

4 iMessage Tricks You Should Use Right Now

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4. Schedule messages to be sent using the "Send Later" feature

Many people forget to text people. For example, wishing someone a happy birthday right when the clock strikes 12 is something many people always intend to do but forget. Sometimes they fall asleep while waiting; other times, they simply lose track of time.

Send Later lets you do exactly what the feature's name implies — schedule a text message to be sent at a specific date and time, regardless of whether you're awake, busy, or have completely forgotten about it. To do this, all you need to do is go to the Messages app on your device, tap the plus sign (+) next to the message field, and select **Send Later** . Now, tap on the message you want to schedule.

Then, tap on the time that appears (in this example, 9:00 AM tomorrow). The scheduler will automatically appear and all you need to do is select the time and day you want to schedule the message. You can schedule messages up to 14 days in advance, which gives you a lot of flexibility for birthday messages, reminders, or any other time-sensitive messages.

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Location

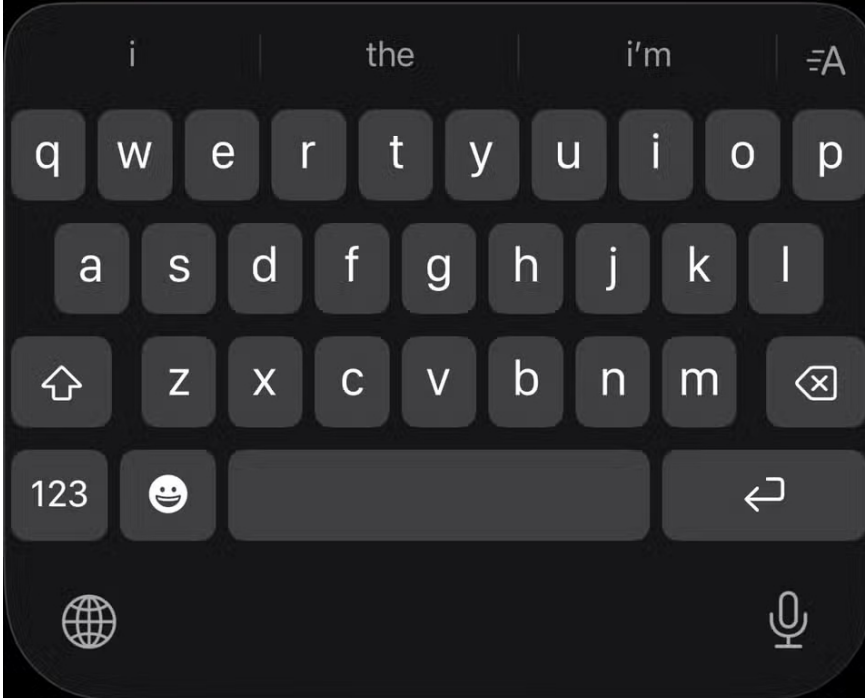


Send Later



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Hello



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Read

New Contact Name

Muhammad Faisal

Update



Hey, I'll be there in 15 minutes tops if I don't get to the destination... Show More

Raise to listen

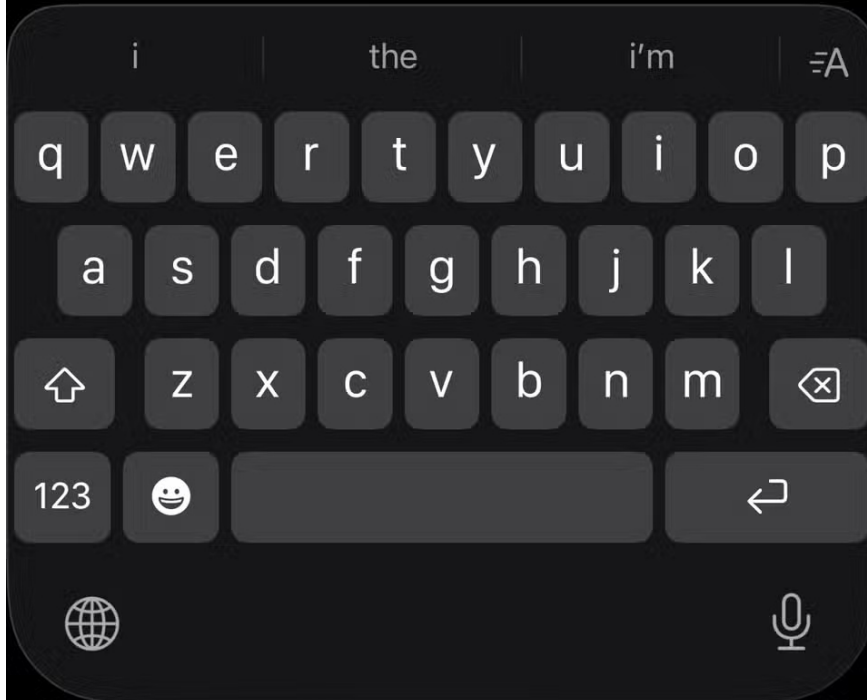
Send Later
Thursday 9:00 AM Edit

Hello

Mon, 25 Aug at 10:45 PM



Send Later



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Mama



Read

New Contact Name

Muhammad Faisal

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Hey, I'll be there in 15 minutes tops if I don't get to the destination... [Show More](#)

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Hello

Mon, 25 Aug at 10:45 PM >



Hi how are you?



