

Give Commands with Siri

Often, speaking is easier than using your iPhone's touch screen — especially when you are out and about or on the move. The iPhone's powerful Siri feature enables you to take essential actions by using your voice to tell your iPhone what you want. Siri requires an Internet connection, because the speech recognition runs on servers in Apple's data center.

You can use Siri either with the iPhone's built-in microphone or with the microphone on the headset. Unless you are in a quiet environment, or you hold your iPhone close to your face, the headset microphone gives much better results than the built-in microphone.

Open Siri

From the Home screen or any app, press the Home button or the headset clicker button for several seconds. The Siri screen appears. A tone indicates that Siri is ready to take your commands.



Send an E-Mail Message

Say “E-mail” and the contact’s name, followed by the message. Siri creates an e-mail message to the contact and enters the text. Review the message, and then tap **Send** to send it.



Send a Text Message

Say “Tell” and the contact’s name. When Siri responds, say the message you want to send. For example, say “Tell Chris Smith” and then “I’m stuck in traffic but I’ll be there in an hour.” Siri creates a text message to the contact, enters the text, and sends the message.

You can also say “tell” and the contact’s name followed immediately by the message. For example, “Tell Bill Sykes the package will arrive at 10 a.m.”



Set a Reminder for Yourself

Say “Remind me” and the details of what you want Siri to remind you of. For example, say “Remind me to take my iPad to Acme Industries tomorrow morning.” Siri listens to what you say and creates a reminder. Check what Siri has written, and then tap **Confirm** if it is correct.



Set an Alarm

Say “Set an alarm for 5 a.m.” and check the alarm that Siri displays.



Set Up a Meeting

Say “Meet with” and the contact’s name, followed by brief details of the appointment. For example, say “Meet with Don Williamson for lunch at noon on Friday.” Siri listens, sends a meeting invitation to the contact if it finds an e-mail address, and adds the meeting to your calendar.

