MACnote

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1. Getting started

The first lessons the app itself teaches.

Write your first note

Press ⌘N. Type a title, then write. Notes save by themselves.

Format
Select words to make them bold, a list or a heading.

Type /
A menu opens: checklist, table, picture, sketch and more.

Notebooks
Every note lives in a notebook on the bookshelf.

Record a meeting or a class

Press the microphone. When you stop, a draft summary appears in the note at once.

Runs on this Mac
The recording, transcript and summary never leave your Mac.

System audio
In a call, MACnote also records the other people (it asks once).

Template
Under the recording, pick another summary template; your own lines stay.

Ask the AI about your notes

Press ⌘J. The panel on the right answers only from the chips below the question.

Chips
Selection, this note, a notebook or all notes. Remove one with ×.

Type @
Add another note, a notebook or a tag.

Sources
Each answer shows the notes it used. Click one to open it.

Study with flashcards

Make flashcards from a note, then review a few every day.

Make cards
Note › Make Flashcards writes cards from the note.

Review
⇧⌘Y shows cards that are due. Answer honestly: it plans the next review.

Study timer
The hourglass starts 25 minutes of focus and a short break.

Read a notebook as a book

Open a notebook and choose Read as Book. It opens where you left off.

Contents
The list on the left jumps to any note.

Edit
Write in the book; the page follows as you type.

Gear
Order, merge, move notes, cover, paper, export.

Listen to a book or a note

In a book press the speaker button (⌥⌘A). The page marks each word as it is read.

Transcript
The sentence being read is large; click any line to jump there.

Voices
Basic voice works at once; AI voices download once and then read offline.

Sleep timer
Finishes the sentence, then fades out over a few seconds.

Follow
Keeps the line in view; scroll and it waits about 5 seconds.

Plan on a board

A board is an endless table for cards, pictures, links and arrows.

Add
Pick a tool on the left or drop files on the board.

Move
Scroll to move, pinch to zoom, ⇧⌘1 to see everything.

Present
Frames and scenes become slides.

Find anything

⌘O opens any note by name. ⌥⌘F searches every word, even inside recordings.

Without accents
"hop nhom" finds "Họp nhóm".

By meaning
Words that mean the same thing are found too.

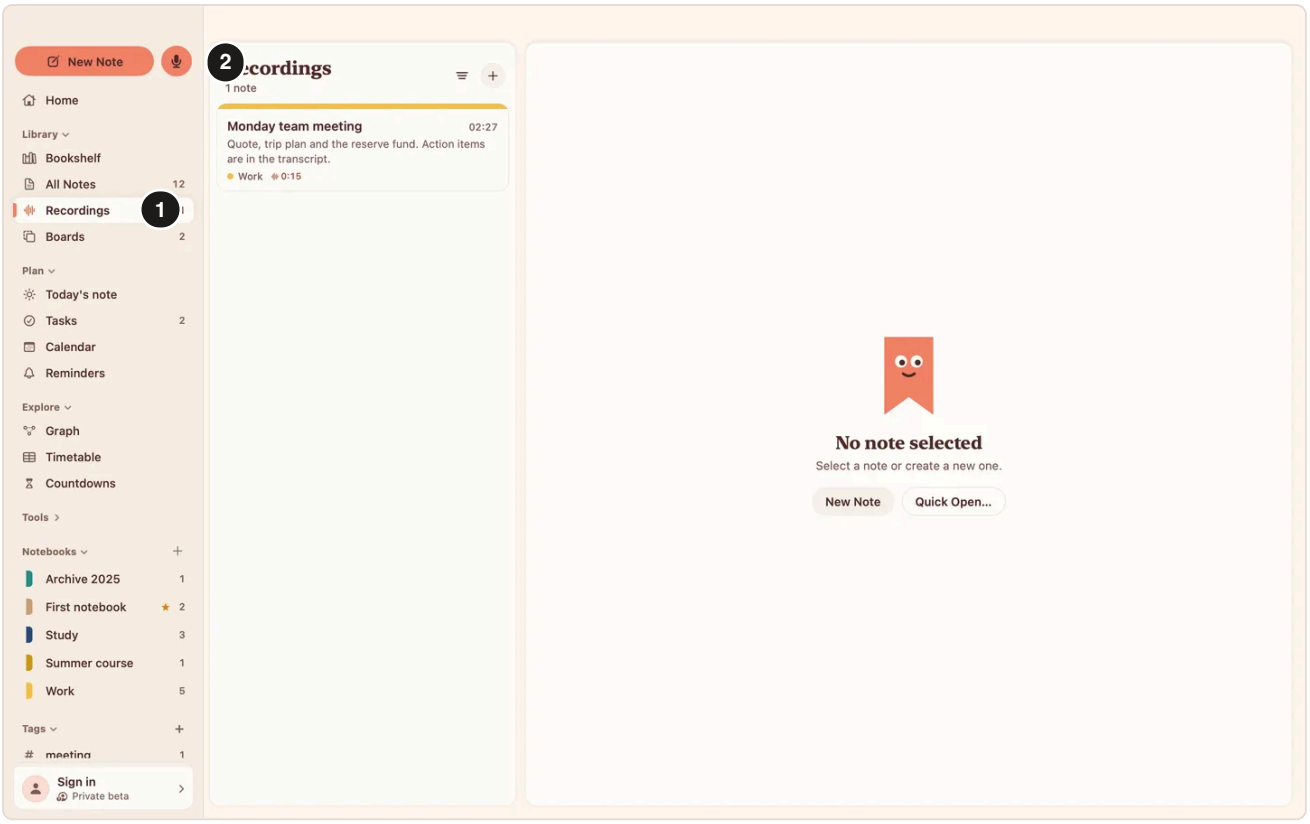
Shortcuts

⌘/ lists every keyboard shortcut.

