their messages are filtered other folders, and you don't get notified about them unless you want to be.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap  at the top right of the conversation list, then tap Manage Filtering.
3. Turn on Screen Unknown Senders.
4. If you want to allow notifications from some unknown senders, tap Allow Notifications, then turn on or off those categories. (Options vary by country and region.)

For example, you can allow notifications for time-sensitive texts, like verification codes.

You can set up additional spam filtering and screening for unknown SMS, MMS, and RCS messages. See [Screen, filter, block, and report messages](#) in the iPhone User Guide.

Review messages from unknown senders

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap  at the top right of the conversation list, then tap Unknown Senders.

Make an unknown sender a known sender

A known sender is anyone you've marked as known, added to the Contacts app, or sent a message to. If a message from someone whose messages you want to see was filtered to Unknown Senders, you can mark the sender as known, and this allows their messages to appear in your conversation list. To open a link sent by an unknown sender in iMessage, you must first make them a known sender.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap  at the top right of the conversation list, then tap Unknown Senders.

3. Do any of the following:

- Tap the message from the sender whose messages you want to see, then tap Mark as Known.
- Add them to Contacts.

Until you mark a sender as known or add them to contacts, any future messages are filtered to Unknown Senders.

Recover messages in the Spam folder

When spam is detected, it's moved to the spam folder and doesn't appear in your conversation list. You can check to see if messages are inadvertently marked as spam.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap  at the top right of the conversation list, then tap Spam.
3. Tap the conversation, then tap Not Spam. To add them to your contacts, tap Add.

The conversation moves to Messages, where you can send a reply. Tap , then tap Messages.

Spam filtering is on by default. To turn it on or off, tap , tap Manage Filtering, then turn on or off "Filter spam."

Report spam messages

When you use [iMessage](#), you can report spam messages to Apple.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Do one of the following:
 - *If you haven't opened the message:* Swipe left on the message, tap , then tap Delete and Report Spam.
 - *If you've already opened the message:* A Report Spam link appears at the bottom of any message from any unknown sender. Tap Report Spam, then tap Delete and Report Spam.

Note: You can't report a message after you've replied to it.

- *If you don't see the option to report SMS, MMS, or RCS spam messages forwarded from your iPhone:* Contact your carrier. Depending on your carrier and country or region, reporting spam forwarded from your iPhone with SMS, MMS, or RCS shares this information with your carrier and its affiliates. See the Apple Support article [Wireless carrier support and features for iPhone](#).

If you received the message with iMessage, it's sent to Apple with the sender's information, and the message is permanently deleted from your iPad.

If you accidentally report and delete messages, you can [recover](#) them.

Reporting spam doesn't *prevent* the sender from sending messages, but you can [block the contact](#) to stop receiving them.

To avoid getting incoming messages from new numbers, you can filter them. See [Screen and filter messages from unknown senders](#), above.

Block messages from a specific person or phone number

When you block a specific contact or phone number, messages from that person or number aren't delivered. The person sending the message doesn't know that their messages are blocked.

Note: When you block a contact in Messages, that contact is also blocked in Mail, Phone, FaceTime, Calendar, and other apps. See [Prevent contacts from communicating with you](#).

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Go to the conversation with the person you want to block, then tap the person's icon at the top.
3. Tap Info, scroll down, then tap Block Contact.

You can remove someone's access to shared items.

Tip: You can't block a group conversation, so instead of blocking all the people in the group, you can simply [leave it](#) or [stop its notifications](#).

If you're still having trouble with unwanted messages, see the Apple Support article [Block phone numbers, contacts, and emails on your iPhone or iPad](#).

Check who you blocked

If you're not getting someone's messages, you can check if they're in your Blocked Contacts.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Privacy & Security, tap Blocked Contacts, then do any of the following:
 - *Unblock a number you've blocked:* Tap [number] Unknown, swipe left on a number in the list, then tap Unblock. Or tap Edit, then tap .
 - *Add additional contacts or numbers directly to the list:* Tap Add Blocked Contact.

A sender can't find out if they're blocked.

Turn off business alerts

Some businesses send alerts and updates on your orders and other transactions. You can turn these off.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Messages.
3. To turn off Apple Messages for Business, tap Business Messages, then turn Business Updates off.

You can also [report spam messages](#) when you receive them, as above.

See [Apple Messages for Business & Privacy](#).

Tip: Another way to prevent unwanted messages is to allow your contacts only when you [block messages with Screen Time](#).

To change how the notifications appear and more, you can [set your notification options](#).

To pause notifications from Messages, [turn on Do Not Disturb or another Focus](#).

To learn about other ways you can report and prevent unwanted messages, see the Apple Support article [Recognize and avoid phishing messages, phony support calls, and other scams](#).

Delete messages and attachments in Messages on iPad

You can delete text messages, attachments, and entire conversations from your iPad anytime, without affecting what your recipients see.

Tip: Use [Undo send](#) to retract (within 2 minutes) a message you sent accidentally, deleting it from both your phone *and* your recipient's phone.

Deleted messages and attachments remain in your Recently Deleted folder for up to 30 days, and you can [recover](#) them.

Delete messages and attachments

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Open a conversation, touch and hold a message bubble or attachment, then tap More.
3. Select the messages or attachments you want to delete, then tap .

You can also [delete a conversation](#) entirely.

Delete multiple photos, videos, or other attachments

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap the contact or group icon at the top of the conversation.
3. Tap a category, such as Photos.
Tip: To see only one kind of image, tap  at the bottom left, then tap Screenshots, Videos, or Photos.
4. Tap Edit, then tap Select.
5. Tap each attachment you want to delete, tap , then tap to confirm the number of attachments you want to delete.

Delete a conversation

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In the conversation list, do one of the following:
 - Swipe left on the conversation, then tap .
 - Touch and hold the conversation, then tap Delete.

Delete multiple conversations

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. In the conversation list, tap Edit.
3. Tap Select Messages, then select conversations you want to delete.
4. Tap , then tap Delete.

Permanently remove recently deleted messages and attachments

Deleted messages and attachments remain in the Recently Deleted folder for 30 days, but you can permanently remove them before that.

1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap  at the top of the conversation list, then tap Recently Deleted.

3. Select the conversations whose messages you want to delete permanently, tap , then tap Delete.

Important: This can't be undone.

Automatically delete old messages

You can delete messages and attachments that are older than 30 days or a year old, on an ongoing basis.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Messages.
3. Scroll down, tap Keep Messages (below Message History), then choose an option.

Important: If you choose an option other than Forever, your conversations (including all attachments) are automatically removed after the specified time period elapses.

If you use [Messages in iCloud](#), deleting a message or conversation on your iPad deletes it from all your devices where Messages in iCloud is on. See [Keep your messages up to date with iCloud](#) in the iCloud User Guide.

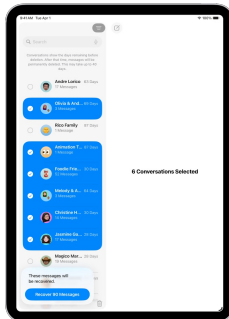
Note: Deleting messages only affects your iPad and other Apple devices where you're [signed in to the same Apple Account](#). You can't delete messages, attachments, and conversations for anyone else.

To delete everything (not just your messages), see [Erase iPad](#).

Recover deleted messages in Messages on iPad

You can recover deleted messages on your iPad.

You can restore messages you deleted for up to 30 days.



1. Go to the Messages app  on your iPad.
2. Tap  at the top of the conversation list, then tap Recently Deleted.
3. Select the conversations whose messages you want to restore, then tap Recover.
4. Tap Recover Messages.

If you use [Messages in iCloud](#), recovering a message or conversation on your iPad recovers it on all your devices where Messages in iCloud is on. See [Keep your messages up to date with iCloud](#) in the iCloud User Guide.

Deleting and recovering messages only affects your iPad and other Apple devices where you're [signed in to the same Apple Account](#). You can't recover messages, attachments, and conversations for anyone else.

