Mac Text Editing 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 ⌥ and press ← to jump back one word).

Move the cursor

⌘ ← / ⌘ →	Beginning / end of the line
⌘ ↑ / ⌘ ↓	Beginning / end of the document
⌥ ← / ⌥ →	Previous / next word
fn ↑ / fn ↓	Page up / page down

Select text

⇧ Arrows	One character (or line) at a time
⇧ ⌥ ← / ⇧ ⌥ →	One word at a time
⇧ ⌘ ← / ⇧ ⌘ →	To the start / end of the line
⇧ ⌘ ↑ / ⇧ ⌘ ↓	To the start / end of the document
⌘ A	Select all

Delete and paste

⌥ Delete	Delete the word to the left
fn Delete	Delete the character to the right (fn is the Globe key)
⌥ ⇧ ⌘ V	Paste and match style (no fonts or colors)
⌘ Z / ⇧ ⌘ Z	Undo / redo

Format text

⌘ B	Bold the selected text
⌘ I	Italicize the selected text
⌘ U	Underline the selected text
⌘ K	Add a web link

Control key shortcuts

^ A	Beginning of the line or paragraph
^ E	End of the line or paragraph
^ K	Cut to the end of the paragraph
^ Y	Paste the text you cut

Emoji and dictation

^ ⌘ Space / fn E	Emoji and symbols (Character Viewer)
Mic	Start / stop dictation (the microphone key)

Based on Apple's official list (published September 14, 2026) and Apple's guide to dictation.

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