



iPhone (and some Androids): Some shortcuts and tricks

Sorry 'droid (Android) and BlackBerry users – I am an iPhone (and iPad) user so I am apt to pick up more of those tips. However, the odd tip below (marked) will also work on Androids.

1. Have Siri set an alarm for you. Sorry...iPhone (and iPad) only.

Activate Siri (by holding down your HOME button). When she asks you want you want, say "Wake me up in 2 hours" and she will set (and tell you she set) the alarm app to go off in exactly two hours.

Unfortunately, even if it's "business" you have to start with "Wake me" if you want Siri to activate the alarm app. If you say something like "Remind me..." she'll just create a reminder – without a time-sensitive alert.

Hey – it's still good.

2. An easier way to spell contractions. (Works on Androids too)

When typing an email or text message, if you spell *cant* – it will automatically appear as *can't*. (Same on an Android).

But to get the word *I'll* you need to type the *I* then switch keyboard layouts (to symbols) and type the apostrophe then switch back again to finish with the *ll* – or, on an Android you have to then select from a list of suggested words) - or dooooo you???

Type *illl* (yes...you do see THREE L's)...and when you press the <spacebar> both iPhones and Androids will automatically type *I'll* for you.

weIll will give you we'll
shedd will give she'd
letss will give you let's
wedd will give you we'd

Many contractions will fix themselves – this tip is for the common contractions that don't fix themselves.

3. When you are typing in a website address, using the iPhone/iPad browser Safari, and get to the point where you want to type the domain (.com or .org etc.) – just HOLD DOWN the period key and a number of domains to choose from (.net .edu .org .ca etc.) – just tap the one you want. Sorry...no 'droids allowed.
4. Ok – the above tips could be for business...this one is definitely not business.

You know how awkward it is to take a "selfie" because of the awkwardness of having to press the camera button while your arm is stretched out way in front of you?

Well, if you plug in smart ear buds (earbuds with a volume control switch located halfway down the wire)...you can plug in the earbuds (but don't put them in your ears...makes for a dorky-looking selfie) and just press the volume + button to click the camera "shutter". Use the middle (play/pause) button to start/stop when in video mode.

