

How to use iMessage on iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac and Apple Watch

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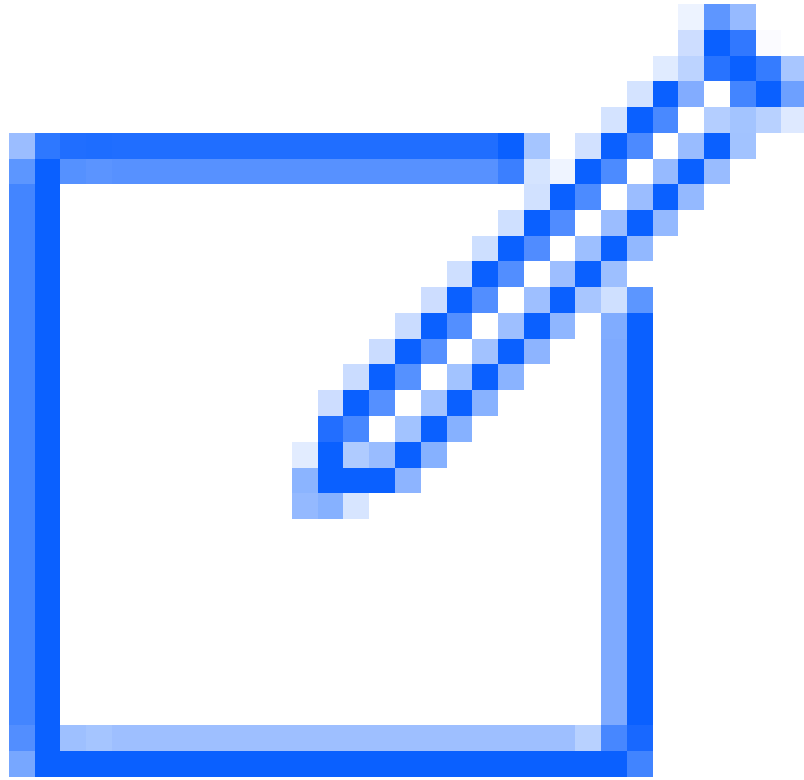
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Part 1. Use iMessage on iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch

You can use Messages to send messages, images, videos and audio files. And you can even edit your messages with motion effects, iMessages apps and more in the Messages application.

1. Send a message

1. First open **Messages** .
2. Click on the icon for the book and pen (



), then enter a contact or you can open an existing conversation.

3. Click to select **the text frame**, then enter your message.
4. After entering the message content, click the arrow icon



to send a message.

2. Forward a message

Open a message, then follow the steps below:

Press and hold the message you want to forward, then click **More** .



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Jane

iMessage
Today 9:39 AM

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I'll call to see if we need reservations and will let you know.

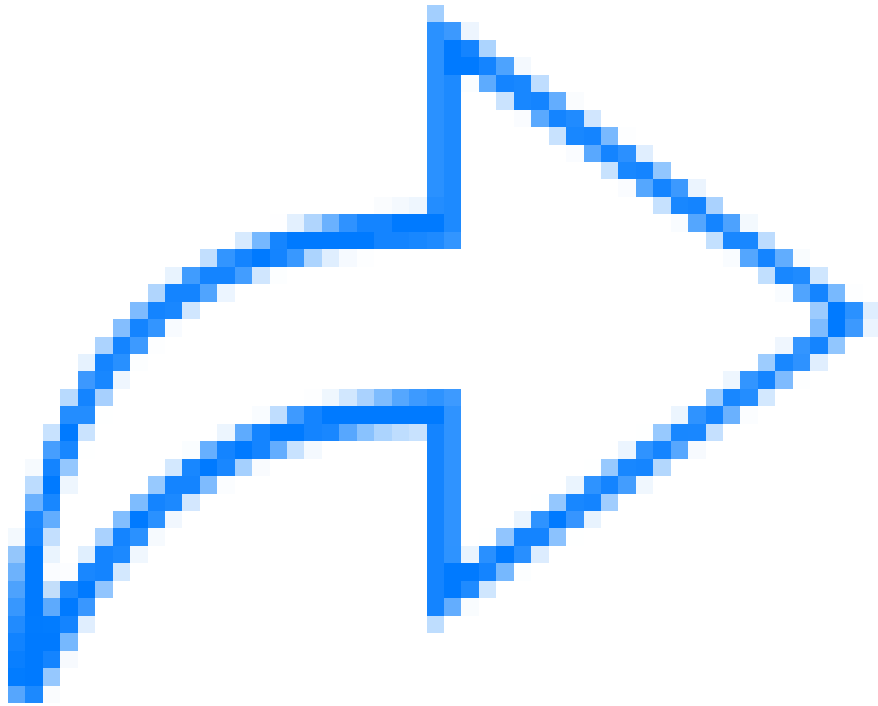
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More...

