Mac Keyboard Shortcuts

For macOS 27 Golden Gate

⌘ command ⇧ shift ⌥ option ^ control

How to use: hold down the keys on the left, then press the last key (example: hold Command ⌘ and press C to copy).

Everyday basics

⌘ C	Copy
⌘ X	Cut
⌘ V	Paste
⌘ Z	Undo
⇧ ⌘ Z	Redo
⌘ A	Select all
⌘ F	Find
⌘ S	Save

Apps and windows

⌘ Tab	Switch apps
⌘ W	Close the window
⌘ Q	Quit the app
⌘ M	Minimize to the Dock
⌘ ,	Open the app's settings
^ ⌘ F	Full screen on or off

Typing and editing

⌘ ← / ⌘ →	Start / end of the line
⌘ ↑ / ⌘ ↓	Top / bottom of the document
⌥ Delete	Delete the word to the left
fn Delete	Delete to the right (fn = globe key)

Screen and search

⌘ Space	Search your Mac with Spotlight
Space	Quick Look at the selected file
⇧ ⌘ 3	Screenshot of the whole screen
⇧ ⌘ 4	Screenshot of a selected area
⇧ ⌘ 5	Screenshot and recording options
^ ⌘ Space	Emoji and symbols
^ ⌘ Q	Lock the screen

Finder (files and folders)

⇧ ⌘ N	New folder
⌘ D	Duplicate the file
⌘ I	Get Info
⌘ Delete	Move to the Trash
⇧ ⌘ G	Go to Folder (type a location)
⌥ ⌘ L	Open the Downloads folder
⌘ ↑	Open the folder one level up
⌥ ⌘ V	Move copied files into the open folder

New in macOS 27 (with Siri AI Beta turned on)

⇧ ⌘ Space	Ask Siri about the active window
⇧ ⌘ 6	Ask Siri about an area you select

If your Mac freezes (try these in order)

⌥ ⌘ Esc
App stuck: select it, click Force Quit

Apple menu
Still stuck: choose Restart

Press it again to turn it on. Unsaved work is lost.
Power button
Can't restart: hold up to 10 sec to turn off (Touch ID button on laptops)

Based on Apple's official list (published September 14, 2026). Some apps may work differently.

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