Once you recover a blocked conversation whose participants haven't all [turned on iMessage](#), incoming messages will no longer be automatically deleted.

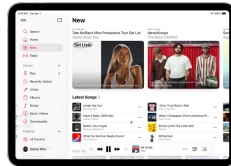
Note: Any message that you remove from a conversation using [Undo Send](#) is permanently deleted. Audio messages that expire before being saved aren't recoverable. See [Send and receive audio messages](#).

Music

Get started with Music on iPad

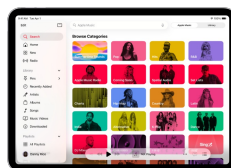
Listen to songs from your iPad music library with the Music app . Stream music from the Apple Music catalog when you subscribe to Apple Music, and access all your music on all your devices when you sign in to the same Apple Account.

Subscribe to Apple Music



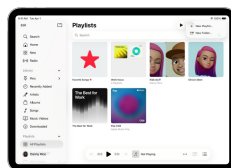
To get the most from the Music app, subscribe to Apple Music, and choose from millions of songs to stream or download. Go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then tap Join Apple Music. After you become an Apple Music subscriber, you can select artists as favorites (and receive notifications about them), view song lyrics, and more.

Find music



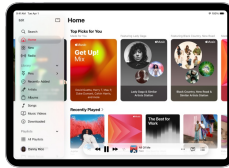
Use the Search feature to quickly find music. Tap Search in the sidebar to browse music by category or enter an artist, lyric, or other keyword in the field to find songs, albums, and playlists.

Create a playlist



Organize songs for a specific theme, mood, or occasion with a playlist. Tap  in the tab bar at the top of the screen, scroll to the bottom of the sidebar, then tap New Playlist. To add a song to the playlist, tap ... next to a song, then tap Add to a Playlist.

Build your library



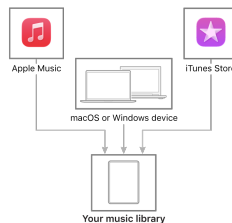
You can add music to your library in a variety of ways. For example, subscribe to Apple Music or buy your favorite albums from the iTunes Store. If you're already using a Mac, go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then tap Sync Library—your entire music library is then available on your iPad.

Want to learn more?

- [Subscribe to Apple Music](#)
- [Search for music](#)
- [Create, edit, and delete playlists](#)
- [Get music](#)
- [Get music](#)
- [Add music and listen offline](#)

Get music on iPad

Enjoy music stored on iPad as well as music streamed over the internet. You can build a music library—your collection of songs and albums—in many ways.



Note: Services and features aren't available in all countries or regions, and features may vary by region. Additional charges may apply when using a cellular connection.

Subscribe to Apple Music

When you [subscribe to Apple Music](#), you can start listening to millions of songs from the Apple Music catalog right away. To access your music library on all your devices, turn on Sync Library (go to Settings  > Apps > Music). Then, [add and download songs](#) so that you can play your favorites any time, even when you're offline.

Tip: Purchase an Apple Music family subscription, and everyone in your Family Sharing group can [share an Apple Music subscription](#).

Buy music from the iTunes Store

If you don't subscribe to Apple Music and you want to add your favorite songs or albums, you can [buy and download music](#) from the iTunes Store. And, if you previously purchased items from the iTunes Store, you can [download them](#) to your authorized computers and devices (up to 10 total).

Note: Apple Music, Apple One, lossless, and Dolby Atmos aren't available in all countries or regions. See the Apple Support article [Availability of Apple Media Services](#).

Subscribe to Apple Music

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Follow the onscreen instructions to subscribe to Apple Music.

If you don't subscribe to Apple Music when you first open the Music app, you can subscribe later—go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then tap Join Apple Music.

New subscribers can start a trial and cancel at any time. If you end your Apple Music subscription, you can no longer stream Apple Music songs or play Apple Music songs you downloaded.

Qualified students can purchase a student subscription at a discounted price. See the Apple Support article [Get an Apple Music student subscription](#). Go to the [Apple Music website](#) to learn more about Apple Music and pricing.

Share Apple Music with family members

When you subscribe to Apple Music, Apple One Family, or Apple One Premier, you can [use Family Sharing](#) to share Apple Music with up to five other family members. Once your [family is set up](#), your family group doesn't need to do anything—Apple Music is available to them the first time they open the Music app after your subscription begins.

If you [join a family group](#) that subscribes to Apple Music, Apple One Family, or Apple One Premier, and you already subscribe, your subscription isn't renewed on your next billing date; instead, you use the group's subscription. If you join a family group that doesn't subscribe, the group uses your subscription.

Note: To stop sharing Apple Music with a family group, you can cancel the subscription, [leave a Family Sharing group](#), or [remove a member from a Family Sharing group](#).

Change or cancel your Apple Music subscription

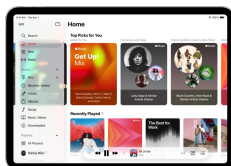
You can change your subscription plan or cancel your subscription.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap Manage Subscription, then follow the onscreen instructions.

If you're not a subscriber, you can use Music to play music synced to iPad from a Mac or a Windows device, play and download previous iTunes Store purchases, and play Apple Music radio for free.

Get personalized recommendations in Music on iPad

As soon as you [subscribe to Apple Music](#), you can make selections so that you see playlists, albums, and songs based on your preferences. If you don't want Music to make recommendations, you can also turn off your listening history.



Select your favorite genres and artists

When you first tap Home in the sidebar, you're asked to tell Apple Music what you like. Apple Music uses these preferences when recommending music.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap the genres you like (double-tap those you love, and touch and hold the genres you don't care for).
3. Tap Next, then do the same with the artists that appear.

Tell Apple Music to ignore your listening habits

You can turn off your listening history so that Apple Music ignores your listening habits and adjusts new music recommendations and the contents of Replay playlists.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Music.
3. Turn off Use Listening History.

This action also hides all the music you play from your followers on Apple Music. To hide only certain playlists or albums, see [Hide music from your followers](#).

Tip: You can [create a custom Focus](#) to turn off Use Listening History. For example, if you're a parent listening to your favorite songs and your child wants to listen to something they like, you can [turn on that Focus](#) so their songs don't influence your recommendations.

Mark items as favorites in Apple Music on iPad

You can mark items as "favorites" in Music to make them easier to find. If you [subscribe to Apple Music](#), you can get notifications on new releases from your favorite artists, and easily get back to their music from the Home tab.

Add favorite playlists, artists, albums, and songs

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.

2. Do any of the following:

- *Add a favorite playlist:* Touch and hold a playlist or tap ⋮ when viewing a playlist, then tap Favorite.
- *Add a favorite artist:* Go to an artist page, then tap ☆ at the top of the screen.

When you mark an artist as a favorite, they appear below Favorite Artists in Home, and their music is recommended more often.

- *Add a favorite album:* Touch and hold an album, then choose Favorite. Or tap an album, tap ⋮, then tap Favorite.
- *Add a favorite song:* Touch and hold a song or tap ⋮ next to a song, then tap Favorite. Or on the Now Playing screen, tap 🎵.

When you mark a song as a favorite, it appears in the Favorite Songs playlist in the sidebar.

You can easily find favorite items in your music library. Below Library in the sidebar, choose Playlists, Artists, Albums, or Songs, tap ≡, then choose Favorites.

Remove playlists, artists, albums, and songs as favorites

1. Go to the Music app 🎵 on your iPad.
2. Tap ≡, tap a category under Library, tap ≡, then choose Favorites.
3. Touch and hold a playlist, artist, album, or song, then tap Undo Favorite.

Tip: To add songs to your library when you make them a favorite, go to Settings ⚙️ > Apps > Music, then turn on Add Favorite Songs.

Add music to iPad and listen offline

As soon as you [subscribe to Apple Music](#), you can add and download songs and videos from Apple Music to your music library. You can stream music you add to iPad when you have an internet connection. To play music when you're not connected to the internet, you need to download it first.

