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iPad's Nifty Built-in Dictionary

iPad's excellent built-in dictionary is literally at your fingertip.

My iPad is my “daily driver” for everything from newspapers to magazines to *The New York Times* Spelling Bee and Kindle books. And while I think I have a pretty good vocabulary (somewhere between William F. Buckley and Gomer Pyle), I often run across words I've never seen or am unsure about. And that's where the iPad's built-in dictionary is just so handy!

For example, while playing *The New York Times* Spelling Bee, I knew there was a word “educē” but wasn't sure what it meant.

To look it up, I just placed my finger ¹ on the word until a menu popped up with several options. Then I tapped on “Look Up,” and the definition of educē popped up along with other online sites in case I wanted to do more etymology on educē, which I didn't.

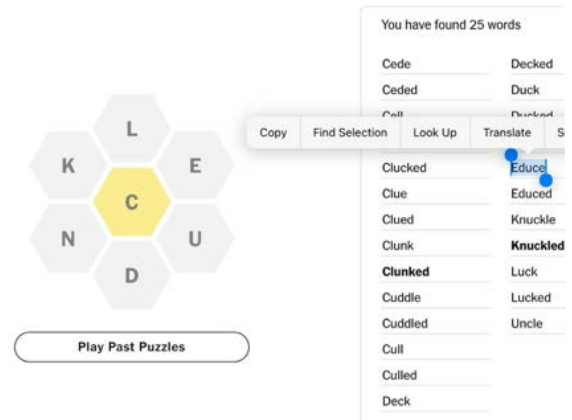
This lookup feature works in almost all iPad (and iPhone) apps, including emails, websites, Kindle books, etc.

Unlike its cousin, the MacBook, the iPad doesn't have a dictionary app. But you can download the Merriam-Webster Dictionary or Dictionary.com for iPad from the App Store. Both are free.

Or you can open the search bar on your iPad (swipe down on any home screen) and enter the mystery word.

If you need help with your iPad, just go to princeton senior.wufoo.com/forms/technology-assistance-request and click **REQUEST TECHNOLOGY HELP**.

¹ You can use any available finger, but I suggest Pointer. Thumb isn't designed for precision. Tallman is obviously inappropriate and Ringman seems awkwardly connected to other fingers. Pinkie sort of works—but you'll look ridiculous using it to tap your iPad screen.

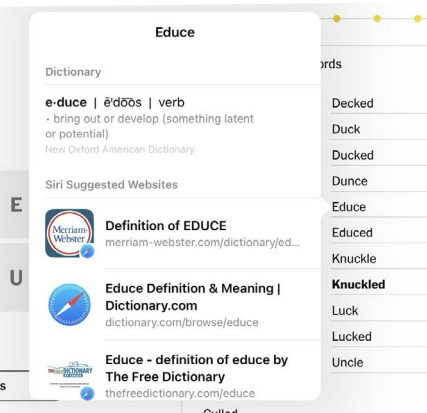


Place your finger on a word to reveal the lookup menu.

Operating System Updates

Apple updated its operating systems for all its devices in September (iPhone, iPad, and Mac). Windows 11 updates are expected this month. Make sure you keep all your devices up to date.

Then tap Look Up



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