Click the arrow icon



, then enter a contact. Click the icon



to send news.



9:41 AM 100%

Delete All



Jane

Cancel

iMessage
Today 9:39 AM



Sure! What time?



I'll call to see if we need reservations and will let you know.



3. Delete a message or a conversation

When deleting a message or a conversation you cannot bring that message or conversation back.

So make sure you save your important information on Messages.

To delete a message, follow the steps below:

1. During the conversation, **press and hold the message you want to delete** , then tap **More** .
2. Click the **trash** icon, then click **Delete Message** . If you want to delete all messages, click **Delete All** in the bottom left corner.

To delete a conversation, follow the steps below:

1. Open **Messages** .
2. Swipe left the conversation you want to delete.
3. Click **Delete** .

If you want to delete multiple conversations at once, open the Messages application then click **Edit** in the bottom left corner. Click the circle icon next to the conversation, then click **Delete** at the bottom right corner of the screen.

If you want to save the message for a certain period of time, go to **Settings => Messages => Keep Messages** . Then select the time period in which you want to store the message.

4. Use Predictive text

With Predictive text, you can compose messages with just a few steps. When writing a message you will see options for the word and phrase you are typing. To turn off Predictive text, press and hold the icon

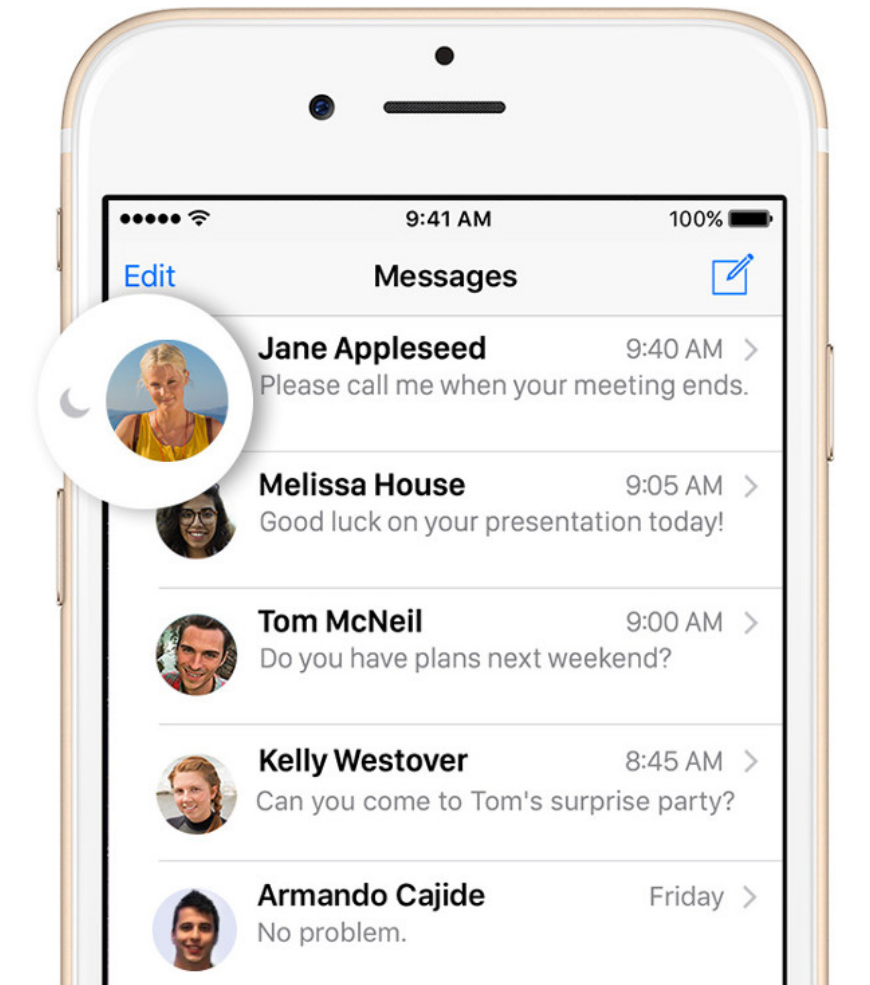


or

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, then click on the slider next to Predictive.

