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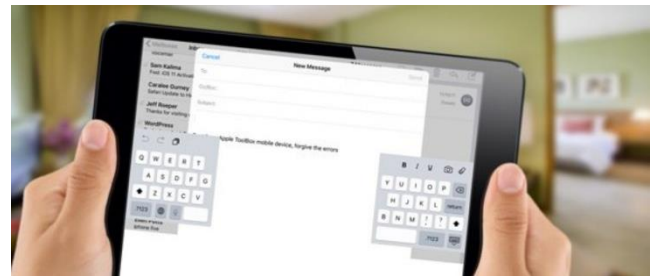
Keyboard use on iPadOS

Students will not have a personal keyboard. So how can students quickly type using their iPad? There are several "hacks" that we can consider.
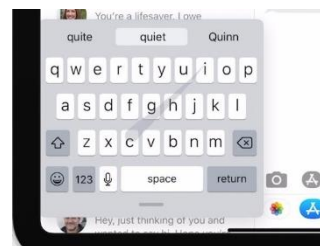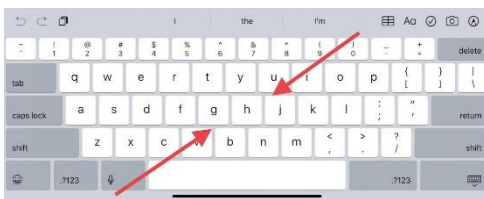
1. There is a built-in keyboard that students can use. When presented with the ability to type text, the keyboard will pop up from the bottom of the screen. When that pops up, there are some little tricks that users can use to speed up the process and make it easier.

   a. Students can dictate the text by using the microphone. They can speak into the iPad and it will record the text spoken. Students will say words like "period or comma" to punctuate the text. They can then go back and edit as needed.

2. Another option is to pinch the keyboard apart. You do this by using two fingers and swiping out from the center of the keyboard. This will split the keyboard into two sections, and you can type with your thumbs.

3. Students can pinch the keyboard with two fingers and make it tiny. This will allow them to draw their words. It is officially called QuickPath. Students swipe their fingers on the keyboard to spell the words out.

One last helpful hack is instead of toggling back and forth from letters to numbers to symbols keyboards, users can now hold and swipe down on a key to grab the desired number or symbol.

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