[Ask Siri](#) something like, "Add this to my library" while playing something. [Learn how to use Siri.](#)

Add music from Apple Music to your library

1. Go to the Music app 🎵 on your iPad.
2. Do any of the following:
 - Touch and hold a song, album, playlist, or video, then tap Add.
 - While viewing the contents of an album or playlist, tap + near the top of the screen to add the album or playlist, or tap ⋮ next to a song, then tap Add to add that song.
 - On the Now Playing screen, tap 🎵, then tap Add.

Music you add to your iPad is also added to other devices if you're signed in to the same Apple Account and have Sync Library turned on (go to Settings ⚙️ > Apps > Music, then turn on Sync Library).

Download music from Apple Music to your iPad

Before you can download music from Apple Music to your library, you need to turn

on Sync Library. Go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then turn on Sync Library. Then follow these steps to download music.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Do any of the following:
 - *Download a song, album, or playlist:* Touch and hold music you added to your library, then tap Download.

After you add a playlist or album, you can also tap ↓ at the top of the screen.
 - *Always download music:* Go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then turn on Automatic Downloads.

Songs you add are automatically downloaded to iPad.
 - *See download progress:* Tap , then tap Downloading.

Note: If the music you're downloading is available in Dolby Atmos, the Dolby icon  appears next to the item, and you can download it either in Dolby Atmos or in stereo. To download music in Dolby Atmos when available, go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then turn on Download in Dolby Atmos. See [Play Dolby Atmos music](#).

Delete music from your library

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Touch and hold the song, album, playlist, or music video, then tap Delete from Library.

Manage storage space

To manage storage space, do any of the following:

- *Remove music and videos stored on iPad:* Go to the Music app  on your iPad, touch and hold an item that you downloaded, then tap Remove Download.

The item is removed from iPad, but not from your music library on your other devices.
- *Free up music storage:* If iPad is low on storage space, you can automatically remove downloaded music that you haven't played in a while. Go to Settings  > Apps > Music > Optimize Storage.
- *Remove all songs or certain artists from iPad:* Go to Settings  > Apps > Music > Downloaded Music, tap Edit, then tap  next to All Songs or the artists whose music you want to delete.
- *Remove all Apple Music songs from iPad:* Go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then turn off Sync Library.

The songs are removed from iPad but remain in your music library on your other devices. Music you purchased or synced also remains.

Choose cellular data options for Music

If you have a Wi-Fi + Cellular model of iPad, you can choose cellular data options.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Music.

3. Turn on Cellular Data, then do any of the following:

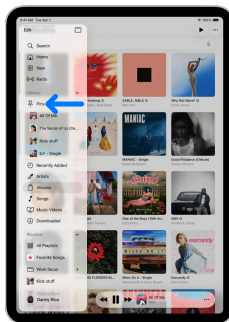
- Turn Download over Cellular on or off.
- Tap Audio Quality, turn on Lossless Audio, then tap Cellular Streaming to choose a setting (None, High Efficiency, High Quality, Lossless, or High-Resolution Lossless).

High Quality, Lossless, and High-Resolution Lossless use significantly more cellular data than High Efficiency, which may incur additional charges from your cellular carrier. Songs may also take longer to start playing.

When you purchase access to movies, TV shows, music, music videos, ebooks, audiobooks, or ringtones from Apple, you also have the option to permanently download these items to a compatible iPhone, iPad, Mac, or PC. Apple cannot revoke your downloaded content, and you can always access your downloaded content without an internet connection.

Pin albums, songs, and more in Music on iPad

After you [subscribe to Apple Music](#), you can pin your favorite music (including music videos) to the top of your library so it's easily accessible.



Pin music to the top of your library

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , tap a category under Library, then do any of the following:
 - *Pin a playlist:* Touch and hold a playlist or tap ... when viewing a playlist, then tap Pin Playlist.
 - *Pin an artist:* Go to an artist page, tap ... at the top of the screen, then tap Pin Artist.
 - *Pin an album:* Touch and hold an album, then choose Pin Album. Or tap an album, tap ..., then tap Pin Album.
 - *Pin a song or music video:* Touch and hold a song or video or tap ... next to a song or video, then tap Pin [item]. Or on the Now Playing screen, tap , then tap Pin [item].

You can only pin content that's in your library. For example, to pin an artist, you must have at least some content by that artist in your library. Pinned items appear at the top of your library.

Tip: You can drag your pins in the sidebar to reorder them.

Unpin an item in your library

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.

2. Tap , touch and hold a pinned item (below the Pins section), then tap Unpin *[item]*.

Tip: To automatically download items to your library when you pin them, go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then turn on Download Pins.

Create a profile to share

Create an Apple Music profile on iPad

After you [subscribe to Apple Music](#), you can create an Apple Music profile that features your favorite playlists and what you're currently listening to. You can share your profile with friends you invite or with other Apple Music subscribers.

After you create a profile, you can choose the playlists you want to share. Additionally, you can view profiles created by friends or request to follow them and see what they're listening to.

Create a profile

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap Set up Profile, then follow the onscreen instructions to create a profile.

After you finish setting up your profile, you can [find friends](#) whose music profile you'd like to follow or [choose who you share music with](#) (so you can show friends what you're listening to).

Note: If you're the organizer of a Family Sharing group, you can allow children ages 13 to 18 to create Apple Music profiles (or prevent them from doing so). Children under 13 can't create Apple Music profiles. (Age restrictions vary by region.) See [Block content and prevent iTunes & App Store purchases](#).

Edit your profile

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap View Profile at the top of the screen, then tap Edit to make updates.

You can edit your profile to [choose who you share music with](#) or to [choose music to share with your followers](#).

Delete your profile

You can delete your profile so that your playlists and music no longer appear in searches, and your music or profile isn't visible to your followers.

Note: Your Apple Music subscription, library, and playlists aren't affected if you delete your profile, but you're no longer able to see what your friends are listening to.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap View Profile at the top of the screen, then tap Edit.

4. Scroll to the bottom, then tap Delete Profile.

If you create your profile again within 90 days, your previous information and followers will be restored.

Note: If you delete your profile, it might take several minutes before it's no longer visible to your followers or in searches.

Share music with friends on iPad

After you [create an Apple Music profile](#), you can share music with your friends. You can allow anyone to follow you or just those you choose, and block others.

Choose music to share with your followers

By default, your followers see the playlists you create, but you can choose not to share some playlists.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap View Profile, tap Edit, then turn Shared Playlists on or off.

To share playlists with people who don't follow you, touch and hold a playlist, then tap Share Playlist.

Note: If you make changes to music you share—edit or stop sharing a playlist, for example—those changes are reflected on your followers' devices.

Hide music from your followers

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap View Profile.
4. Touch and hold the playlist or album (below Listening To).
5. Tap Hide from Profile.

The listening history for this item won't appear in your profile or be visible to the people who follow you. If you don't want your followers to see any of the music you listen to, tap Edit on the profile screen, then turn off Listening To at the bottom of the screen.

Note: It may take up to 10 minutes before music you hide is no longer visible to your followers.

To hide all the music you play from your followers on Apple Music, see [Tell Apple Music to ignore your listening habits](#).

Share your profile

You can share your profile using email, Messages, or another app you choose.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap View Profile.
4. Tap , tap Share, then choose a sharing option.

You can also share the profile of anyone you follow, or who follows you.

Choose who you share music with

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap View Profile, tap Edit, then tap People You Approve to be followed only by people you choose. (Everyone includes all Apple Music subscribers who have a profile.)

For additional privacy settings, see [Hide music from your followers](#).

Respond to follow requests

If someone requests to follow you, you can accept or decline the request. You receive requests only if you select People You Approve in your profile. See [Choose who you share music with](#).

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap Follow Requests, then accept or decline the requests.

You may receive follow requests in other ways—as a link in an email or a text message, for example. To accept, tap the link.

Turn on or off notifications about your friends' activity

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap Notifications, then turn on (or off) Friend Activity.

When the option is on, you get notified when friends follow you and add your playlists.

