Basic Gestures and Navigation

You use these gestures on the Home screen, and within apps. Though the flick gesture is used with the rotor as well, these gestures do not require the rotor to be active.

Tap — Select an item to speak its name or contents

Double-tap — Activate an item (for example, open an app or link)

Flick right or left — Select the next or previous item

Flick up or down — Select an item above or below

Triple-tap — Double-tap an item

Two-finger double-tap, aka, "magic tap" — Start/stop iOS features, such as answering/ending calls, music playback, and recording in Voice Memos

Three-finger tap — Speak current page position or number

Two-finger triple-tap — Open Item Chooser

Three-finger double-tap — Turn speech on/off (VoiceOver remains on)

Three-finger triple-tap — Turn Screen Curtain on/off

Split-tap — As an alternative to double-tapping, touch the item onscreen with one finger, leaving your finger there while you touch the screen elsewhere with a second finger

Double-tap and hold — Activate an item (such as an app or folder icon) in preparation for deleting or moving it

Double-tap and drag — Activate and move an item (an app icon, for example) to a different location

Two-finger double-tap and hold — Create custom label for a button, or other item that has no VoiceOver label

Two-finger scrub — Move two fingers back and forth three times quickly (making a "z") — Dismiss an alert, return to the previous screen, or close Notifications and Control Center

Three-finger flick right or left — Go to the next or previous page (on the Home screen, for example)

Activate iOS Features (iPhone X and later, and 2018 and later iPad Pro)

Slide one finger up from bottom of screen until the first click — Activate Reachability mode

Slide one finger up from bottom of screen until the second click — Return to Home screen

Slide one finger up from bottom of screen until the third click — Open App Switcher

Four-finger triple-tap — Activate the People Detection feature within the Magnifier app (only available on LIDAR-equipped iOS devices: iPhone 12 Pro, iPhone 12 Pro Max, 2020 iPad Pro.)

The following gestures are available when the App Switcher is open. To open the App Switcher, flick up and drag to the third sound (iPhone X, and later, or 2018 and later iPad Pro) or double-click the Home button (older devices).

Three-finger flick left or right — select the next or previous app

Double-tap — Select/open an app

Three-finger flick up — close the selected app

To close the App Switcher, flick up from the bottom of the screen until you hear the second sound (on an iPhone X or 2018 iPad Pro) or press the Home button (other devices).

Activate iOS Features (all devices)

Three-finger downward drag, while on the Home screen — Launch Spotlight Search

Slide one finger down from top of the screen until the first click - Open Control Center

Slide one finger down from top of screen until the second click - Open Notifications

Two-finger scrub — Close Control Center, Notifications, or Spotlight Search

Double-tap, with the cursor in an editable text field — Activate Dictation

Four-finger double-tap — Start/stop VoiceOver Help (with Help on, VoiceOver speaks the function of any gesture you perform)

Double-tap and hold until you hear three tones — Use a standard iOS gesture.

Two-finger quadruple tap — Open VoiceOver quick settings.

Multitasking Features

Drag up and hold, from bottom of screen — Open Dock

Select app divider, then use rotor actions — Adjust the size of open app windows

Double-tap the menu control button — View multitasking controls.

Reading Gestures

Two-finger flick up — Read all from the top of the screen

Two-finger flick down — Read all from the current position

Two-finger tap — Stop/start speaking the current item

Three-finger flick up or down — Scroll one page at a time

Three-finger tap — Speak additional information, such as position within a list or whether text is selected

Four-finger tap at top of screen — Select the first item on the page

Four-finger tap at bottom of screen — Select the last item on the page

Text Editing Gestures

Three-finger double-tap and flick up - Copy selected text Three-finger double-tap and flick down — Paste selected text Three-finger double-tap, hold and flick right — Undo Three-finger double-tap, hold and flick left - Redo **Rotor Gestures** Two-finger twist — Open the rotor, or tune it to the desired setting Flick up or down — Choose next or previous options within the current rotor setting Flick left or right — Choose items from a menu, once a rotor option has been selected Handwriting Gestures These options work when Handwriting has been enabled in the rotor. Two-finger right flick — Space Two-finger left flick — Delete a character Three-finger right flick — New line Three-finger flick up — Toggle lowercase, uppercase, punctuation, and number modes Braille Screen Input Gestures These options work when Braille Screen Input is active. Flick right — Space Flick left — Delete Two-finger flick right — New line (in text input), open selected app (on the Home Screen) Flick up/down — Text suggestion (in text input), select next/previous app (on the Home screen) Two-finger flick down — Immediately translate current word (contracted Braille only) Three-finger flick left/right — Toggle contracted/uncontracted Braille. On the iPad, eight-dot Braille is also available. Touch and hold — Enter Explore mode, and locate Braille hot spots Two-finger scrub — Exit Braille Screen Input mode