

VoiceOver Quick Ref Keyboard Only

Note on a keyboard: the **Control** and **Option** keys are called the “VoiceOver keys,” or “VO keys” for short.

Basic commands

The commands defined in this section are universal. They can be used in almost any context including the home screen, the app switcher, the status bar, Mail, Safari, Pages, etc.

Action	Keyboard with quick nav on	Keyboard with quick nav off
Turn quick nav on or off	Left arrow + right arrow	Left arrow + right arrow
Move focus to any item on the screen	Not available	Not available
Move focus to the next item	Right arrow	VO + right arrow
Move focus to the previous item	Left arrow	VO + left arrow
Activate the item that has focus	Up arrow + down arrow	VO + spacebar
Cancel or go back to previous screen	Escape	Escape
Move focus to next text field	Tab	Tab
Move focus to previous text field	Shift + tab	Shift + tab
Read all starting from the top of the screen	VO + B	VO + B
Pause or resume reading at current position	Control	Control
Read all from current position	VO + A	VO + A
Move focus to first item on the screen	Control + up arrow	Not available
Move focus to the last item on the screen	Control + down arrow	Not available
Move focus to the first item in the next container on the screen	Control + right arrow	Not available
Move focus to the first item in the previous container on the screen	Control + left arrow	Not available
Scroll down to the next page	Option + down arrow	Not available
Scroll up to the previous page	Option + up arrow	Not available
Scroll right to the next page	Option + right arrow	Not available
Scroll left to the previous page	Option + left arrow	Not available
Find text on the screen or in the current app	VO + F	VO + F
Find next occurrence of text	VO + G	VO + G
Find previous occurrence of text	VO + shift + G	VO + shift + G

Rotor commands

Action	Keyboard with quick nav on	Keyboard with quick nav off
Select the next item in the rotor	Up arrow + right arrow	Not available
Select the previous item in the rotor	Up arrow + left arrow	Not available
Perform action or adjust value defined by current rotor setting	Up arrow or down arrow	VO + up arrow or VO + down arrow
Select next value in speech rotor	VO + cmd + right arrow	VO + cmd + right arrow
Select previous value in speech rotor	VO + cmd + left arrow	VO + cmd + left arrow
Adjust value of selected item in speech rotor	VO + cmd + up arrow or VO + cmd + down arrow	VO + cmd + up arrow or VO + cmd + down arrow

Miscellaneous commands

Action	Keyboard with quick nav on	Keyboard with quick nav off
Turn on Voiceover help	VO + K	VO + K
Turn off Voiceover help	Escape	Escape
Open the item chooser	VO + I	VO + I
Get more information about the item that has focus	Not available	Not available
Apply a custom label to the item that has focus	VO + /	VO + /
Mute voiceover	VO + S	VO + S
Turn the voiceover screen curtain on or off	VO + shift + S	VO + shift + S
Move focus to the status bar	VO + M	VO + M
Answer phone call, hang up phone call, or pause/resume multimedia playback	VO + -	VO + -
Take a screenshot	Press the home button and the power button at the same time	

Managing apps

Action	Keyboard with quick nav on	Keyboard with quick nav off
When an app is open, switch directly to the next open app	Cmd + tab	Cmd + tab
When an app is open, switch directly to the previous open app	Cmd + shift + tab	Cmd + shift + tab
Go to the home screen	VO + H	VO + H
Scroll left and right through the pages of the home screen	See scrolling commands defined in the Basic commands section of this document.	
Search entire device including contents of apps	Go to the home screen. Scroll left past the first page of the home screen to the search screen.	
Open the app switcher	VO + H twice quickly	VO + H twice quickly
Scroll left and right through the pages of the app switcher	See scrolling commands defined in the Basic commands section of this document.	
Close the app switcher	VO + H twice in a row	VO + H twice in a row
Enter "jiggle mode" so you can move or remove apps from the home screen or app switcher	VO + shift + M	Not available
Exit "jiggle mode"	VO + H	Not available