

Dictation tool, iOS 9.3.2

Introduction

Dictate is a tool that is built into iOS, using the Siri engine, that converts speech into text instead of entering it using a keyboard. This tool is only available when connected to the internet.

Learning Objectives

Completion of this tutorial will give you experience with the following:

- Look up the definition of a word with a single click or with a keyboard command
- Add additional dictionaries (including foreign languages)


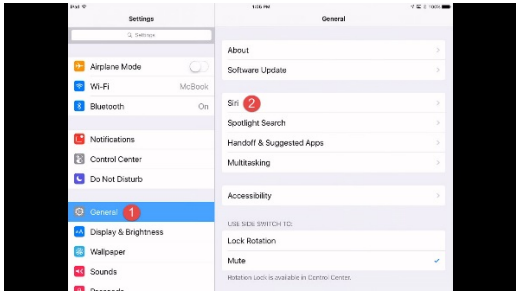
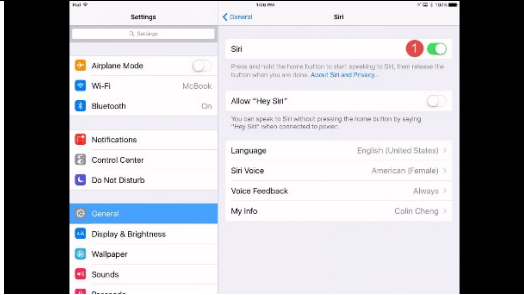
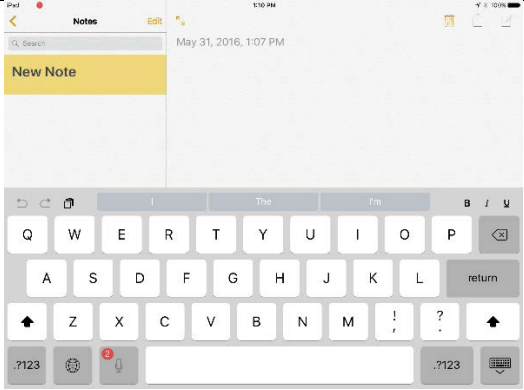
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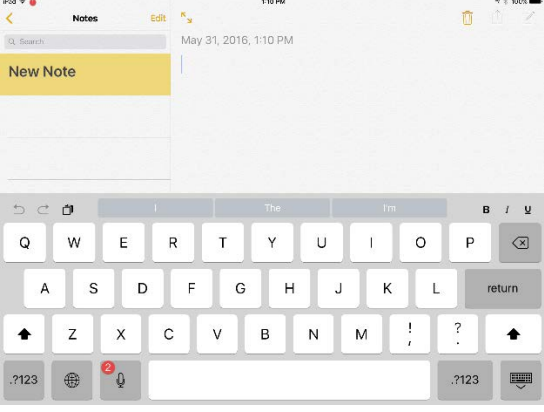
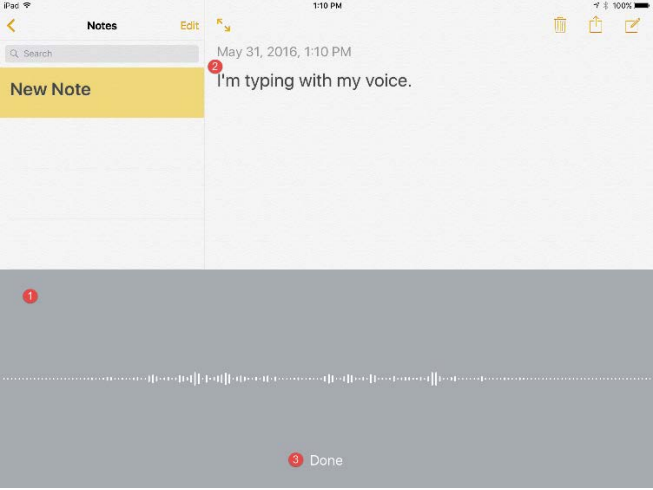
- that you have an iOS device that supports the Siri voice engine (iPad 3+, iPhone 4s+ or iPod touch 5G)
- that you have at a minimum, iOS5 installed on your device
- your device is connected to the internet

Case Study

Hamish has difficulties putting his thoughts onto paper and consequently his writing output is very low. He experiences much greater results when he is able to talk his ideas out loud. Using the dictation tool on the iPad, Hamish is able to use his voice to type in any app that uses the Apple keyboard.

Using the Dictate tool

<p>1</p>	<p>This tool will work in any app that utilizes the built-in Apple keyboard. The device must be connected to the internet and Siri must be enabled.</p> <p>Enabling Siri:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open the Settings app by tapping the icon. 	
<p>2</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Select General (1) and select Siri in the right hand panel (2). 	
<p>3</p>	<p>In the Siri settings window, ensure that Siri is enabled. The radio button should be coloured in green (1).</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Open an app that supports typing using the stock Apple keyboard (e.g. Notes). Note that when the iPad is not connected to the internet (1), the microphone icon is faded (2).</p>	

<p>5</p>	<p>When the iPad is connected to the internet (1), the microphone icon is not muted and functional (2). To use dictation, tap the microphone button next to the space bar (2).</p>	 A screenshot of the iPad Notes app. The screen shows a 'New Note' interface with a search bar at the top. Below the search bar is a yellow header 'New Note' and a text input area. At the bottom, the QWERTY keyboard is visible. A red circle with the number '2' is placed over the microphone icon on the keyboard.
<p>6</p>	<p>The keyboard will be replaced with a sound wave graph indicating the level of volume of the speech (1). Speak into the microphone in a clear and loud voice. Background noise will interfere with the accuracy of the encoding. The spoken text will appear in the writing section of the app (2). Tap "Done" when finished dictating (3).</p>	 A screenshot of the iPad Notes app during dictation. The keyboard has been replaced by a grey sound wave graph. The text 'I'm typing with my voice.' is visible in the note's text area. A red circle with the number '1' is placed over the sound wave graph. A red circle with the number '2' is placed over the text. At the bottom of the screen, a red circle with the number '3' is placed over the 'Done' button.