2. Record a lecture or a meeting

Record on your Mac, get a transcript and a draft summary when you stop.

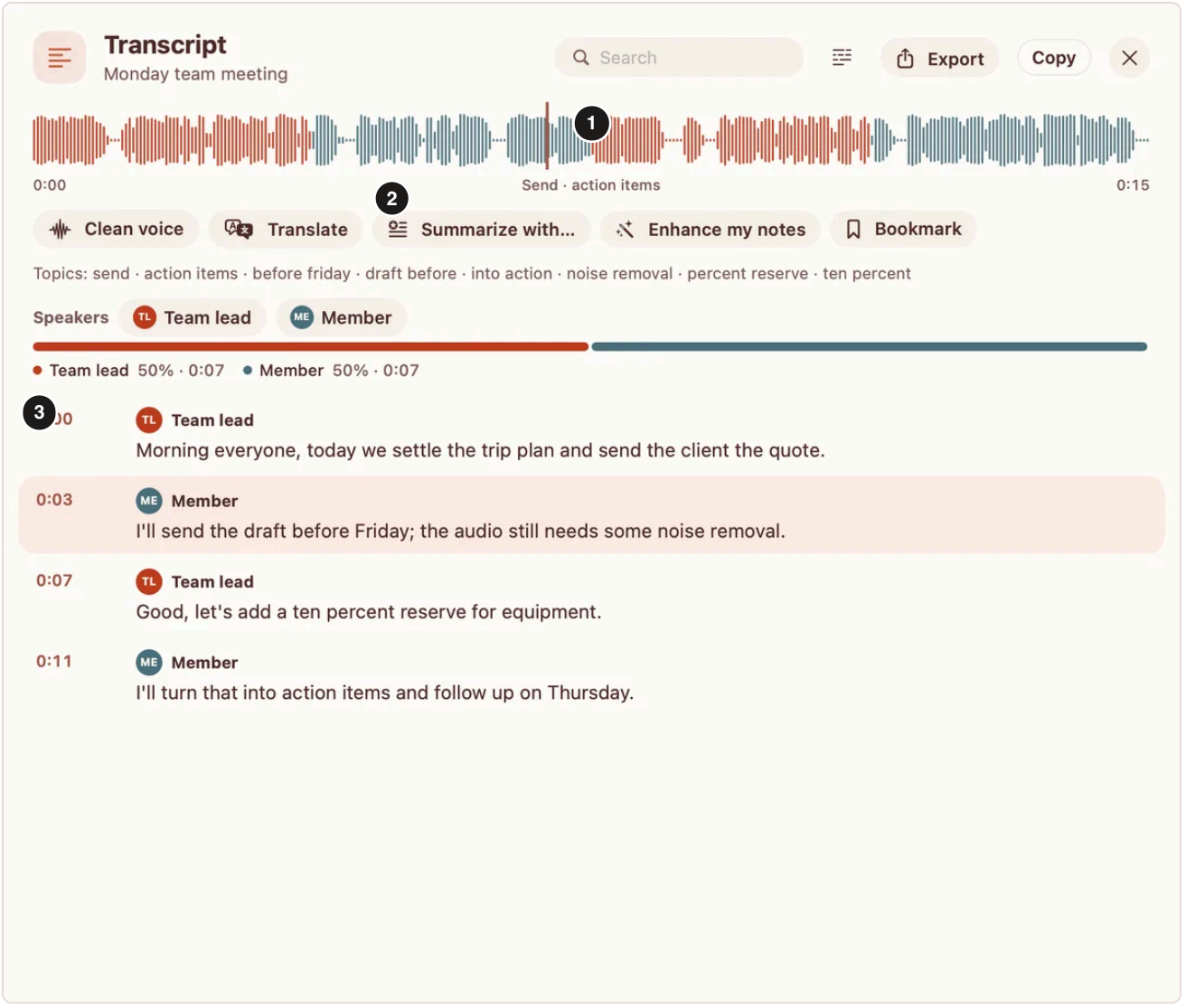
1. Ask first. Many lecturers and workplaces have rules about recording, so get a yes before you press record.
2. Open the Record menu and choose Record Lecture for a class, or Record Meeting for minutes, decisions and tasks. The shortcut Start Recording (⇧⌘R) uses your default type.