Prevent users from following you

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap View Profile, touch and hold a profile picture, then choose Block.

People you block won't see your music or be able to find your profile. They can still play your shared playlists if they added them to their library.

Report a concern

If you have a concern about a follower, touch and hold their profile picture, then tap Report a Concern.

See what friends are listening to in Music on iPad

After you [create an Apple Music profile](#), you can find and follow friends to see what they're listening to.

Choose how to find friends

Before you can choose which friends to share music with, you need to allow Music to access your contacts.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.

2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Do any of the following:
 - *Allow Apple Music access to your contacts:* Select the Contacts on Apple Music option so Apple Music can access your contacts and recommend new friends to you periodically.
 - *Allow friends to find you by Apple Account:* Select the Allow Finding by Apple Account option and friends who have your Apple Account information can see you as a recommended friend.

Follow friends

There are several ways to follow people:

- Add friends when you [set up a profile](#).
- After you set up your profile, swipe to the bottom of the profile screen, tap Follow More Friends, then tap Follow next to those you want to follow.

You can follow friends who are in your contacts list and who use Apple Music.

- On the profile screen, touch and hold a profile picture, then tap Follow.
- Tap Search, enter a friend's name, tap it in the results, then tap Follow.

Note: You can only find friends who have an Apple Music profile using Search. Additionally, you must be 13 years or older to view Apple Music profiles. (Age restrictions vary by region.)

To see the people you're following and those who follow you, open the profile screen, then swipe up.

If a profile picture has a lock on it, you need to ask that person to follow them. After your request is accepted, you see the person's shared playlists and the music they're listening to.

See what your friends are listening to

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Home in the sidebar, then do any of the following:
 - *See what your friends are listening to:* Scroll down to Friends Are Listening To, then tap an item to play it.
 - *Listen to a mix of songs your friends are listening to:* Swipe left on Made For You, then tap Friends Mix.
 - *See what a follower or person you follow is listening to:* Tap , tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar, then tap View Profile. Tap a person's profile picture to see shared playlists and music they're listening to. You also see their followers and the people they follow.

Stop following friends

You can stop following a friend if you no longer want to see what they're listening to.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap View Profile, touch and hold the profile picture of a person you follow, then tap Unfollow.

Find and play music

Find music

Search for music on iPad

Using Search, you can quickly browse through music categories, see recent searches, and search Apple Music or your library.

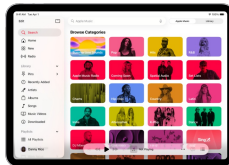
Tip: When you want to search, simply describe what you're looking for using natural language, such as "hit songs from movies" or "nostalgic songs from the '90s."

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Search in the sidebar, then do any of the following:
 - Tap a category such as Pop or Fitness.
 - Tap the search field to quickly find items you recently searched for—a song or artist, for example.
 - Tap the search field, tap Apple Music, then enter what you're searching for (such as a song, artist, or lyric).

Tip: You can search for a song in Apple Music based on its lyrics. In the search field, enter a few of the words you remember to find a song.

 - Tap the search field, tap Library, then enter what you're searching for (such as a song, album, or playlist).
3. Tap a result to play it.

[Ask Siri](#) something like, "Play the song with the lyrics" and then say a key phrase from the lyrics. [Learn how to use Siri.](#)



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Find music shared with you on iPad

When a friend [shares music with you in the Messages app](#), you can easily find it in Shared with You in the Music app.

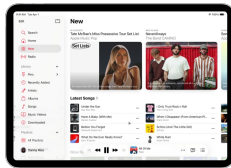
Note: Music must be turned on in Settings  > Apps > Messages > Shared with You, and your friend must be in your contacts list in Contacts.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.

2. Tap Home in the sidebar, swipe up to Shared with You, then do any of the following:
 - Tap a song to listen to it.
 - Tap the name of the person, people, or group that shared the song to reply to them using Messages.
 - Touch and hold the song to take other actions—for example, add it to your library, create a station, reply to the sender, or remove it.

Find new music with Apple Music on iPad

When you [subscribe to Apple Music](#), you can browse new and noteworthy music, music videos, playlists, and more.



Discover new releases, featured music, and more

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap New to find new music, then do any of the following:
 - *Explore featured music:* Swipe through featured songs and videos at the top of the screen.
 - *Browse playlists created by music experts:* Tap one of the many playlists created by music experts.
 - *Explore new music:* Tap a song below the Latest Songs heading or swipe through the albums listed below New Releases.
 - *See what's hot:* Tap a song below the Trending Songs heading. Swipe left to see more songs.
 - *Listen to the top songs from around the world:* Tap one of the Daily Top 100 playlists. These playlists reflect the day's most popular songs in countries across the globe.
 - *Listen to songs from upcoming albums:* Tap an album below Coming Soon, then tap an available song to play it.
 - *Watch music videos:* Tap Music Videos, then tap a featured music video or playlist of music videos.
 - *Play the day's most popular songs:* Tap Charts, then tap a song, playlist, album, or music video to play it. Tap All Genres at the top of the screen to see the top songs and music videos in a genre you choose.
 - *Browse your favorite genres:* Tap Browse by Genre, choose a genre, then tap a featured playlist, song, album, artist, or radio station to enjoy music handpicked by music experts.
 - *Play music that matches your mood:* Tap Moods and Activities, then tap a playlist such as Feel Good, Romance, or Party.

Note: To see more music, swipe left on the album art. To see all the music in a section—New Releases, for example—tap > next to the section's name.

Discover your most-played music of the year

For every year you've subscribed to Apple Music (and played enough music to become eligible), Apple Music creates a Replay personal chart, ranking the songs you've played the most.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Home, swipe down to Replay: Your Top Music, then tap an option (for example, a year).

You can also see all your insights throughout the year on your iPad or at replay.music.apple.com. See the Apple Support article [How to get your Apple Music Replay](#).

Discover music you've never played before

Using your listening history and taste profile, Apple Music recommends music you may like that you've never played before.

[Ask Siri](#) something like, "Play my Discovery Station." [Learn how to use Siri](#).

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Home in the sidebar, then swipe down to Stations for You.
3. Tap Discovery Station.

Turn on or off new music notifications

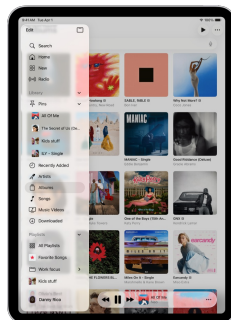
1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap your name at the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Tap Notifications, then turn on (or off) New Music.

Play music

Play music on iPad

Play music you added or downloaded from Apple Music, music and videos you synced to iPad, and your iTunes Store purchases.

You can use Siri to search for and play music, add music to your library, and more. For example, [ask Siri](#) something like, "Play something I like." See [Play music and podcasts with Siri](#).



Play songs from your library

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.

2. Tap , then tap a category under Library, such as Albums or Songs; tap Downloaded to view only music stored on iPad.

Tip: To play songs across an artist's catalog—mixing hits and deep cuts—go to an artist page, then tap  next to the artist's name.

3. Scroll to browse—or type in the search field to filter your results—to find what you want to play.
4. Tap an item, then tap Play, or tap Shuffle to shuffle an album or playlist.

You can also touch and hold a playlist or album, then tap Play.

To change the list of Library categories, tap Edit, then select categories you'd like to add, such as Genres and Compilations. Tap any existing categories to remove them.

Stream recommended songs

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Do any of the following to find music you want to play:
 - *View recommendations tailored for you:* Tap Home in the sidebar, then tap a playlist or album.
 - *See what's new in Apple Music:* Tap New in the sidebar, then find music by mood, new releases, charts, and more.
 - *Search the Apple Music catalog:* See [Search for music](#).
3. Tap an item, then tap Play, or tap Shuffle to shuffle an album or playlist.

You can also touch and hold a playlist or album, then tap Play.

Play music from the Lock Screen or when using another app

[Open Control Center](#), then tap the audio card.