5. Mute the conversation



To stop receiving notifications every time a new message arrives, you can mute the conversation. Access the conversation you want to mute. Then click the **i**-shaped icon located in the circle and open the Do Not Disturb.

When Do Not Disturb is opened, you will see a crescent moon icon



appears next to the message conversation.

This feature helps you turn off any message tones in a conversation, but you will still receive other messages and see the message notifications on the Lock Screen lock screen.

Also you can turn off all chats by activating Do Not Disturb. Access **Settings => Do Not Disturb** and select **Manual** or **Scheduled** to turn off all notifications on your device.

6. Find the attachment in the conversation

Open the conversation, then click the **i**- shaped icon in the circle in the top right corner. You will see entries for images and attachments. Click the image or attachment to open it. Alternatively, you can click and hold the image and the attachment will display options such as Copy, Delete, etc.

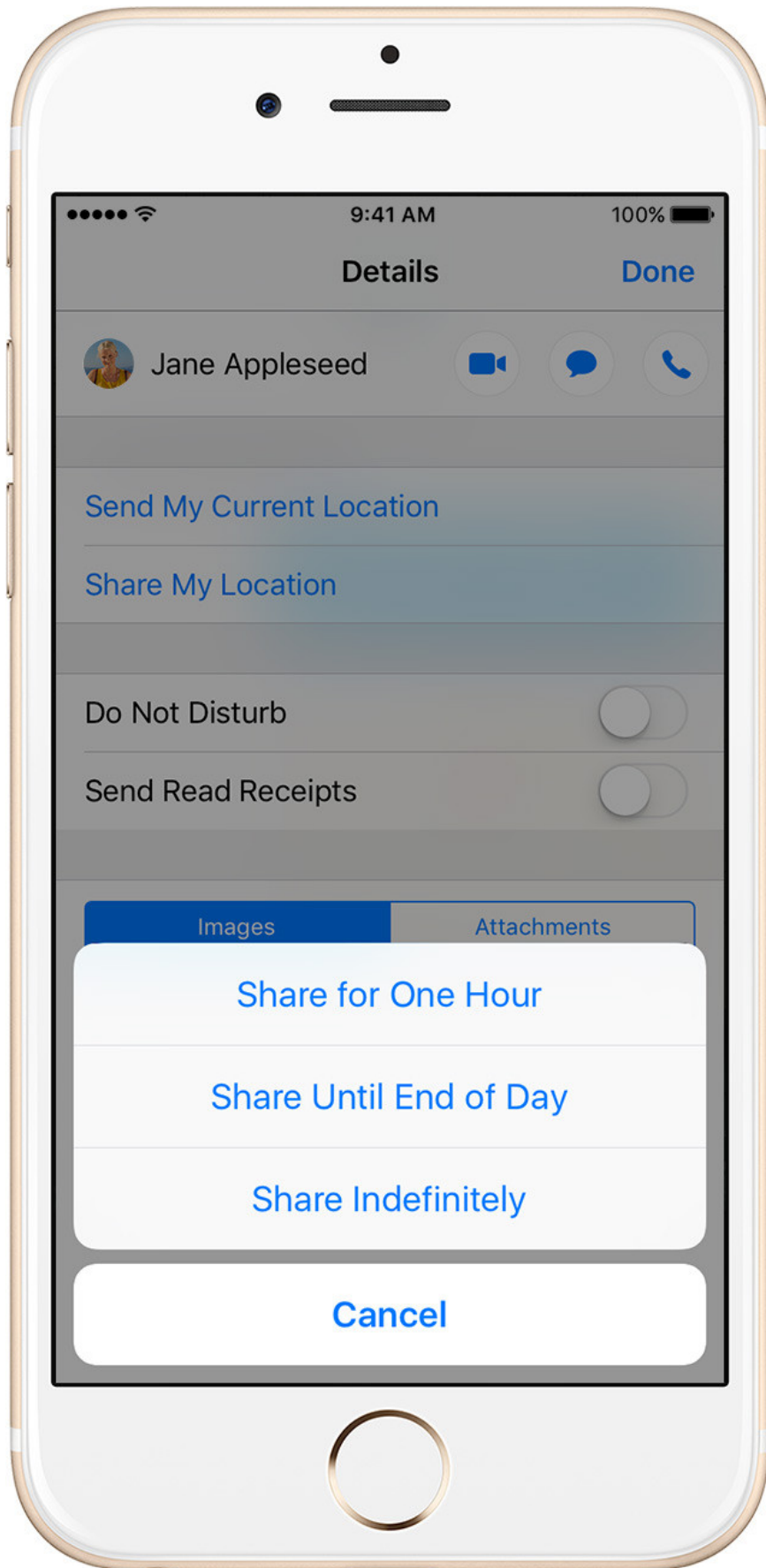
7. Submit and share your location

To send or share your location on **Message** , follow the steps below:

1. Open the conversation, then click the **i** symbol located in the circle in the top right corner.
2. Click to select **Send My Current Location**

Your recipient will see your location on the map. Or click Share My Location (share my location).