1. Recordings in the sidebar (⌘4)
2. The microphone button starts a recording (or press ⇧⌘R)

3. In an online class or a call, MACnote also records the other people. It asks for permission once; the default type in Settings is a meeting with system audio.
4. To mark a moment, press Add Bookmark (⌥⌘M). To stop for a moment, Pause (⌥⌘P) keeps the same recording.
5. Press Stop Recording (⇧⌘R). MACnote writes the summary and a draft appears in the note at once.

6. Open the recording to read the transcript. Everything stays on your Mac: the recording, the transcript and the summary never leave it.



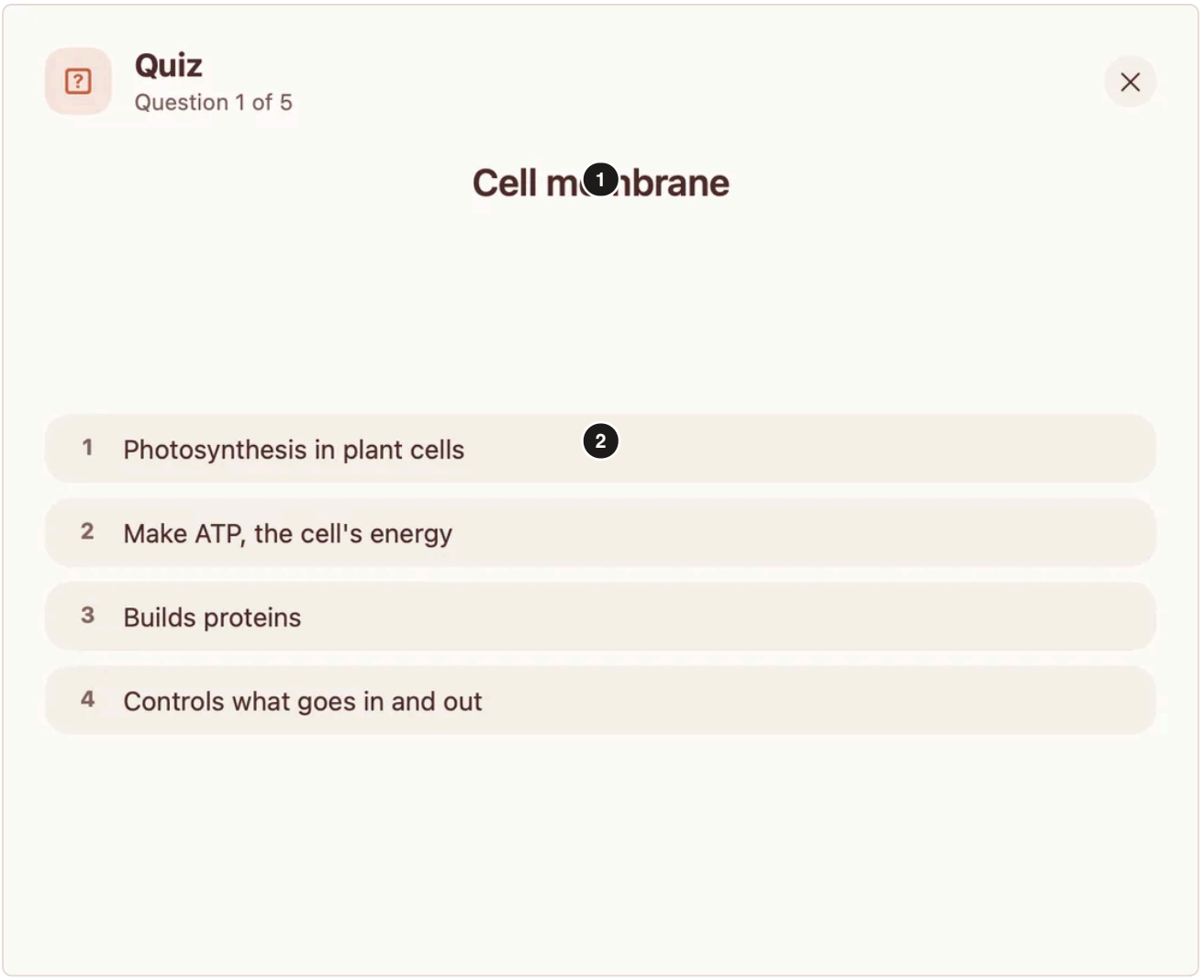
1. The waveform, coloured by speaker
2. Tools for this recording: Clean voice, Translate, Summarize with…, Enhance my notes, Bookmark
3. Each line has its time and speaker

7. Under the recording you can pick another summary template. Your own lines stay.

3. Make flashcards and quiz yourself

Turn a note into study cards and review a few every day.

1. Open the note you want to study. In the Note menu choose Make Flashcards; the cards are written from the note and you can edit or delete any of them.
2. Press Study Flashcards… (⇧⌘Y) to review the cards that are due. Answer honestly: it plans the next review from your answer.
3. To test yourself on the note itself, choose Quiz from Note… (⌥⌘Y). For a whole notebook, Practice Exam from Notebook… is a longer test.



