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You cannot kindle a fire in any other heart until it is burning in your own.
~Anonymous

Web Sites

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World Wetlands Day

Ever stopped for a moment and considered just how precious our natural world is? World Wetlands Day is an opportunity to remember those beautiful, boggy parts of our world that ducks, geese, swans, frogs, water voles, flamingoes and all other sorts of waterfowl and animals need to have in order to exist and thrive in harmony.

We all know that parts of our world are under risk of being over-developed; at the expense of the creatures who inhabit these dwindling areas. The wetlands need our help, money and support if we are to see these beautiful birds and other water-based creatures survive for next generation. World Wetlands Day is the perfect chance to make a much-needed donation to a charity that works to save these areas. Or, if you live near a wetlands center, go and visit it! They are fascinating places, run by dedicated staff and volunteers who need your support - and you may just find yourself becoming drawn into the world of bird watching, nature photography, duck feeding or birdhouse building!

[National Geographic: Biodiversity in a Wetland Ecosystem](#)

In this lesson, students learn about the biodiversity of a wetlands ecosystem, then focus on the Barataria Preserve near New Orleans. They then research five species that live there, and follow up by trying to identify the land type in the Barataria Preserve where each of their species would live. Includes student handouts and links to online resources.

<http://nationalgeographic.org/activity/biodiversity-in-wetland-ecosystem/>

[ActionBioscience.org: Loss of Wetlands: How Bird Communities Are Affected](#)

With increased deforestation, invasive species, and other human actions harming or eliminating the wetland habitats the bird populations are decreasing. Scientists are working diligently to restore the wetland birds' habitats.

<http://www.actionbioscience.org/environment/fletcher.html>

Wild Classroom: Biomes of the World: Wetlands Biome

Learn about wetlands ecosystems. Find out about plants, animals, adaptations, and conservation efforts and locate this biome on a map.

<http://www.thewildclassroom.com/biomes/wetlands.html>

Hardware/Software

How to Disable Siri on Mac

Some Mac users may wish to turn off Siri on their Mac, perhaps because they aren't using the Siri service on their computer or maybe they'd rather just use Siri on the iPhone or iPad instead. Regardless of the reason, you can easily disable Siri in Mac OS, which will completely turn off the voice assistant service as well as remove the Siri icon from the Mac menu bar (and Touch Bar if applicable).

Disabling Siri on the Mac is easily achieved through a settings adjustment:

1. Go to the  Apple menu and choose "System Preferences"
2. Choose "Siri" from the control panel options
3. Uncheck the box next to "Enable Siri"
4. Close System Preferences

With Siri disabled, the menu bar icon is removed, the Dock icon is hidden, the Touch Bar icon is removed (if applicable to your Mac), and the Siri service is completely turned off and unable to activate for any reason.

How to Enable Siri on Mac

You can re-enable Siri at any time by reversing the settings change and simply checking the box again.

1. From  Apple menu, choose "System Preferences"
2. Choose "Siri" from the control panels
3. Check the box next to "Enable Siri"

If you want to leave Siri enabled but simply remove the menu bar icon, you can also just hide the Siri menu icon from the Mac instead as well.

Separately for iOS users, you can also turn off Siri on the iPhone and iPad if you want to do that for whatever reason too.

Keep in mind that if you turn off Siri you will lose all of the great features of the service and all of the Siri commands and wonderfully helpful capabilities on Mac. If you're thinking about turning off the feature because you don't use it much, consider browsing our Siri tips to learn some great ways to use the

Hints/Tips

How to Enter Emoji on the Mac

I remember the first day I got a new computer, and I loved nothing more than the sound of my modem and the eventual entry into a chat room where I learned things like :-) was a smiley face and :-P meant I was sticking my tongue out.

Fast-forward many years and my basic AOL symbols are now referred to as emojis. I admit the basic smile is probably still my most commonly used one, but there's a world of emojis out there and they can make everyday conversations just a little bit more fun.

