

# **15 Things You Didn't Know Your iPhone Could Do**

## **1. Have Siri read your email out loud.**

- Tell Siri, "Read my email," and she'll oblige. You'll hear the sender's name, the date/time of the message, and the subject line. You can also instruct her to "read my latest email" or ask, "Do I have email from [person]?"

## **2. Make a Passcode with letters instead of numbers.**

- Go to Settings > General > Passcode Lock.
- Turn off the setting that says "Simple Passcode."
- A screen will appear prompting you to change your passcode, along with a full QWERTY keyboard. The next time you unlock your phone, the keyboard will appear instead of just the number pad.

## **3. See timestamps on your texts.**

- To view timestamps of your messages in iOS 7: touch and drag message bubbles to the left.

## **4. See which planes are overhead.**

- Ask Siri, "What flights are above me?" or just say, "Planes overhead," and she'll pull up a chart featuring each plane's flight number, its altitude, and its angle. (It might take a moment, so be patient!)

## **5. Shake your iPhone to delete text.**

- Did you change your mind about that text you just tapped in? Shake your phone, and an "Undo Typing" box will come up. If you change your mind after you've hit Undo, shake your phone again for a handy "Redo Typing" box.

## **6. Easily see a more detailed view of your calendar.**

- Turn your phone horizontally when in your calendar app to see a more detailed view of your appointments.

## **7. To turn on CAPS LOCK.**

- Double tap the "shift" key. If this isn't working for you, go to

Settings > General > Keyboard and make sure Caps Lock is enabled.

**8. Use your phone as a level to hang pictures, etc.**

- Swipe left in the Compass app to access a level.

**9. Turn off all in-app purchases with one button.**

- This is especially useful if you have kids, or have zero self-control when it comes to Candy Crush. Go to Settings > General > Restrictions, Enable Restrictions, and scroll down to disable In-App Purchases.

**10. Take a “burst” of photos at once.**

- Hold down the shutter button in your camera and you’ll automatically activate burst mode. Your phone will capture a ton of photos in rapid succession and save them to your camera.

**11. Type an Em-Dash.**

- Hold down the dash on your keyboard to get a super-cool menu of dashes, which you can use to please all your grammar stickler friends.

**12. Take a photo with the volume button.**

- Instead of using the touch circle to snap your selfie, hit the “up” volume button. It lets you hold the phone and camera more steadily.

**13. Or use your earbuds.**

- Press the center of the headphone button when in the camera app to snap a pic.

**14. Add custom vibrations.**

- In you Contacts app, you can enable different vibration patterns for different contacts. This is particularly handy if you keep your phone in your pocket, so you can distinguish hands-free between a pesky email from your boss or a fun text.

**15. Put your phone in airplane mode and it will charge twice as fast.**

- Great for when you need to charge your phone quickly.