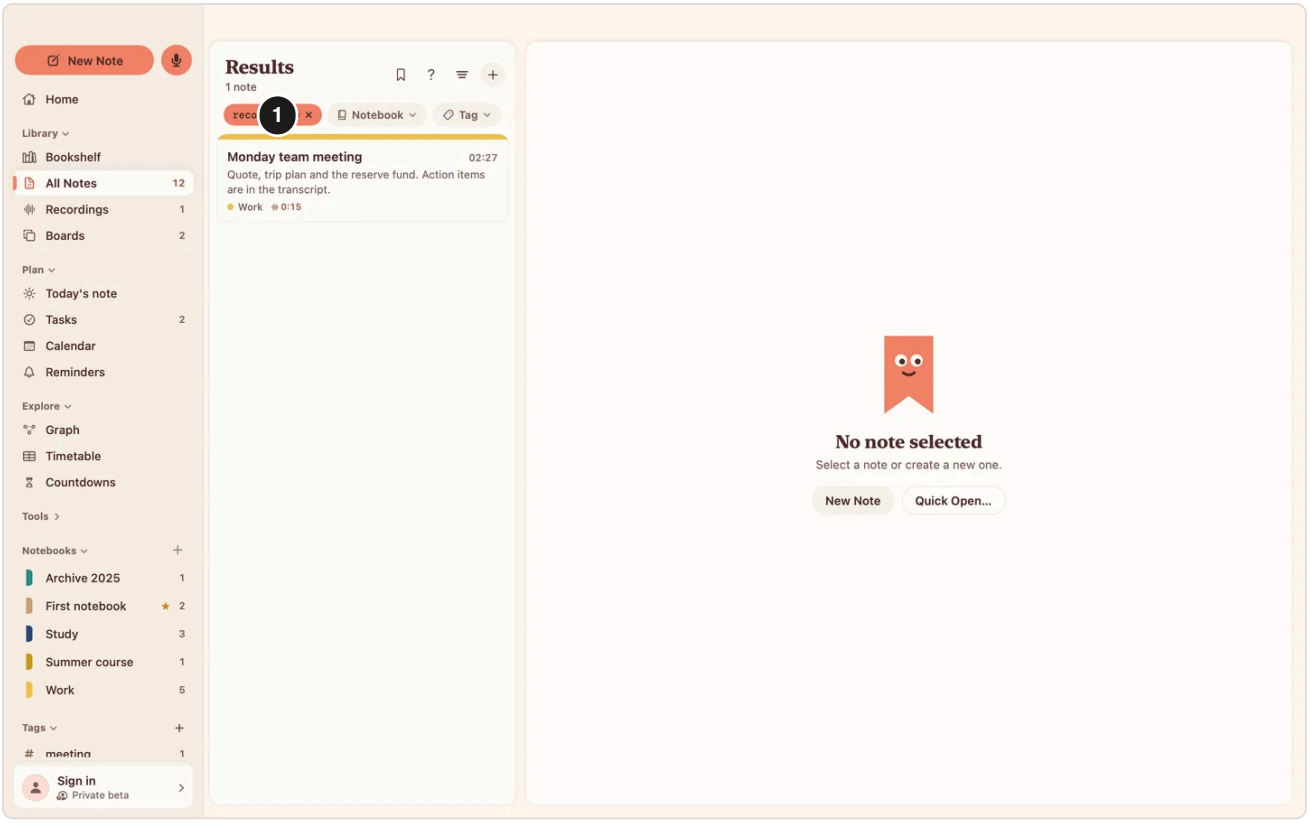
1. The question
2. Pick one of the answers

4. The hourglass starts 25 minutes of focus and a short break. In Settings, Notes & Editor › Flashcards you set when a study day starts and how many new cards a day.

4. Find anything in your notes

Open a note by name, or search every word, even inside recordings.

1. Press ⌘O (Quick Open…) and type part of the name of a note or board.
2. Press ⌥⌘F (Search All Notes) to search every word in every note, recording and picture.



1. Filters such as recording:*, Notebook and Tag narrow the results

3. You do not need accents: "hop nhom" finds "Họp nhóm". Words that mean the same thing are found too.
4. Words such as tag:, notebook: and todo: narrow a search (Settings › Search). ⌘/ lists every keyboard shortcut.

5. Ask your notes a question

The AI panel answers only from the notes you point it at, on your Mac.

1. Press ⌘J (AI Assistant). The panel opens on the right.
2. Look at the chips below the question: selection, this note, a notebook or all notes. Remove one with ×. Type @ to add another note, a notebook or a tag.
3. The answer comes only from the chips. Each answer shows the notes it used; click one to open it. For one question across all your notes use Ask Your Notes… (⌥⌘J).
4. This uses the writing assistant on your Mac; nothing is sent (Settings › AI & Models).

6. Menus and the menu bar

Every menu, every item, with its shortcut.

File menu

Make new things and bring in notes from elsewhere.