Tip: You can also identify a song playing on or near your iPad by [adding the Music Recognition control to Control Center](#). [Open Control Center](#), tap + at the top left, tap Add a Control at the bottom, then tap the Recognize Music control. With a song playing, open Control Center, then tap .



Play music shared on a nearby computer

If a computer on your network shares music through Home Sharing, you can stream its music to your iPad.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Music.
3. Tap Sign In below Home Sharing, then sign in to your Apple Account.
4. Go to the Music app , tap Library > Home Sharing, then choose a shared library.

Sort your music

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap a category under Library.
3. Tap , then choose a sorting method, such as Title, Artist, Date Added, or Release Date.

You can also [shuffle and repeat songs](#), [queue them up in a specific order](#), or [transition them](#) using Crossfade or [AutoMix](#).

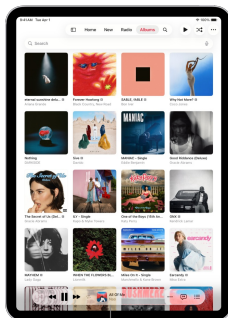
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Use the music player controls on iPad

You can play and control music in the Music app  in two different ways—the MiniPlayer and the Now Playing screen.

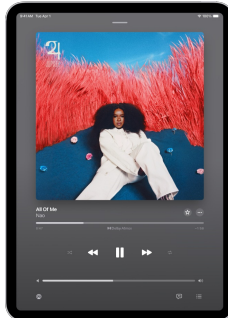
Use the MiniPlayer

The MiniPlayer shows the song that's currently playing. You can use the MiniPlayer to play or pause music, or skip to the next track.



Tap the MiniPlayer to open the Now Playing screen.

Use the controls in the Now Playing screen



1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the MiniPlayer to open to the Now Playing screen.

3. Do any of the following:

- *Adjust the volume:* Drag the volume slider.

You can also use the volume buttons on the side of iPad.
- *Scrub to any point in a song:* Drag the playhead.
- *Navigate to the artist, album, or playlist:* Tap the artist name below the song title, then choose an option.
- *Turn animated album cover art on or off:* Go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then tap Animated Art and choose an option.

For additional control over your music, tap any of these buttons:

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	Dismiss the Now Playing screen.
	Mark the song as a favorite. See Mark items as favorites .
	Tap for more options.
	Tap to play your songs in random order (shuffle).
	Tap to repeat an album, playlist, or the entire queue. (Or double-tap to repeat a single song.)
	Tap to use AutoPlay, which adds similar songs and plays them at the end of the queue.
	Tap to use AutoMix , which seamlessly transitions between songs, like a DJ. (Available for Apple Music subscribers.)
	Tap to use Crossfade, which fades in each song (gradually increase its volume) while the previous song is fading out.
	Tap when you need help pronouncing or translating the lyrics. This button only appears when a translation or pronunciation is available that matches your iPad device's Preferred Languages list. (You can view this list and add languages directly to it in Settings  > General > Language & Region.) Not available in all languages.



Go back to the beginning of the song. Tap again to play the previous song in an album or playlist. Touch and hold to rewind through the current song.



Pause playback.



Play the current song.



Skip to the next song. Touch and hold to fast-forward through the current song.



Show time-synced lyrics (lyrics not available for all songs).



Stream music to Bluetooth or AirPlay-enabled devices.



[Show the queue.](#)

Stream music to Bluetooth[®] or AirPlay-enabled devices

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the MiniPlayer to open the Now Playing screen.
3. Tap , then choose a device.

See [Play audio on HomePod and other wireless speakers](#).

Note: You can play the same music on multiple AirPlay 2-enabled devices, such as two or more HomePod speakers. You can also pair two sets of AirPods to one iPad and enjoy the same song or movie along with a friend. See [Play audio on multiple AirPlay 2-enabled devices](#) in this user guide and [Share audio with AirPods and Beats headphones](#) in the AirPods User Guide.

Play lossless audio in Music on iPad

[Apple Music subscribers](#) can access millions of tracks encoded using lossless audio compression.

Lossless compression is a form of compression that preserves all of the original data. Apple has developed its own lossless audio compression technology called Apple Lossless Audio Codec (ALAC). The entire Apple Music catalog is encoded using ALAC in resolutions ranging from 16-bit/44.1 kHz (CD Quality) up to 24-bit/192 kHz.

What you need to know about lossless in Apple Music

- Streaming lossless audio over a cellular or Wi-Fi network consumes significantly more data. And downloading lossless audio uses significantly more space on your device. Higher resolutions use more data than lower ones.
- AirPods, AirPods Pro, AirPods Max, and Beats wireless headphones use Apple AAC Bluetooth Codec to ensure excellent audio quality. However, Bluetooth® connections aren't lossless.
- To get a lossless version of music that you already downloaded from Apple Music, just delete the music and redownload it from the Apple Music catalog.
- To play songs at sample rates higher than 48 kHz on iPad, you need an external digital-to-analog converter.

Note: Apple Music and lossless aren't available in all countries or regions. See the Apple Support article [Availability of Apple Media Services](#).

Turn on Lossless Audio and choose audio quality settings

You can choose audio quality settings for cellular streaming, Wi-Fi streaming, and downloads.

1. Go to Settings  > Apps > Music.
2. Tap Audio Quality, then tap Lossless Audio to turn it on or off.
3. Choose the audio quality for streaming and downloading audio.
 - Choose Lossless for a maximum resolution of 24-bit/48 kHz.
 - Choose Hi-Res Lossless for a maximum resolution of 24-bit/192 kHz.

The audio quality of streamed music depends on song availability, network conditions, and the capability of connected headphones or speakers.

Identify lossless music

The Lossless icon  appears on album pages when the music is available in lossless audio.

To see the Lossless icon for music on the Now Playing screen, go to Settings  > Apps > Music > Audio Quality, then turn on Lossless Audio.

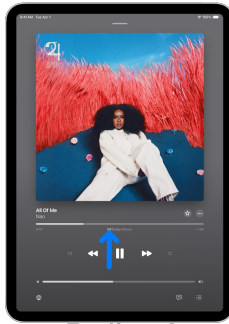
For more information, see the Apple Support article [About lossless audio in Apple Music](#).

Play music in Spatial Audio with Dolby Atmos on iPad

[If you subscribe to Apple Music](#), you can play available tracks in Dolby Atmos, which creates an immersive, three-dimensional (*spatial*) audio experience on stereo headphones and speakers or receivers compatible with Dolby Atmos.

Albums available in Dolby Atmos have the Dolby icon  next to them. If a track is playing in Dolby Atmos, the icon also appears on the Now Playing screen.

Note: Apple Music and Dolby Atmos aren't available in all countries or regions. See the Apple Support article [Availability of Apple Media Services](#).



Turn on Dolby Atmos

1. Go to Settings  > Apps > Music.
2. Tap Dolby Atmos, then choose Automatic or Always On.
 - *Automatic*: Plays Dolby Atmos whenever iPad is connected to compatible headphones such as AirPods 3, AirPods Pro, or AirPods Max, or to speakers or receivers compatible with Dolby Atmos.
 - *Always On*: Plays Dolby Atmos on any headphones or speakers. The Music app will attempt to play Dolby Atmos tracks on any headphones or speakers connected to iPad.

Dolby Atmos will play on any headphones, but not all speakers will play Dolby Atmos as intended.

Control Spatial Audio and head tracking on iPad

When you play supported music on your iPad with AirPods 3, AirPods Pro, or AirPods Max, you can use Spatial Audio and head tracking to create an immersive, theater-like environment with sound that surrounds you. Follow these steps to control Spatial Audio and head tracking in Control Center.

1. Wear your AirPods, then [open Control Center](#).
2. Touch and hold the volume control, then tap Spatial Audio at the lower right.
3. Tap one of the following:
 - *Off*: Turns off both Spatial Audio and head tracking.
 - *Fixed*: Turns on Spatial Audio without head tracking.
 - *Head Tracked*: Turns on both Spatial Audio and head tracking. This setting allows the sound to follow the movement of your head.

