# iPad Basics

An iPad is a big iPhone without the phone calls. Same apps, same look — just a much bigger screen that is easier to read and tap. If the phone screen feels too small for your eyes or fingers, an iPad is the answer most of my clients love.

## The two things that confuse everyone

1. There is no Home button on newer iPads. To go back to the main screen, put your finger at the very bottom edge and swipe up — one quick flick upward. It feels odd the first three times, then it feels natural.
2. The strip of apps at the bottom is the Dock. Those are your favorites — they stay there on every screen. Tap and hold any app icon, then drag it down to the Dock to park it there.

## Making everything bigger

Open Settings → Display & Brightness → Text Size and drag the slider up. For even larger everything, go to Settings → Accessibility → Display & Text Size and turn on Larger Text.

## Wi-Fi only is fine for most people

iPads come in two kinds: Wi-Fi only (cheaper, connects at home like your phone does) and Wi-Fi + Cellular (works anywhere, but needs its own monthly plan). If you will mostly use it at home, save your money — Wi-Fi only is plenty.

## Charging

Newer iPads charge with a USB-C cable — the small oval plug that fits either way up. The 10th-generation iPad and later all use it. Plug it in overnight, same as your phone.

## When to call Sean instead

- You are choosing between an iPad, a Kindle Fire, and a Chromebook and want honest advice.
- The iPad will not connect to your Wi-Fi.

- You want your photos, contacts, and email from your iPhone to appear on the iPad too.
- The screen is cracked or the battery dies fast.

Need a hand? Call Sean at **(813) 770-6082**.