Item	What it does	Shortcut
New Note	A new note in the notebook you are in.	⌘N
New Note from Template	Start from a meeting, lecture or other template.	
New Notebook…	A new book on the shelf.	⇧⌘N
New Board…	An endless canvas.	⌥⌘B
New Paper Notebook…	Pages for handwriting and PDFs.	⌥⌘N
Import Notes…	Bring in an .enex export with tags and pictures.	
Import Book…	Put an EPUB or PDF book without copy protection on the shelf.	
Import Flashcards…	Bring in cards from a CSV, TSV or text file. You see the counts before anything is added.	
Import Audio/Video…	Transcribe a recording you already have.	
Import Folder of Files…	Each folder becomes a note with its files attached.	
Consolidate Attachments…	Copy every picture, video and file in your notes into one folder.	
Export All Data…	Save everything you own in open formats, in one dated folder.	
Share…	Send this note to Mail, Messages, AirDrop or another app as PDF, Markdown or text.	⇧⌘E
Quick Open…	Jump to any note or board by name.	⌘O
Command Palette…	Every command by name, with its shortcut.	⇧⌘K
Open Jotter	A small notepad that floats above other apps.	^⌘J
Floating Scratch	A calculator pad that floats above other apps.	
Print…	Print the note or the board.	⌘P
Standard items	Close and Close All work as in every Mac app.	

Edit menu

Undo, copy and paste, and find text.

Item	What it does	Shortcut
Find in Note	Find words in the open note.	⌘F
Search All Notes	Search every note, recording and picture.	⌥⌘F
Standard items	Undo, Cut, Copy, Paste, Select All, spelling and dictation work as in every Mac app.	

Note menu

Everything you can do with the open note.

Item	What it does	Shortcut
AI Assistant	Open the AI panel beside the note.	⌘J
Summarize note	A short summary in the AI panel.	⇧⌘J
Ask Your Notes…	A question answered from all your notes.	⌥⌘J
Pin to Top	Keep this note first in the list.	⇧⌘P
Copy Note Link	A link you can paste into another note.	⌥⌘L
Duplicate	A copy of the note.	
Make Board from Note	Headings and lists become cards on a board.	
Present Note	Show the note as slides.	^⌘P
Make Flashcards	Study cards from the note.	
Export Flashcards…	Save this note's cards, or all cards, as a CSV or TSV file.	
Move to Trash	You can restore it from Trash.	⌘⌫
Checklist	Turn lines into to-dos.	⇧⌘T
Insert Table	A table at the cursor.	⌥⌘T
Insert Link…	Link the selected words.	⌘K
Attach File…	Add a file or picture.	⇧⌘A
Sketch…	Draw with the trackpad or a tablet.	⇧⌘D
Study Flashcards…	Review the cards that are due.	⇧⌘Y
Quiz Me…	Questions from your cards.	
Quiz from Note…	Questions written from this note.	⌥⌘Y
Practice Exam from Notebook…	A longer test over the whole notebook.	
Study Guide…	Key ideas and questions to revise.	
Glossary…	The terms in the note with short meanings.	
AI Mind Map	The note as a mind map on a board.	

Item	What it does	Shortcut
Read Note Aloud	Hear the note with each word marked, the transcript beside it.	
Stop Working Out Calculations in This Note	No rings or answers while you type in this note; choose it again to turn them back on.	
Work Out Calculations in This Note	Turn math rings and answers back on for this note.	

Record menu

Start, pause and stop recordings.

Item	What it does	Shortcut
Start Recording	Record with your default type.	⇧⌘R
Stop Recording	Stop and write the summary.	⇧⌘R
Pause	Pause without ending the recording.	⌥⌘P
Resume	Carry on after a pause.	⌥⌘P
Add Bookmark	Mark this moment to find it later.	⌥⌘M
Record Meeting	A meeting: minutes, decisions and tasks.	
Record Lecture	A class: study notes, terms and flashcards.	
Record Conversation	A talk between a few people.	
Record into This Note	The recording goes into the open note.	

View menu

Move between places and panels.

Item	What it does	Shortcut
Home	Your desk: today, recent notes, study.	⌘1
Bookshelf	Your notebooks as books on a shelf.	⌘2
All Notes	Every note in one list.	⌘3
Recordings	Every recording with its transcript.	⌘4
Boards	All your boards.	⌘5
Tasks	To-dos from notes and meetings.	⌘6
Calendar	Meetings and notes by day.	⌘7
Reminders	Notes with a reminder, by date.	⌘8
Graph	How your notes link to each other.	⌘9
Today's Note	One note per day.	^⌘T

Item	What it does	Shortcut
Read as Book	Read the notebook page by page.	`^⌘B`
Show Scratch	A calculator pad beside the note.	`⌘\`
Hide Scratch	Close the scratch pad.	`⌘\`
Show AI Panel	The AI panel on the right.	`⌥⌘0`
Hide AI Panel	Close the AI panel.	`⌥⌘0`
Standard items	Sidebar, toolbar and full screen work as in every Mac app.	

Help menu

Guides, the tour and the shortcut list.

Item	What it does	Shortcut
Search Help	This window: every article, with a search field.	`⌘?`
Get Started	A note with the basics, made once.	
Replay the Tour	Points at the main parts of the window.	
Keyboard Shortcuts	Every shortcut, with a filter.	`⌘/`
Report a Problem	The support page on simpeltool.app.	
What's New	What changed in this version.	