I use emojis frequently on my iPhone and iPad, but it's just as easy to use emojis on your Mac once you know where to find them. On your Mac it might not be as obvious where you might find these because you can't just pull them up from your keyboard (unless you know the shortcut). If you want to insert a smiley face in a post with Messages or a note in Mail, you need to use the characters viewer. To bring up the Character viewer in most Mac apps, choose edit > emoji & symbols or use the keyboard shortcut: Command-Control-Space. When the characters viewer opens you can insert an emoji from a few different ways, you might need to play around and see which method works best depending on which app you are using. (Those of us with Touchbar MacBooks have it much easier)

- While the cursor is active in a text area, double-click a character in the viewer.
- Drag a character out of the viewer and into a text area.
- Drag a character out of the viewer to the Desktop to create a text clipping with it. Then drag that text clipping anywhere you can type.

Once you insert a character or emoji, it will appear in the frequently used category. You can feel free to add your most commonly used emojis to your favorites category. You'll find all the same emojis on your Mac as you do on iPhone, making your conversations on your Mac now just as fun as those on your iPhone or iPad.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

Why is the letter A like a flower?

Answer: It is always followed by bees.

If your worst enemy fell overboard, what letter would suit you?

Answer: LETTER B.

Why are A, E, and U the prettiest vowels?

Answer: You cannot have beauty without them.

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on February 3:

1809 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Hamburg Germany, composer (Great Scherzos)

1821 Elizabeth Blackwell Bristol England, 1st woman physician

1904 Charlie "Pretty Boy" Floyd FBI Most Wanted criminal

1907 James A Michener New York NY, writer (Tales of the South Pacific, Centennial, Chesapeake, Hawaii, Space)

1918 Joey Bishop [Gottlieb], Bronx, comedian/talk show host (Joey Bishop Show)

1940 Fran Tarkenton Richmond VA, NFL quarterback (New York Giants, Minnesota Vikings)

1943 Blythe Danner Philadelphia PA, actress (Butterflies are Free)

1945 Bob Griese NFL quarterback (Miami Dolphins, 1971 Player of Year)

1950 Morgan Fairchild [Patsy McClenny], Dallas TX, actress (Falcon Crest, Flamingo Road)

1952 Fred Lynn Chicago IL, baseball outfielder (Boston, California, Baltimore)

1956 Nathan Lane Jersey City NJ, actor (Birdcage, Timon-Lion King, Mouse Hunt, One of the Boys, Frankie & Johnnie)

1990 Cody Newton Gifford son of Kathie Lee & Frank Gifford

1994 Tallulah Belle Willis 3rd daughter of Bruce Willis & Demi Moore

On This Day:

1783 Spain recognizes US independence

1864 Sherman's march through Georgia

1870 15th Amendment (Black suffrage) passed

1876 Albert Spalding with \$800 starts sporting goods company, manufacturing 1st official baseball, tennis ball, basketball, golf ball, & football

1882 Circus owner PT Barnum buys his world famous elephant Jumbo

1887 To avoid disputed national elections, Congress creates Electoral Count Act

1894 1st US steel sailing vessel, Dirigo, launched, Bath ME

1908 Supreme Court rules a union boycott violates Sherman Antitrust Act

1913 16th Amendment, federal income tax, ratified
1941 Supreme Court upheld Federal Wage & Hour law, sets minimum wages & maximum hours
1942 1st Japanese air raid on Java
1953 J Fred Muggs, a chimp, becomes a regular on NBC's Today Show
1962 President Kennedy bans all trade with Cuba except for food & drugs
1967 "Purple Haze" recorded by Jimi Hendrix
1972 11th Winter Olympics games opens in Sapporo Japan (1st in Asia)
1979 "YMCA" by Village People peaks at #2 on pop singles chart
1990 Jockey Billy Shoemaker (58), retires after 40,350 horse races
1994 President Bill Clinton lifts US trade embargo against Vietnam
1998 Stamps commemorating Princess Diana go on sale across Britain

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