The settings you choose are saved and applied automatically the next time you use that app. For example, if you tap Fixed while listening to a song in Apple Music, the Fixed setting is automatically used the next time you play a song in Apple Music.

Note: To disable head tracking for all apps on your iPad, go to Settings  > Accessibility > AirPods, tap your AirPods, then turn off Follow iPad.

Download songs in Dolby Atmos

1. Go to Settings  > Apps > Music.
2. Turn on Download in Dolby Atmos.

For more information, see the Apple Support article [About Spatial Audio with Dolby Atmos in Apple Music](#).

Listen to radio stations in Music on iPad

Apple Music features six world-class radio stations (Apple Music 1, Apple Music Hits, Apple Music Country, Apple Music Club, Apple Música Uno, and Apple Music Chill), as well as a collection of stations based on different genres. These stations provide a great way to explore and enjoy new music or keep up with your favorites.

[Ask Siri](#) something like, "Play Apple Music 1." [Learn how to use Siri.](#)

You can also create your own custom stations, based on your pick of artist, song, or genre.

In addition to radio, you can play Apple Music TV, a free, 24-hour curated livestream of popular new music videos that includes exclusive premieres, music video blocks, live shows and events, chart countdowns, and more.

Play Apple Music radio

You must be signed in to your Apple Account, but you don't need to [subscribe to Apple Music](#), to play live Apple Music radio stations and Apple Music TV.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Radio in the sidebar, then tap one of the currently playing Apple Music radio stations.

Note: Because Apple Music radio stations are live radio, you can't rewind or skip songs.

Choose a radio station by genre

You must [subscribe to Apple Music](#) to play curated radio stations, such as Stations by Genre.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Radio in the sidebar, then tap a genre listed below More to Explore.
3. Tap a featured station.

Create a station

You can create a radio station based on a particular artist or song. Chances are, if you like that artist or song, you'll like the music the station plays.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Touch and hold an artist or song.
3. Tap Create Station.

To create a station in Now Playing, tap , then tap Create Station.

Play broadcast radio stations

[Ask Siri](#) something like, "Play R&B Now Radio." [Learn how to use Siri.](#)

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Do any of the following:
 - *Search for a station:* Tap Search, enter the station in the search field, then tap a result to play the station.

You can search for stations by name, call sign, frequency, and nickname.
 - *Choose a station in the Radio tab:* Tap Radio in the sidebar, swipe up, then choose a station below the Local Broadcasters or International Broadcasters heading.

Note: You don't need a subscription to Apple Music to play broadcast radio. Broadcast radio isn't available in all countries or regions and not all stations are available in all countries or regions.

Play music together using SharePlay on iPad

You can use SharePlay while playing music on a HomePod, Apple TV, or other third-party Bluetooth® speaker, and everyone can control the music with their iPad.

Before you begin

- The host must have an iPad with iPadOS 18 or later and be an Apple Music subscriber.
- Participants must have an iPad with iPadOS 18 or later, but don't need to have an Apple Music subscription.
- Everyone must have an internet connection and Bluetooth turned on.
- Everyone must allow their contacts to discover them when playing music to a speaker—go to Settings > Apps > Music, then turn on Discoverable by Nearby Contacts if it isn't on already.

Start SharePlay from Music on your iPad

To use SharePlay to play music together, you (the host) start on your iPad.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen.
3. Tap , then select a playback destination.

The music starts playing to the device you selected. See [Stream video and audio with AirPlay](#).

4. Tap the MiniPlayer to open the Now Playing screen, then tap .

A QR code appears; tap the QR code to enlarge it.

5. To begin controlling the music, participants can scan the QR code on your iPad.

Join SharePlay with the iPad camera

1. Go to the Camera app  on your iPad.
2. Point the camera at the QR code on an iPad that's already joined SharePlay.

A button appears below the picture of the QR code.

3. Tap the button, then tap Connect.

The host receives a notification and must tap  on their iPad to allow you to join.

Tip: After you approve a participant to join SharePlay, they're automatically approved the next time they join.

Leave SharePlay

Tap  at the bottom of the Now Playing screen, then tap Leave.

Play music together in the car using SharePlay and

CarPlay on iPad

Using SharePlay and CarPlay, you and your passengers can all control the music that's playing in the car.

Passengers can join SharePlay in two ways: by tapping a notification on their iPad or by scanning a QR code, either on the CarPlay Now Playing screen or on the Now Playing screen of another passenger's iPad.

Before you begin

- The driver must have an iPad with iPadOS 17 or later and be an Apple Music subscriber.
- Passengers must have an iPad with iPadOS 17 or later, but don't need to have an Apple Music subscription.
- Everyone must allow their contacts to discover them when playing music in the car—go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then turn on Discoverable by Nearby Contacts if it isn't on already.

Start SharePlay with CarPlay on your iPad

To use SharePlay in the car, you and your passengers each play a part.

1. Begin playing music from your iPad using CarPlay.

A notification appears on the Lock Screen of passengers' iPad devices. After they tap Connect, you receive a notification in CarPlay.

2. Tap a passenger's name, then tap  to allow the passenger to choose and stream music from your iPad.

After you approve a passenger, they can join SharePlay in the future without going through the same process unless you end their access.

Use a QR code to join SharePlay

You can also let passengers join SharePlay over Bluetooth® by scanning a QR code.

1. On the Now Playing screen in CarPlay, tap .

A QR code appears on the CarPlay screen.

2. Ask a passenger to open the Camera app on their iPad and point the camera at the QR code.

A button appears below the picture of the QR code on their iPad to request a connection to SharePlay. The passenger taps the button, then taps Connect.

3. Tap  on the CarPlay screen to allow the passenger to join.

Use a QR code to add other passengers

If you're a passenger using SharePlay to control music in a car, you can invite other passengers while the driver focuses on the road.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Open the Now Playing screen, then tap  at the bottom of the screen.

A SharePlay window appears, listing all the participants as well as a QR code for joining.

3. Ask a passenger to open the Camera app on their iPad and point the camera at the QR code, tap the button that appears below the code, then tap Connect.

The driver taps  on the CarPlay screen to allow the passenger to join.

Leave or end SharePlay in the car

- *If you're a passenger:* Tap  at the bottom of Now Playing, then tap Leave.
- *If you're the driver:* Tap End on the CarPlay screen.

Queue up your music on iPad

Use the queue to see a list of upcoming songs, add songs and videos to the queue, and see what you recently played.

Use the queue

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen.
3. Tap , then tap a song to play it and the songs that follow.

To reorder the list, drag . To do more, see [Manage the queue](#).

4. Tap  again to hide the queue.

Add music and videos to the queue

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While browsing or playing music, touch and hold a song, album, playlist, or video, then choose an option:
 - *Add music right after the currently playing item:* Tap Play Next.
 - *Add music to the end of the queue:* Tap Play After or Add to Queue.

Tip: If you're using HomePod to stream music and your friends are on [the same Wi-Fi network](#), they can add items to the queue. To learn more about HomePod speaker access, see the [HomePod User Guide](#).

Use AutoPlay to add songs to the queue

If [you're an Apple Music subscriber](#) and you're not sure what to play next, use AutoPlay. Once you play something, AutoPlay adds similar songs and plays them at the end of the queue. When AutoPlay is on and a song is playing, the AutoPlay icon  appears at the top of the queue.



1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen.

3. Tap , then tap  at the top of the queue to turn AutoPlay on.

When AutoPlay is on, the button changes color. Tap it again to turn it off.

Note: When you turn off AutoPlay on a device that uses your Apple Account—your iPad, for example—AutoPlay is turned off on all other devices that use the same Apple Account.

Manage the queue

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen.
3. Tap , then do any of the following:
 - *Change the order of songs in the queue:* Drag the songs into the order you want them to play.
 - *Add more songs to the queue:* Scroll below the queue, then tap Add Songs to Queue.
 - *Remove a song from the queue:* Swipe left on the song, then tap Remove.
 - *See how many songs are in the queue:* Scroll to the bottom of the queue.