Window menu

Arrange MACnote's windows.

Item	What it does	Shortcut
Standard items	Minimize, Zoom and Bring All to Front work as in every Mac app.	

MACnote menu

About, updates, Settings and quitting.

Item	What it does	Shortcut
About MACnote	Version and the studio, Simpel.	
Check for Updates…	Looks for a newer version quietly.	
Settings…	All settings, page by page.	`⌘,`
Standard items	Services, Hide and Quit work as in every Mac app.	

MACnote in the menu bar

The icon at the top of the screen records and shows timers without opening the window.

Item	What it does	Shortcut
Record	Start or stop a recording from any app.	
Quick Note	Write a note from any app.	^⌥N
Study timer	Shows the time left while you study.	
Open MACnote	Brings the main window back.	

7. Settings, page by page

What each setting does and its default.

General

Language, what opens first, and tips.

Setting	What it does	Default
Language	The language of the whole app.	System
Startup	What MACnote shows when it opens.	Bookshelf
Default notebook	Where new notes go.	
Help and tips	Turn the first-time tips on or off.	On
Accessibility	Motion: follow the system, full or reduced.	
Menu bar and login	Open at login and the menu bar icon.	

Notes & Editor

How notes look and type.

Setting	What it does	Default
Look & feel	Text size, width and heading style.	Comfortable
Appearance	Light, dark or like the system.	System
Writing shortcuts	Markdown typing such as # for a heading.	On
Calculations in notes	Space turns a calculation into a chip with its formula and answer. Right-click it: copy the result with a link (pasted in another note it follows this one), only the number, or the formula; see where it is used; or turn it back into text.	
Formula library	Right-click a calculation › Save Formula to Library. In another note type == (or Saved formula after /): Enter inserts it linked, so it changes when the original does and uses this note's own numbers (P = 100tr); ⇧Enter inserts a copy.	
Calculations while typing	Type 2tr - 990k or (1200 + 350) * 8% in a note: a soft ring shows the answer. Space or Enter writes it; Esc or ✕ keeps the text. Dates, phone numbers and codes are left alone.	On
Templates	Your own note templates.	
Flashcards	When a study day starts, how many new cards a day, and how much you want to recall.	
Reading books	How the book reader helps you read: look up and translate a selection, the page look, bookmarks and highlights.	

Setting	What it does	Default
Look Up and Translate	Select text in a book, then right-click or press ^⌘D to look it up and ⇧⌘L to translate it. Translation runs on this Mac.	
Highlights and notes	Select text, then pick a colour on the bar, or press ^⌘H for the last colour. Click a highlight to add a note, change its colour or remove it. The Highlights list exports to Markdown, CSV or a note. Only the passages you highlighted are exported: mind the copyright of what you quote.	
Bookmarks and footnotes	⌘D puts a ribbon on the page. Bookmarks sit beside Contents. A footnote link opens a small card instead of leaving the page; Esc closes it.	
Page look	Aa in the reader bar sets the typeface, size, spacing, margins and justification of one book. Settings sets the look every book starts with. Easy reading is a typeface made to tell letters apart.	

Jotter

The small floating notepad and the scratch beside notes.

Setting	What it does	Default
Window	Float above other apps, size and place.	On top
Keywords	First words that switch a jot into a list, timer or sum.	
Scratch beside notes	Show the calculator pad next to a note.	Off
AutoPaste	Save what you copy as jots (passwords are skipped).	Off
Jots	When untouched jots move to the Void and when the Void is emptied.	
Paper and text	Paper, typeface and text size of the Jotter.	
Timer	The sound when a timer ends and the timer in the menu bar.	
Names in calculations	Write x = 5, coffee = 995k or A. coffee = 995k, or put the name last: 300 + 900 = A. Then A * B uses them, and changing a number updates every line that uses it.	
Line references	1) * 2), #1 + #3 or line 2 use the answer of another line. Line numbers show in the left margin.	
Totals of lines	sum, total or tổng adds the lines above, from the last blank line; avg averages them; prev or ans is the line just above.	
More math	+ − × ÷, ^ or ², √, %, round, min, max, log, sin and more, with π and e. Big numbers stay exact; 0.75 as fraction gives 3/4.	
Amounts and units	5k, 2tr, 1tỷ, 3M, 2bn; 10 cm in inch, 70 kg in lb, 100 °F to °C, 2048 MB in GB.	
Dates in calculations	today + 30 days, 25/12/2026 - today, tomorrow + 2 weeks.	

Setting	What it does	Default
Currency rates	Write your own rate, such as 1 usd = 25,400 vnd, then 100 usd in vnd. Saved rates show the day they are from.	
Equations	2x + 3 = 11 or x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0 shows x.	
Loans and savings	pmt(500tr, 10%, 240) is the monthly payment; compound(100tr, 8%, 3) the amount after 3 years; interest(100tr, 6%, 2) the simple interest.	
Results beside lines	Click a result to copy it. A line that can't be worked out gets a dotted underline; point at it to see why. Tab finishes a name.	