Then, choose the length of time you want to share your location. You can share within an hour, a day, or indefinitely. Messages will set up a temporary or permanent location of Find My Friends, depending on what you choose.



9:41 AM 100%

Details Done

Jane Appleseed [video call] [message] [phone]

Send My Current Location

Share My Location

Do Not Disturb [toggle]

Send Read Receipts [toggle]

Images Attachments

- Share for One Hour
- Share Until End of Day
- Share Indefinitely

Cancel

Part 2: Using Messages on Mac

Messages are messaging software available for both Macs. You can use this software to send messages from iMessages or other messaging services.

With Messages for Mac, you can **send unlimited messages** to devices like **Mac, iPhone, iPad or iPod touch** using iMessages application, Apple's secure messaging services.

In addition, the application also supports fairly active messaging services on Apple devices and non-Apple devices. iPhone users can use SMS and MMS messaging applications.

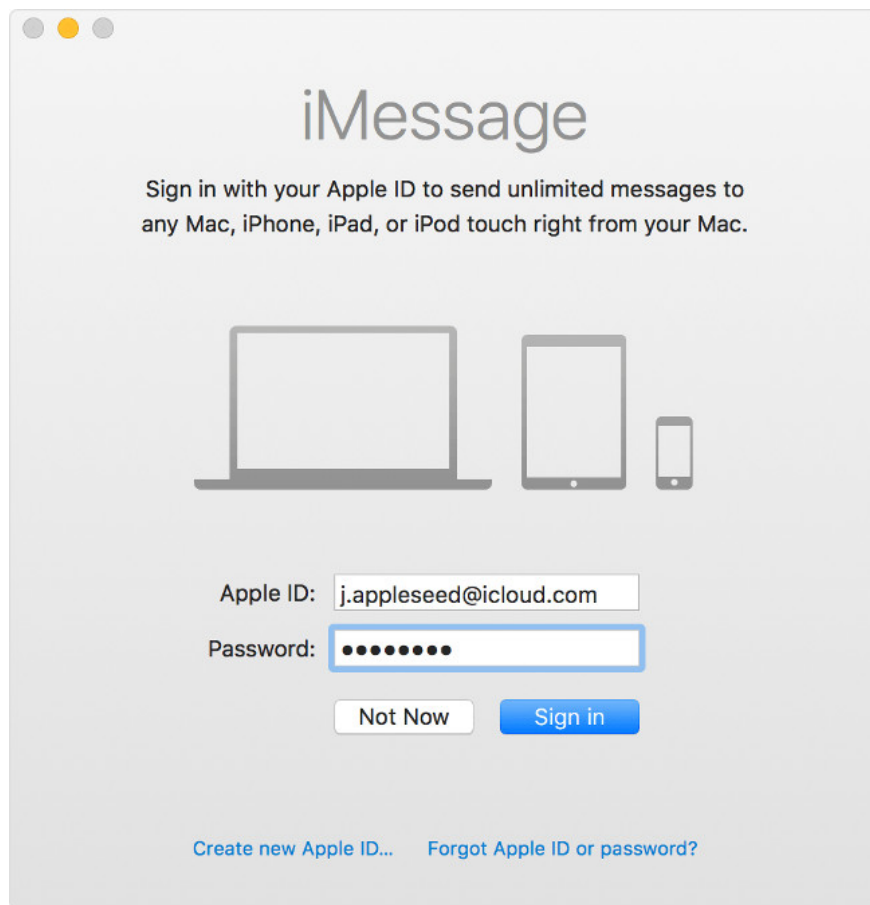


1. Set up iMessages

iMessage is Apple's messaging service, and you will automatically be linked to your **Apple ID**. If the setting is not ready, you will be asked to log in for the first time to open the Messages application. Sign in with the same Apple ID account you use for Messages on iPhone phones and other devices.

