

Can I Use a Real Keyboard?

There are times when you need real physical keys, for example if you are typing a longer document you might find tapping out your text on the glass screen annoying. Apple has designed a dock with keyboard integrated which is great for holding your iPad at the correct angle, and allowing your iPad to be charged while you type using the keyboard:



Apple Keyboard and dock

Hot tip



If you need to type long documents consider using a physical keyboard.



ZAGGmate keyboard for iPad 2

Can I use a Bluetooth keyboard?

Absolutely! The iPad has Bluetooth built-in so you can hook up an Apple Bluetooth keyboard and type away. Alternatively there are third-party keyboards such as the ZAGGmate Bluetooth keyboard (www.zagg.com) which acts as a case when not in use (protects the front of the iPad but not the back).

Keyboard Tricks

Although it's not immediately obvious, the keyboard can generate accents, acutes, and many other foreign characters and symbols.

Holding the letter “u” or “e” generates lots of variants. Just slide your finger along till you reach the one you want and it will be inserted into the document.



Also, when you use Safari you don't have to enter “.co.uk” in URLs — the “.com” key will produce other endings if you touch and hold the key.



Hot tip



For accents and other additional characters, touch the key then slide your finger to the character you want to use.