When [multiple songs are repeating](#), you can see how many songs will be repeated instead.

- *Remove all songs from the queue:* Tap Clear at the top of the queue.

Tip: If you're using HomePod to stream music and your friends are on [the same Wi-Fi network](#), they can reorder items in the queue. To learn more about HomePod speaker access, see the [HomePod User Guide](#).

See what you recently played

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen.
3. Tap , then swipe down to see your playing history.

To play a song in the history, tap it. To remove your playing history, tap Clear.

Turn on or off song transitions in the queue

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , then tap  or  in the top-right corner to turn on or off [AutoMix](#) or Crossfade.

To change between AutoMix or Crossfade, see [Change how music transitions](#).

Transition songs in Music on iPad

Use AutoMix or Crossfade to transition songs seamlessly.

Change how music transitions

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Music.

3. Tap Song Transitions, then choose an option.

About AutoMix

If you're using iPadOS 26 or later and listening to music from the [Apple Music catalog](#), AutoMix seamlessly transitions between songs, like a DJ.

AutoMix automatically selects the best transition, depending on the music. For example, AutoMix might remove silence at the beginning and end of a track, or perform a simple crossfade, rather than a more complex transition, when appropriate.

Note: Albums and some genres play without transitions.

AutoMix is on by default, but you can turn it off, either [in the queue](#), or in Settings.

Turn on Crossfade

You can set the Music app to fade in each song (gradually increase its volume) while the previous song is fading out—this is called *crossfading*.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Music.
3. Tap Song Transitions, then turn it on.
4. Tap Crossfade, then drag the slider to choose the length of the crossfade.

Shuffle or repeat songs in Music on iPad

You can shuffle all songs and albums in your library (play them in random order) or just shuffle a playlist or album. You can also repeat individual songs, playlists, or albums.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen.
3. Tap , then do any of the following:
 - *Play your songs in random order (shuffle):* Tap . Tap again to turn off shuffle.
 - *Repeat an album, playlist, or the entire queue:* Tap .

Note: When multiple songs are repeating, you can view how many songs will be repeated—just scroll to the bottom of the queue.

- *Repeat a single song:* Double-tap .

Sing along with Apple Music on iPad

[Apple Music subscribers](#) can use Apple Music Sing to view real-time, beat-by-beat lyrics for select songs, as well as adjust the volume of a song's vocals—allowing you to sing along with the music while viewing the lyrics as they're highlighted.

Apple Music Sing is available on iPad Pro 11-inch (3rd generation and later), iPad Air (4th generation and later), iPad mini (A17 Pro), iPad mini (6th generation), and iPad (9th generation and later) using iPadOS 16.2 or later.

Adjust the volume of a song's vocals

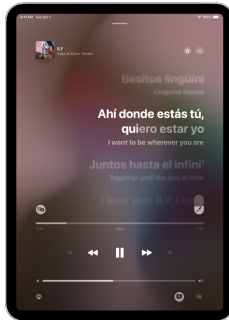
1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen, then tap .
3. Touch and hold , then drag the slider up or down to adjust the vocal volume.

When you need help pronouncing or translating the lyrics, tap , then choose Show Pronunciation or Show Translation. The Translation and Pronunciation button  only appears when a translation or pronunciation is available that matches your iPad device's Preferred Languages list. (You can view this list and add languages directly to it in Settings  > General > Language & Region.) Not available in all languages.

Tip: You can have either the lyrics or the pronunciation appear in larger text. Go to Settings  > General > Apps > Music.

4. To turn off Apple Music Sing for the song, tap the slider.

If you're listening to a song playing with Dolby Atmos and you turn on Apple Music Sing, Dolby Atmos turns off and the song plays without surround sound. If you turn off Apple Music Sing, the song plays with Dolby Atmos.



Sing onscreen with visual effects on Apple TV 4K

You can use your iPad as a Continuity Camera to see yourself singing onscreen along with the lyrics. You can add visual effects to your image and lyrics, which enhances the singalong experience.

See [Use your iPad as a webcam for Apple TV](#) and [Use Apple Music Sing on Apple TV](#) in the Apple TV User Guide.

"Ily" written by Juan David Loaiza "Kapo," Orlando J. Cepeda Matos, Julio "Bati" Emmanuel Batista Ramos, Juan Diego Medina Vélez, Julian Turizo, Miguel Angel Diaz Velez, and Daniel Rondon.

Show song credits and lyrics on iPad

When you [subscribe to Apple Music](#), you can show song credits and view and share lyrics.

Show song credits

You can view song credits that include performing artists, composition and lyrics, production and engineering roles, and available audio quality.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.

2. Do one of the following:

- While a song is playing, tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen, tap , then tap View Credits.
- Tap  next to a song in a list, then tap View Credits.

Show and hide time-synced lyrics

Time-synced lyrics appear for many songs in Apple Music.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen, then tap .
3. Do any of the following:
 - *Jump to a certain verse*: Tap a specific lyric—the first line of the chorus, for example—to go to that part of the song.
 - *Get help pronouncing or translating the lyrics*: Tap , then choose Show Pronunciation or Show Translation.

The Translation and Pronunciation button  only appears when a translation or pronunciation is available that matches your iPad device's Preferred Languages list. (You can view this list and add languages directly to it in Settings  > General > Language & Region.) Not available in all languages.

Tip: You can have either the lyrics or the pronunciation appear in larger text. Go to Settings  > General > Apps > Music.

- *See all of a song's lyrics*: Tap , tap View Credits, then tap View Lyrics.

4. To hide the lyrics, tap .

Share lyrics

You can share up to 150 characters of a song's lyrics if time-synced lyrics are available.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. While a song is playing, tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen.
3. Tap , then tap Share Lyrics.

You can also touch and hold a lyrics line to open the sharing screen.

4. Tap the first and last lyrics you want to share, then choose a sharing option.

Report a concern

To report a concern about time-synced lyrics, tap , then tap Report a Concern.

Tell Apple Music what you enjoy on iPad

You can make a song or album a favorite so that you can easily find and play it again later. If you dislike a song or album, you receive fewer suggestions for similar music.

Tell Apple Music what you enjoy

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.

2. Do any of the following:
 - Touch and hold an album, playlist, or song, then tap Favorite or Suggest Less.
 - On the Now Playing screen, tap , then tap Favorite or Suggest Less.

Telling Apple Music what you like and dislike improves future recommendations.

Rate music in your library

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Music.
3. Turn on Show Star Ratings.

Note: This option only appears if you already added a star rating to a song in your music library on your Mac or Windows device, and Sync Library is enabled on your iPad (go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then turn on Sync Library).

4. Go to the Music app , touch and hold a song in your library, tap Rate Song, then choose a rating from one to five stars.

Song ratings sync to all devices that are signed in to the same Apple Account.

Adjust the sound quality in Music on iPad

Change the way music sounds in the Music app  with EQ and Sound Check.

WARNING: For important information about avoiding hearing loss, see [Important safety information](#).

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Music.
3. Tap one of the following:
 - *EQ:* Choose an equalization (EQ) setting.
 - *Sound Check:* Normalize the volume level of your audio.

Organize songs in playlists

Intro to playlists in Music on iPad

A playlist is a custom compilation of songs and music videos. You might want to create a playlist to do the following:

- Suit a specific mood or occasion. For example, you could create a playlist for a dinner party, a wedding, or your morning workout.
- Select certain songs to share with others on your local network or to sync with your Mac or Windows device.
- Organize your music library.

When you [subscribe to Apple Music](#), there are a few other types of playlists available:

- *Favorite Songs playlist*: See [Mark items as favorites](#).
- *Playlists created by any Apple Music contributor*: See [Add music and listen offline](#).
- *Playlists created by other subscribers that you follow*: See [See what your friends are listening to](#).
- *Special playlists (like Replay)*: See [Discover your most-played music of the year](#).
- *Collaborative playlists*: See [Collaborate on a playlist](#) and [Join a collaborative playlist](#).