The Apple ID account here is the Apple ID account that you use on iCloud, iTunes Store, App Store and the accounts you created when setting up the Mac.

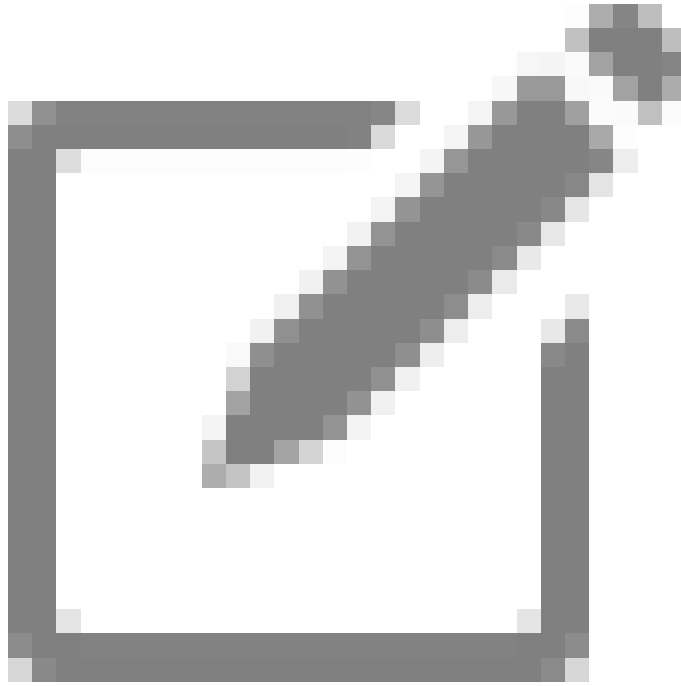
To add a third messaging service, select **Add Account** from the **Message Menu**. Then select an account provider and follow the instructions on the supplier's screen.



To disable a messaging service or change settings, from the **Messages** menu select **Preferences** , then click **Accounts** .

2. Make a conversation

1. Click on the icon



in the top corner of the Message window.

2. Enter the address of the recipient, recipient name, email address or phone number. Or click the (+) icon and select a recipient. If the recipient is in your contacts application, Messages will find that username when you enter the name.

To start a group chat, just add recipients to the conversation and you're done.

3. Enter your message in the message box at the bottom of the window, then click **Return** to send the message.

1. To add **emoji** (emoticons), click the icon



2. To add **images or files** , simply **drag and paste the image, the file** into the Message frame.
3. To add **audio recording files** , click the icon



and record your message.

4. After starting the conversation, click **Details** in the left corner of the window to add additional actions, including:

1. Choose not to be bothered by chat notifications.
2. Use FaceTime to start recording voice calls



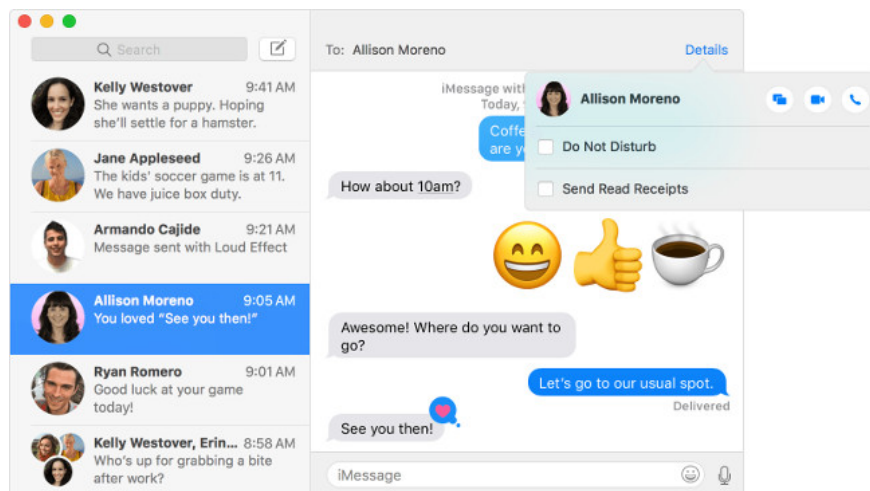
or video call



3. Screen sharing



4. See the location of the recipient - if they share the location for you.
5. Preview all photos and files exchanged in the conversation.
6. Add a group name, add another person to the group, leave the group. If your group has 4 or more members, then you can delete the member: Click the member name you want to delete from the group, then select Remove from Conversation.



