

Welcome to *TEKTOK*
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*"It's better to hang out with people better than you.
Pick out associates whose behavior is better than yours and you will drift in
that direction"*
-Warren Buffett

Web Sites

[Edison Birthplace Museum: Patents Granted to Thomas Edison](#)

Thomas Edison is one of the world's greatest inventors and has been responsible for more inventions than any other inventor. Here is a chronological listing of the over 1,000 patents he was granted during his lifetime.

https://web.archive.org/web/20120212054940id_/http://www.tomedison.org/patent.html

[Harcourt School: Thomas Edison](#)

A good description of the inventions and life of this bright and ambitious man. As inventor of the light bulb, phonograph, movie camera and many others, Edison lived a very inspiring life. In Spanish.

<http://www.harcourtschool.com/activity/biographies/edisonsp/>

[National Park Service: Thomas Edison National Historical Park: Edison Biography](#)

Here is a very detailed biography of Thomas Edison ranging from his boyhood and his work as a telegrapher, moving on to his invention of the phonograph and incandescent light bulb, and finally, a description of his laboratories where he did his research in New Jersey. A great resource for information on this talented inventor.

<https://www.nps.gov/edis/learn/historyculture/edison-biography.htm>

Hardware/Software

Hey Siri! Now on Your Mac

Have you upgraded to Mac OS X Sierra yet? I know that some people wait awhile to upgrade but I have been running Sierra for some time and you will want to upgrade. It is a rock-solid upgrade, it is free and it brings a lot of new features to the Mac. In the words of one big loser, "what do you have to lose?"

Okay, political commentary aside, one of the most exciting and useful features of Sierra is that Siri, finally, has come to the Mac!

You can access Siri by clicking on the menu bar icon in the upper right-hand corner of your Mac's screen or by clicking on the Siri icon in the dock. If you do not see those, you might not have Siri activated so go to System Preferences > Siri and check the box to "Enable Siri". There you will find the check box to "show Siri in menu bar" which you can toggle on and off as well as options to choose Siri's language and voice. You can also choose a keyboard shortcut if you would like, F7 is the default.

But, don't you want to just say "Hey Siri"? That doesn't necessarily work out of the box but you can make it work! Make sure you activate enhanced dictation in the keyboard system preference. Then, you can go to System Preferences > Accessibility > Dictation to set up the voice command that will activate Siri with a "Hey Siri".

So, what can ask Siri to do for you? Well, start out by asking her what she can do. You will get a nice long list of things. You can ask Siri to launch apps, tell you the weather, get the Cubs score, FaceTme a friend, get directions to your meeting and so much more. I have been using Siri to find particular files, launch my apps and most of all to settle trivia bets.

Remember PDAs? Not public displays of affection, the other PDA – Personal Desktop Assistant. Well, Siri finally has made that a reality on your Mac. Use Siri to manage your calendar, remind you of appointments or bills to pay, play music for you or just a huge range of tasks.

Famous People from American History

Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931) Pioneer of the mass use and distribution of electricity. Edison was one of the most prolific inventors, who developed commercially available electric light bulbs.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

What happens to a beautiful girl who loses her watch?

She has become a timeless beauty._

What does the bicycle dealer do with his bikes?

He peddles them

What did the big flower say to the little flower?

How are you, bud?

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on October 12:

1537 Edward VI king of England (1547–53)
1798 Pedro I 1st emperor of Brazil (1822–31), king of Portugal (gyrocompass)
1872 Ralph Vaughan Williams Down Amp England, composer (Hugh the Drover)
1932 Dick Gregory comedian/political activist/dietician (Bahamian Diet)
1935 Luciano Pavarotti Modena Italy, operatic tenor (Yes, Giorgio)
1947 Chris Wallace Chic Ill, newscaster (NBC Weekend News)
1950 Susan Anton Oak Glen Calif, actress (Golden Girl, Spring Fever)
1968 Adam Rich NYC, actor (Nicholas–8 is Enough, Code Red, Gun Shy)
1970 Kirk Cameron Panorama City Calif, actor (Mike–Growing Pains)

On This Day:

1492 Columbus arrives in the Bahamas; the real Columbus Day
1823 Charles Macintosh of Scotland begins selling raincoats (Macs)
1915 Theodore Roosevelt criticizes US citizens with dual nationalities
1916 Boston Red Sox beat Brooklyn Dodgers, 4 games to 1 in 13th World Series
1918 1st use of iron lung (Boston's Children Hospital)
1933 Alcatraz becomes a federal prison (unofficially)
1933 John Dillinger escapes from the Allen County, OH, jail
1942 US navy defeats Japanese in WW II Battle of Cape Esperance
1948 Casey Stengel takes over as Yankee manager
1960 Nikita Khrushchev pounds his shoe at UN General Assembly session
1963 Archaeological digs begin at Masada, Israel
1963 At 4 AM, traffic on Bay Bridge is 1-way on each deck
1967 St Louis Cards beat Boston Red Sox, 4 games to 3 in 64th World Series as Lou Brock steals a record 7 bases in 1 world series
1968 19th modern Olympic games opens in Mexico City
1973 Nixon nominates Gerald Ford to replace Spiro Agnew as VP
1977 US Supreme Court heard arguments in "reverse discrimination" case of Allan Bakke, white student denied admission to U of Calif Med School
1984 IRA bombs hotel where Margaret Thatcher is staying
1986 Calif Angels within 1 pitch of pennant victory lose to Red Sox

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