Wed 20 Aug	5	40	
Thu 21 Aug	6	41	
Fri 22 Aug	7	42	
Sat 23 Aug	8	43	
Sun 24 Aug	9	44	AM
Mon 25 Aug	10	45	PM
Tue 26 Aug	11	46	
Wed 27 Aug	12	47	
Thu 28 Aug	1	48	
Fri 29 Aug	2	49	
Sat 30 Aug	3	50	

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Mama



New Contact Name
 Muhammad Faisal Update ✕

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Raise to listen

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Finally, tap the send icon to schedule your message. Until it's time to send, the message will appear with a dashed border, indicating that it's scheduled. Your scheduled message will be sent to your recipients even if all devices are offline.

3. Bubble and Screen Effects

iMessage lets you add fun animated effects, changing the way your messages appear when sent.

When you're ready to send a message, all you need to do is press and hold the **Send icon, and the Send with effect** screen will automatically appear. You can then choose to apply a **Bubble** or **Screen** effect .

To preview the bubble effect, you can tap the gray dot next to the effect name. The screen effect preview is a bit more interactive, and you can swipe left to cycle through each option before selecting your favorite effect.

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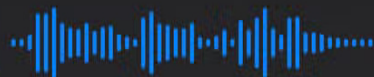
Mama

Buy iPad with 128GB - Silver

New Contact Name

Muhammad Faisal

Update



00:13

Hey, I'll be there in 15 minutes tops if I don't get to the destination by then I'll let you know but yeah, let me know when you're there as well. I should be there as soon as possible.

Thursday 9:00 AM [Edit](#)

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Send with effect

Bubble

Screen

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GENTLE

INVISIBLE INK

Hello

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Send with effect

Bubble

Screen

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LOUD

GENTLE

SEND WITH INVISIBLE INK



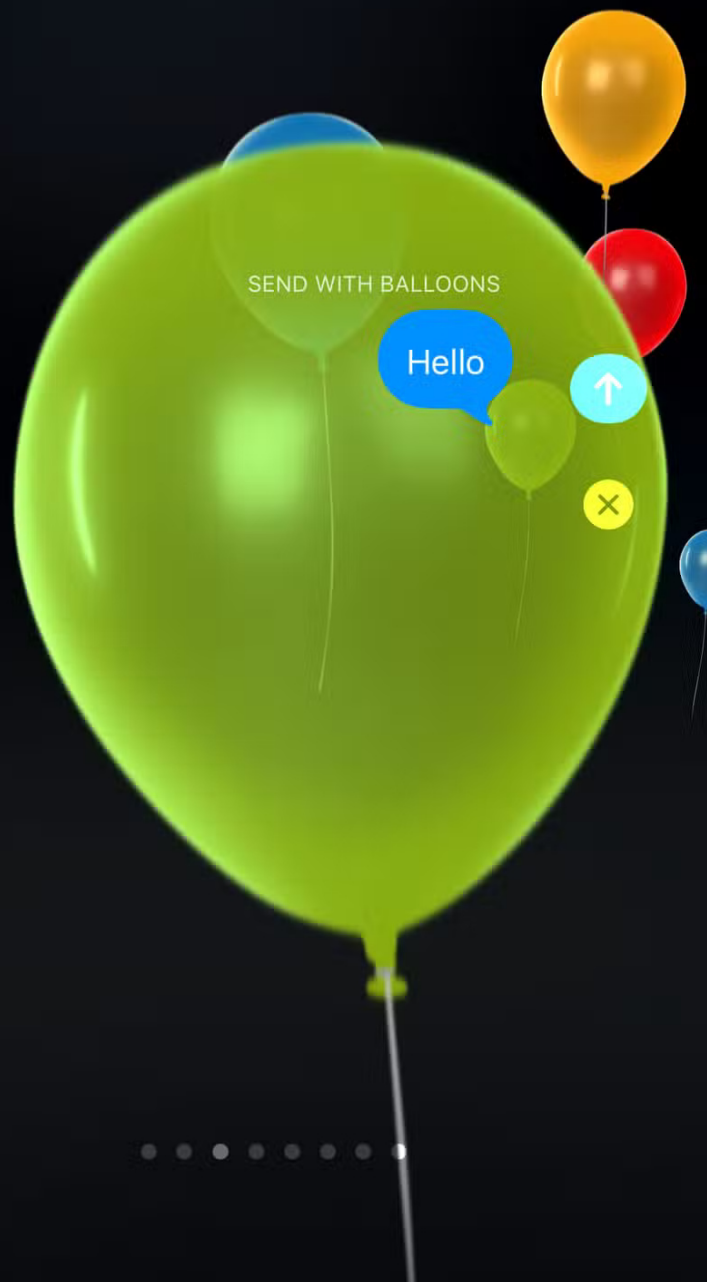
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Send with effect

Bubble

Screen



Once you have selected the effect you want to send, simply click the **Send** button .