Changes you make to your music library (creating playlists or playlist folders, for example) are updated across all your devices when Sync Library is turned on (go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then turn on Sync Library). If you're not an Apple Music subscriber, the changes appear in your library the next time you [sync with your computer](#).

[Ask Siri](#) something like, "Add this song to my Workout playlist" while playing a song or album. [Learn how to use Siri](#).

Create, edit, and delete music playlists on iPad

You can create playlists to suit specific moods or to organize songs with a certain theme.

Create playlists to organize your music

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. To create a new playlist, tap New Playlist below Playlists in the sidebar.
3. Enter a playlist title.
4. To give your playlist cover art, tap , then take a photo, choose an image from your photo library, or choose a file on your device.
5. Tap , then tap Add Music.

You can search for music, select music from your library, or choose songs listed at the bottom of the screen.

6. Tap  to add music to the playlist.

Tip: If you want to add songs to your library when you add them to a playlist, go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then turn on Add Playlist Songs.

Add music to a playlist

After you create a playlist, you can add music to it in several ways.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Touch and hold an album, playlist, song, or music video, tap Add to a Playlist, then choose a playlist.
 - From the Now Playing screen, tap , tap Add to a Playlist, then choose a playlist.

Edit a playlist

You can rename playlists, change the artwork, add and remove songs, and more.

Note: The owner of a [collaborative playlist](#) can make any changes to the playlist. Other participants can only add, remove, or reorder songs in the playlist.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap the playlist, tap , tap Edit, then do any of the following:
 - *Rename the playlist:* Tap the current name, then enter a new name.
 - *Edit cover art:* Select from a variety of Apple templates or tap  to add your own.
 - *Show (or hide) the playlist in your Apple Music profile:* Turn on (or off) the "Show in My Profile and in Search" option.
 - *Add songs from your library:* Tap , navigate to any place in your library, then tap  next to the song.

You can also touch and hold an item (song, album, playlist, or music video), tap Add to a Playlist, then choose a playlist.

- *Add a Suggested Song:* Tap , swipe below the Library options, then tap  next to the song.

Suggested Songs also appears at the bottom of your playlist song list. To refresh the list of suggestions, tap .

- *Delete a song:* Tap the song, then tap . Deleting a song from a playlist doesn't delete it from your library.
- *Change the song order:* Drag  next to a song.

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Sort a playlist

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap a playlist, then tap  at the top right of the screen.
3. Tap Sort By, then choose an option.

Delete a playlist

If you delete a playlist, the songs in the playlist remain in your library and on your iPad. If you're the owner of a collaborative playlist and you delete it, the collaboration ends and the playlist is removed from your library, but it remains in the participants' library.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Touch and hold the playlist, then tap Delete from Library.

You can also tap the playlist, tap , then tap Delete from Library.

Collaborate on playlists

Collaborate on a playlist in Music on iPad

If you [subscribe to Apple Music](#), you can share a playlist and collaborate on it with others. Everyone can add, remove, and reorder music and react with emoji to songs in the [collaborative playlist](#).

Note: Apple Music isn't available in all countries or regions. See the Apple Support article [Availability of Apple Media Services](#).

Invite others to collaborate on a playlist

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap a playlist, then tap .
3. To approve people before they can join, turn on Approve Collaborators.

If you don't turn on this option, anyone with the link can join the collaborative playlist.

4. Tap Start Collaborating, then choose a sharing method, such as AirDrop, Messages, or Mail, to send a link to the playlist.

The person who receives the link must tap Join Playlist to start collaborating.

If you're the owner and you turn on Approve Collaborators, notifications appear in the top-right corner when a new person requests to join the collaborative playlist.

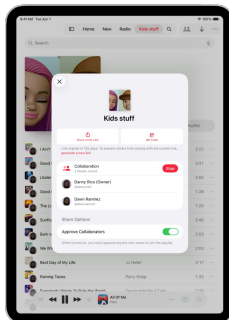
Add more people to collaborate on a playlist

If you're the owner of a collaborative playlist, or the owner hasn't turned on Approve Collaborators, you can share the link to the playlist with more people.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap a collaborative playlist, tap , then do one of the following:
 - *Add someone who is nearby:* Tap QR Code. Others can join the playlist by using the camera on their iPad to scan the code displayed on your iPad.
 - *Add someone else:* Tap "generate a new link" (if necessary), tap Share Invite Link, then follow the steps to [invite others to collaborate on a playlist](#).

Manage shared settings for a collaborative playlist

If you're the owner, you can change access and permissions for individuals or for everyone after you've started collaborating on a playlist.



1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.

2. Tap a collaborative playlist, tap , then do any of the following:
 - *Invite others:* See [Add more people to collaborate on a playlist](#).

Note: If you didn't turn on Approve Collaborators, anyone collaborating on the playlist can share the link to the collaborative playlist.
 - *Approve people before they can join:* Turn on Approve Collaborators.
 - *Accept request:* Tap  to allow the person to join the collaborative playlist.
 - *Decline request:* Tap  if you don't want the person to join the collaborative playlist.

Stop collaborating on a playlist with one or more people

If you're the owner, you can remove people from the playlist or stop collaborating on it altogether.

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap a collaborative playlist, tap , then do any of the following:
 - *Remove one person:* Swipe left on the person's name, then tap Remove.
 - *Stop collaborating on a playlist:* Tap Stop.

Remove yourself from a collaborative playlist

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap a collaborative playlist, tap , then tap Leave.

Join a collaborative playlist in Music on iPad

If you [subscribe to Apple Music](#) and someone invites you to collaborate on a playlist, you can join it and then add, remove, or reorder music in the [collaborative playlist](#) and react to songs with emoji.

Note: Apple Music isn't available in all countries or regions. See the Apple Support article [Availability of Apple Media Services](#).

1. On your iPad, tap the link you received, then tap Join or Request to Join (if the owner of the collaborative playlist must approve you first).
2. Do any of the following:
 - *Add a song, change the order of songs, or remove an item:* See [Edit a playlist](#).
 - *React to a song with emoji:* See [Add a reaction to a collaborative playlist](#).
 - *Invite others with a link:* Tap Share Invite Link. See [Add more people to collaborate on a playlist](#).

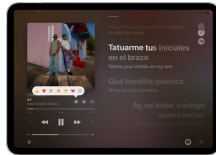
Note: If you're the owner of a collaborative playlist, or the owner hasn't turned on Approve Collaborators, you can share the link to the playlist.

Add a reaction to a collaborative playlist in Music on iPad

If you [subscribe to Apple Music](#) and you join a [collaborative playlist](#), you can react to songs in the playlist with emoji.

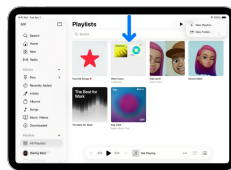
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1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap a collaborative playlist, then tap the [MiniPlayer](#) to open the Now Playing screen.
3. Tap , then choose a reaction (for example, a thumbs up emoji) or tap  to find a specific emoji.



Organize playlists in folders in Music on iPad

You can create folders for your playlists to keep them organized.



Create a new playlist folder

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
2. Tap , tap All Playlists.
3. Tap  at the top right, then tap New Folder.
4. Type a name for the folder, then tap Create.

To rename a folder, tap  at the top right, tap Rename, then type the new name.

Add or remove items from a playlist folder

1. Go to the Music app  on your iPad.
 2. Tap , touch and hold a playlist or folder, then tap "Move to."
- Tip:** You can also drag a playlist or folder into another folder.
3. Tap the folder, then tap Move.

If a playlist is already in a folder and you want to move it back to the main Playlists list, don't select a folder—just tap Move.

Tip: You can create a new folder and move a playlist into it—just touch and hold a playlist in your library, tap "Move to," then tap New Folder.

Changes you make to your playlist folders are updated across all your devices when Sync Library is turned on (go to Settings  > Apps > Music, then turn on Sync Library). If you're not an Apple Music subscriber, the changes appear in your music library the next time you [sync with your computer](#).

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