Recording

How recordings are made.

Setting	What it does	Default
Recording	Default type and whether to record the other people in a call.	Meeting, with system audio
After recording	Transcribe and summarize by themselves.	On
Storage	Keep the audio, or only the transcript.	
Live transcript and translation	Show the words while recording, and translate them.	
Summary templates	Your own summary styles for recordings.	

AI & Models

On-device speech and writing models.

Setting	What it does	Default
Speech recognition	The speech model, downloaded once.	Recommended for this Mac
Languages	Spoken language and summary language.	Automatic
Writing assistant	On-device AI on this Mac; nothing is sent.	
Read aloud	A voice for each language, the word marker and Follow.	Basic voice
AI voices	Natural voices that download once, free, with their licence shown first.	

Search

How search finds notes.

Setting	What it does	Default
Search	Search by meaning and inside pictures.	On
Search syntax	Words such as tag:, notebook:, todo: narrow a search.	

Backup & Data

Copies of your library and moving to a new Mac.

Setting	What it does	Default
Backups	A copy every day; how many to keep.	Daily, keep 7
Restore	Go back to a backup.	
Move to a new Mac	One file with everything.	
Import & Export	ENEX, Markdown and more.	
Export All Data	Save everything you own in open formats, in one dated folder.	
Settings file	Export your settings to a file, or import them on another Mac.	
Library	Where your library is, and cleaning up unused attachments.	
Reset	Put every setting back to its default. A backup of your current settings is saved first.	

Sync

Notes and settings on all your Macs.

Setting	What it does	Default
Sync folder	A folder both Macs can see, such as iCloud Drive.	Off
What syncs	Notes, boards, cards and settings. Recordings only if you turn them on.	
Edited on two Macs	Both versions are kept. Delete the one you don't need.	
Deleted on another Mac	The note moves to the Trash here, so you can get it back.	
Changes from other Macs	See and undo what another Mac changed.	
Status	Whether sync is running, the last sync and what is waiting.	

Health

Space used and checks of the library.

Setting	What it does	Default
Storage	How much space notes, audio and models use.	
Integrity	Check the library for damage.	
Free up space	Remove old audio and keep the transcripts.	

Privacy & Permissions

Locked notebooks and what MACnote may use.

Setting	What it does	Default
Locked notebooks	Notebooks that need Touch ID to open.	
Permissions	Microphone, system audio, calendar; asked only when needed.	
Data	Where your library is on this Mac.	

Integrations

Shortcuts from anywhere, agents and other apps.

Setting	What it does	Default
Command line & AI agents	Let assistants use MACnote on this Mac.	
Calendar & Reminders	Meeting notes and reminders.	Off
Links	Note links open a note from any app.	

Extensions

Small tools you can turn on and off.

Setting	What it does	Default
Tools	Timetable, countdowns, grades, world clock, picker, study timer, scratch.	On

Shortcuts (Settings tab)

Keys that work from any app, and the keys every Simpel app shares.

Setting	What it does	Default
Global shortcuts	Keys that work in every app.	
In every Simpel app	Settings, search, Help, pages, closing and quitting use the same keys in every Simpel app.	

Account

Your Simpel account, plan, Macs, updates and apps.

Setting	What it does	Default
Profile	Your name, email and picture; sign in with an email code or sign out.	
Plan and status	This app, MACpack or MACsuite, and what the license on this Mac allows, in plain words.	
Macs in use	This Mac and the others on your license (two at a time); move to another Mac in the portal.	
Updates and renewal	Update channel, updates until, and quiet updates in the background.	
Check for updates automatically	Look for new versions.	On
Download updates automatically	Install the next time you quit.	On
My apps	Every Simpel app on your account, with its status.	
Billing, invoices and receipts	A short list here; details and PDFs in the customer portal.	
Security and privacy	Sign-in codes; passkeys and deleting the account are in the customer portal.	

About MACnote

The version, what changed, and who makes MACnote.

Setting	What it does	Default
What's new in this version	The release notes of the version you have.	
Licences	The licence of the typeface kept in the app for easy reading.	
Developer	Simpel, with links to support, privacy and terms.	

Advanced

Details for troubleshooting.

Setting	What it does	Default
Diagnostics	Counts and system details.	
Maintenance	Rebuild the search index and similar repairs.	
People	Known voices for naming speakers.	

8. Keyboard shortcuts

Every shortcut in one table.

