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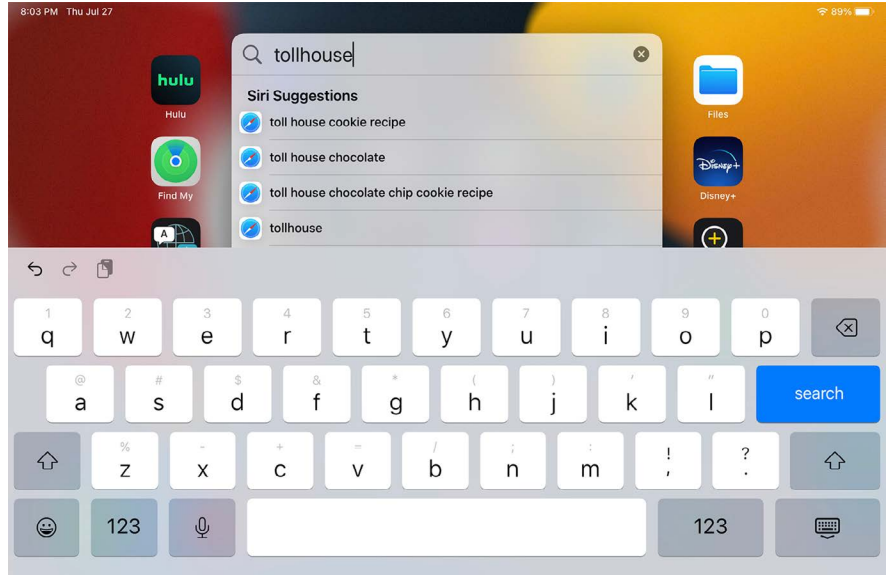
Searching on your iPad

iPad's built-in Spotlight function is one of its handiest—and probably most overlooked—features.

Looking stuff up on your iPad is easy—you don't need to open your browser—just swipe down from the middle of the home screen.¹ The iPad will open a search window called “Spotlight” (see picture) and the tablet's virtual keyboard.

I typed “tollhouse” looking for cookie recipes.

As I typed, Spotlight began to list several websites where I could find tollhouse cookies.



Tapping “Search” revealed a longer list of websites.

Indeed, you can search for *anything* using iPad's Spotlight:

Here are some examples:

If you enter...	...such as...	Results
The name of an app	Mail	The Mail app icon. (Handy if you have lots of apps).
A topic	Trees	One or more website suggestions to look up trees.
A word to define	Def hubris	Definitions of “hubris” and a variety of online dictionaries.
A person's name	Sally	Websites, contacts, and other sources that include the name “Sally” as well as your photos of Sally. (Or Buddy or Mel or Rob.)
A song title	Summer Samba	Audio and video recordings of the song “Summer Samba.”
Conversion	How many oz are in a cup	Unit conversion websites.
Exchange rate	Exchange rate	Websites that list the current monetary exchange rates for your upcoming trip to Auckland.
Doctor appointment	Dr. Ben Dover	Appointments in your calendar with Dr. Dover.

You should try this out. And if you need help with your iPad, just send a request to our tech volunteers at princetonsenior.wufoo.com/forms/technology-assistance-request.

¹ Not just the first screen.