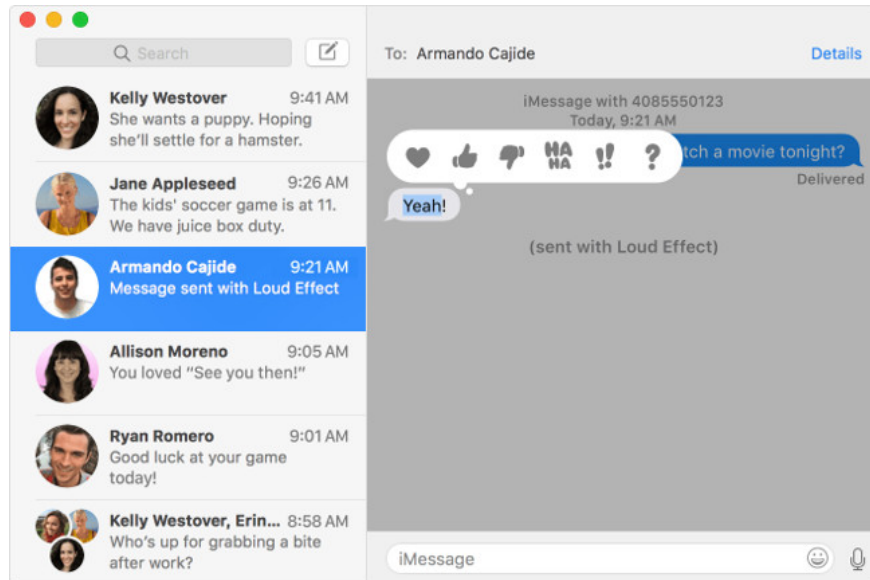
With macOS Sierra, you can also use Siri to send, read and reply to messages on Messages.

3. Add Tapback to Message

On macOS Sierra Apple has introduced Tapback. **Tapback** will respond quickly to what you think of a message, such as whether you like it or think it's interesting.

1. Click on the message frame to open **the shortcut menu** .
2. Select **Tapback** from Menu.
3. Click Tapback to add the message frame.

Tapback is visible to all users in the conversation who are using iMessage with macOS Sierra or iOS 10. Other users will see icons like Like, Laugh at or Emphasize.



iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch also have Tapback as well as other effects.

4. Send text messages to other people on Mac

If you use iPhone and you want to save mobile data, you can set up Messages to send and receive SMS, MMS on Mac.

1. On iPhone, open **Settings => Messages => Send & Receive** . Add phone numbers and email addresses.
2. Next open the **Settings => Messages => Text Message Forwarding application** , then choose to allow Mac to send and receive messages from your iPhone phone.
3. Get a confirmation code on your Mac, then enter this confirmation code on your iPhone phone.

Part 3: Read and reply to messages on the Apple Watch

1. Read a message

To view all your messages, press the **Digital Crown** button (the control button next to the clock), then press select



. If you want to add Messages to Dock, you can also transfer **Messages to Dock** .

To view message notifications, simply raise your wrist to view or swipe down from the watch face.

2. Reply to a message

To reply to a message, scroll down to the bottom of the message, then select an option. On the latest versions of watchOS and iOS users can send messages that are available, .

1. To use an available reply message, scroll down to the message, then **select a reply message** . You can also create your own answers on the Apple Watch app.