2. Check In

To send a Check In, open iMessage and select the conversation with the person you want to notify. Tap the plus (+) icon, select **Check In** , and then follow the on-screen instructions. You can choose one of two options: **Destination** and **Timer** .

Cancel

Check In

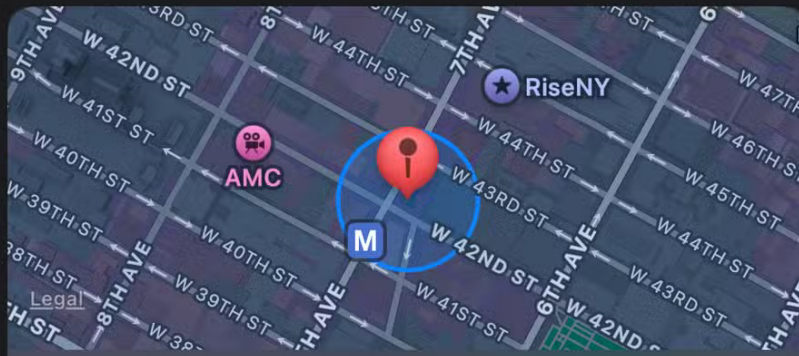
Done

Destination

Timer

Workout

DESTINATION



Times Square

1560 Broadway, Unit 1001, New York, NY...

Change

ESTIMATED TRAVEL TIME



Driving

5hr 25min



Transit

21hr 25min



Walking

180hr 5min

Add Extra Time

This ETA helps your friend know when you may arrive. Once you depart, it will update automatically based on traffic and driving conditions.

Check In Data

Full

You can change this in [Messages Settings](#)





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Choose the data you'd like to share if you don't arrive.

If you don't arrive as expected, iPhone will prompt you. If you don't respond, iPhone will notify your friend and share the data you've chosen.

[Show Example](#)

Limited
 Includes current location and details about battery and network signal for iPhone and Apple Watch.

Full
 Includes all data from Limited plus route traveled and location of last iPhone unlock.

Continue

[Not Now](#)

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They'll be notified when...



You send the Check In

Your destination and approximate arrival time will be shared.



You arrive at your destination

They will be notified automatically and the Check In will end.



You are delayed and do not respond when prompted

If you are delayed or an Emergency SOS call is placed, you will be prompted. If you do not respond within 15 minutes of being prompted, they will be notified.



Your iPhone is offline

If your iPhone is offline for an extended period of time, they will be notified.

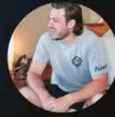
[Send a Check In](#)

[Not Now](#)






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On my way over



Check In
Around 10:25


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Testing something for an [article](#)



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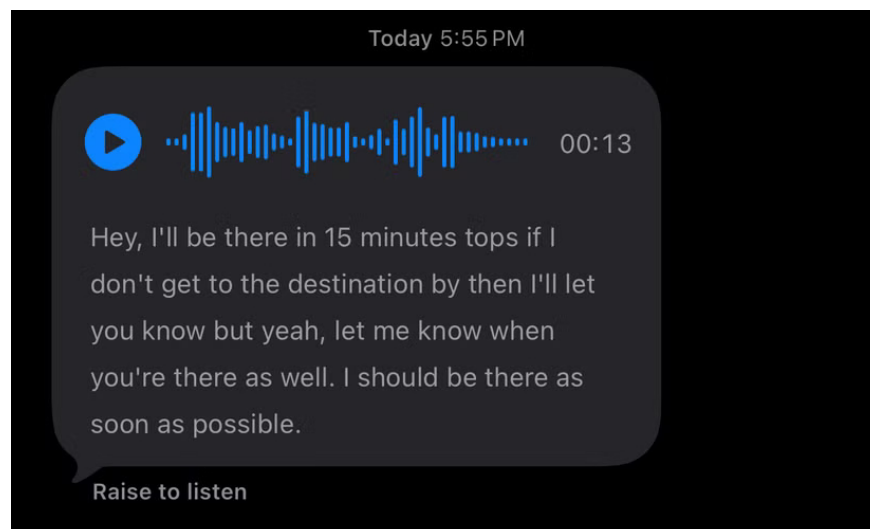
The first option lets you choose your destination and method of travel (drive, walk, or take public transport). The app will then track your journey and alert your contact if your trip is delayed or doesn't complete as expected. Once you reach your destination, the Check-in feature will complete and notify your contact that you've arrived.

On the other hand, the Timer option allows you to specify a time period. If you don't finish Check-in before the time is up, the app will alert your contact and share your location, route, and battery level.

1. Voice Message Transcriptions

Some people don't like typing. No matter how simple the question, they always reply with a 45-second voice message instead of just sending a quick text. And while you may not always mind it, it's not always possible to listen to voice messages right away. For example, there are times when friends or family respond to important messages via voice message while in a business meeting or a university lecture.

That's where iMessage's Voice Message Transcriptions feature really shines. It automatically transcribes the voice messages you receive, allowing you to quickly read them without having to play the entire recording.



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