



Writing Typing

Typing on glass? Yes, with a few tips and some practice, you can start using the on-screen keyboard on your Apple device. You may be amazed at just how fast you'll be typing. **Give it a try!**

1. Open the **Notes** app and open a new note.
2. You get a standard on-screen keyboard in the bottom of your screen.

Tip: It helps to first be familiar with the layout of a standard keyboard.

3. There are different modes for typing.
 - Standard mode: the default mode where you double-tap to type each letter. It is slow.
 - Touch-typing mode: Faster because you just touch the letter and lift to type it.

4. Use the rotor to find **typing mode**.

Tip: If you're not familiar with the rotor, check out Hadley's workshop on it.

5. Swipe down to find **touch typing**. Now you are in **touch typing** mode.
6. Slide or drag your finger around the on-screen keyboard until you find the letter you want to type. Then lift your finger. You'll hear the letter announced in a higher-pitch voice, meaning it's added to the edit field.

Tip: Pausing your finger on a letter will give you its phonetic. This helps for letters that sound similar, like M and N, or B and V.

7. Try typing a sentence. When you enter the space after a word, VoiceOver reads the word for you.
8. The **Notes** app tries to predict the word you're typing. You can slide your finger over the predicted words right above the on-screen keyboard and select one if you wish.

Tip: Using predicted words can save you time typing or help with a spelling.

9. To automatically add a period, just type two spaces.

Tip: Typing two spaces to add a period is a special Apple feature.

It might take a bit of practice before you begin to feel totally comfortable using the on-screen keyboard. However, before you know it, you will be taking notes, sending emails, and texting all of your family and friends. Check out the other workshops in this series to learn more about using your Apple device to write.

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