1. To send emoji (emoticons), click the icon



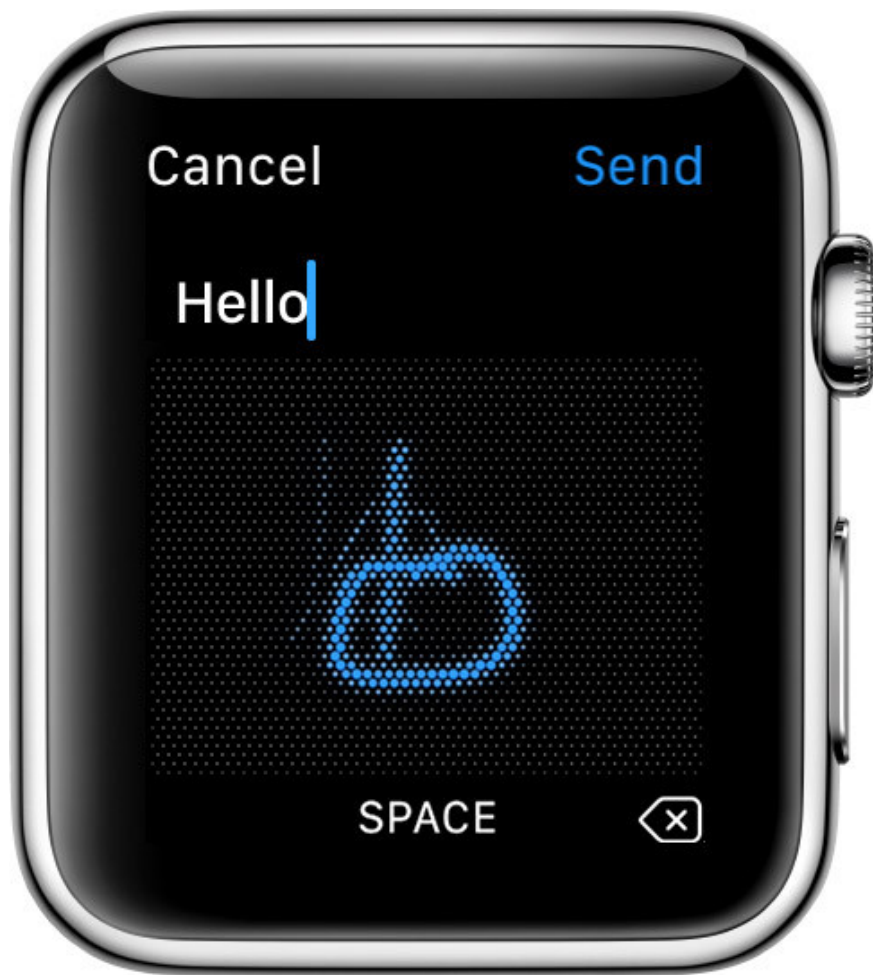
, swipe left or right, then use **Digital Crown** to see other options. Then click Send to send.



1. To send a message using handwriting or a sticker, click the icon



, swipe right to write a handwritten message and sticker, then press select one to send.



1. To display your location on the map, **press and hold on the screen** while you watch a conversation, then click Send Location.



1. To reply to the message using **Digital Touch** , click the icon



, then you can send a sketch, .



1. To use Tapback, double-click a message, then click on a Tapback such as heart shape, Like button, .



3. Send a new message

You can use Siri to create a new message. Alternatively, you can follow the steps below:

1. Click the **Digital Crown** button to open the **Home screen** , then click select



2. Press and hold on the screen, then click **New Message** .
3. Click **Add Contact** . You can press a contact on the list, click select

Picture 33 of How to use iMessage on iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac and Apple Watch to add multiple contacts.

4. Create your message.

4. Create a reply message available

To create a custom reply message available, open the Apple Watch app on your iPhone phone, then click the My Watch tab, then access **Messages => Default Replies** .

Click to select a default reply message to change the message. To delete the default reply message available or change the order, click **Edit** .

5. Delete a conversation

To delete a conversation, swipe left, then tap **Trash** .

6. Support without receiving or not sending messages

1. Check to see if you can send and receive messages on iPhone phones.

2. Make sure your Apple Watch can connect to iPhone phones. To check the connection, open **Control Center** on Apple Watch, then click select



- . If connected, your iPhone will **make a sound** .
3. If you see the icon on the clock, turn off the **Do Not Disturb** feature.
4. Check if the phone number or Apple ID of your friends or relatives is correct.
5. **Log out** of iMessages on your iPhone phone. If you are logged in with Apple ID, click **Apple ID => Sign Out**.
6. **Turn off iMessages** on your iPhone phone, then proceed to reopen again.
7. **Log in** to iMessage again on your iPhone.
8. **Restart** Apple Watch and iPhone phone.
9. Unpair the Apple Watch, then proceed to pair it again.

Refer to some of the following articles:

1. How to install and use the iMessage app store on Message iOS 10 application
1. How to know if someone has read your message on Facebook Message?
1. How to delete iMessage application on iOS 10?

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