

Clipboard Cheat Sheet (sample edition)

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01 Copy command output

command | pbcopy

Pipe any command's output to pbcopy

For example: `pwd | pbcopy` copies your current directory path

Or: `ls | pbcopy` copies the file listing

Then paste with Command + V in any app

Requires: Mac - macOS Terminal pbcopy

Practice: Pipe `pwd` to the clipboard: Run ``pwd | pbcopy``, then paste into Notes. Confirm the path appears.

Terminal | [Full lesson](#)

02 Read clipboard text

pbpaste

Copy some text to your clipboard (like a file path from Finder)

Use pbpaste in your command

For example: `cd $(pbpaste)` changes to the directory you copied

Or: `cat $(pbpaste)` displays the file whose path you copied

Requires: Mac

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03 Screenshot

Press the Top Button and Volume Up button at the same time

The screen flashes and a thumbnail appears in the corner

Tap the thumbnail to crop or mark up, or swipe it away to save to Photos

Requires: iPad

iPadOS | [Full lesson](#)

04 Copy selected text

Three-finger pinch inward

Select the text you want to copy or cut

Pinch in with three fingers to copy

Pinch in twice quickly with three fingers to cut

Spread out with three fingers to paste at the cursor

Requires: iPad

iOS/iPadOS | [Full lesson](#) | [Select text by tapping and adjusting selection handles - Apple guide](#)

05 Universal Clipboard

Make sure both devices use the same Apple Account

Turn on Wi-Fi and Bluetooth on both devices

Copy text, an image, or a link on the Mac

Open an app on the iPad

Paste normally

Context not listed | [Full lesson](#)

06 Triple-Tap = Select Paragraph

Single tap to place cursor, double tap for word, triple tap selects the entire paragraph/block.

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