Shortcut	Item	What it does
⌘N	New Note (File menu)	A new note in the notebook you are in.
⇧⌘N	New Notebook… (File menu)	A new book on the shelf.
⌥⌘B	New Board… (File menu)	An endless canvas.
⌥⌘N	New Paper Notebook… (File menu)	Pages for handwriting and PDFs.
⇧⌘E	Share… (File menu)	Send this note to Mail, Messages, AirDrop or another app as PDF, Markdown or text.
⌘0	Quick Open… (File menu)	Jump to any note or board by name.
⇧⌘K	Command Palette… (File menu)	Every command by name, with its shortcut.
^⌘J	Open Jotter (File menu)	A small notepad that floats above other apps.
⌘P	Print… (File menu)	Print the note or the board.
⌘F	Find in Note (Edit menu)	Find words in the open note.
⌥⌘F	Search All Notes (Edit menu)	Search every note, recording and picture.
⌘J	AI Assistant (Note menu)	Open the AI panel beside the note.
⇧⌘J	Summarize note (Note menu)	A short summary in the AI panel.
⌥⌘J	Ask Your Notes… (Note menu)	A question answered from all your notes.
⇧⌘P	Pin to Top (Note menu)	Keep this note first in the list.
⌥⌘L	Copy Note Link (Note menu)	A link you can paste into another note.
^⌘P	Present Note (Note menu)	Show the note as slides.

Shortcut	Item	What it does
⌘⌫	Move to Trash (Note menu)	You can restore it from Trash.
⇧⌘T	Checklist (Note menu)	Turn lines into to-dos.
⌥⌘T	Insert Table (Note menu)	A table at the cursor.
⌘K	Insert Link… (Note menu)	Link the selected words.
⇧⌘A	Attach File… (Note menu)	Add a file or picture.
⇧⌘D	Sketch… (Note menu)	Draw with the trackpad or a tablet.
⇧⌘Y	Study Flashcards… (Note menu)	Review the cards that are due.
⌥⌘Y	Quiz from Note… (Note menu)	Questions written from this note.
⇧⌘R	Start Recording (Record menu)	Record with your default type.
⇧⌘R	Stop Recording (Record menu)	Stop and write the summary.
⌥⌘P	Pause (Record menu)	Pause without ending the recording.
⌥⌘P	Resume (Record menu)	Carry on after a pause.
⌥⌘M	Add Bookmark (Record menu)	Mark this moment to find it later.
⌘1	Home (View menu)	Your desk: today, recent notes, study.
⌘2	Bookshelf (View menu)	Your notebooks as books on a shelf.
⌘3	All Notes (View menu)	Every note in one list.
⌘4	Recordings (View menu)	Every recording with its transcript.
⌘5	Boards (View menu)	All your boards.
⌘6	Tasks (View menu)	To-dos from notes and meetings.
⌘7	Calendar (View menu)	Meetings and notes by day.

Shortcut	Item	What it does
⌘8	Reminders (View menu)	Notes with a reminder, by date.
⌘9	Graph (View menu)	How your notes link to each other.
^⌘T	Today's Note (View menu)	One note per day.
^⌘B	Read as Book (View menu)	Read the notebook page by page.
⌘\	Show Scratch (View menu)	A calculator pad beside the note.
⌘\	Hide Scratch (View menu)	Close the scratch pad.
⌥⌘0	Show AI Panel (View menu)	The AI panel on the right.
⌥⌘0	Hide AI Panel (View menu)	Close the AI panel.
⌘?	Search Help (Help menu)	This window: every article, with a search field.
⌘/	Keyboard Shortcuts (Help menu)	Every shortcut, with a filter.
⌘,	Settings… (MACnote menu)	All settings, page by page.
^⌥N	Quick Note (MACnote in the menu bar)	Write a note from any app.
^⌘D	Look Up and Translate (Notes & Editor)	Select text in a book, then right-click or press ^⌘D to look it up and ⇧⌘L to translate it. Translation runs on this Mac.
^⌘H	Highlights and notes (Notes & Editor)	Select text, then pick a colour on the bar, or press ^⌘H for the last colour. Click a highlight to add a note, change its colour or remove it. The Highlights list exports to Markdown, CSV or a note. Only the passages you highlighted are exported: mind the copyright of what you quote.
⌘D	Bookmarks and footnotes (Notes & Editor)	⌘D puts a ribbon on the page. Bookmarks sit beside Contents. A footnote link opens a small card instead of leaving the page; Esc closes it.
^⌘A	Page look (Notes & Editor)	Aa in the reader bar sets the typeface, size, spacing, margins and justification of one book. Settings sets the look every book starts with. Easy reading is a typeface made to tell letters apart.

9. Troubleshooting

Symptom, cause, what to do.

The other people in a call are missing from my recording

MACnote records the other people through system audio, which it asks permission for once. Check Settings › Privacy & Permissions, and that the default type in Settings › Recording is a meeting with system audio.

The summary quotes the transcript instead of rewriting it

The writing assistant needs on-device AI (macOS 26). On macOS 15, or without on-device AI, MACnote picks sentences from the transcript instead; the transcript itself is the same on every supported Mac.

The first transcript takes a while

The speech model downloads once, the first time you transcribe. After that, recording and transcribing work offline. You can see and choose the model in Settings › AI & Models.

I deleted a note by mistake

A deleted note goes to the Trash first, and you can restore it from there (Note › Move to Trash). A note deleted on another Mac also goes to the Trash here.

I edited the same note on two Macs

Both versions are kept. Delete the one you do not need. In Settings › Sync you can also see, and undo, what another Mac changed.

My library looks wrong, can I go back?

MACnote makes a backup copy every day and keeps 7 by default (Settings › Backup & Data › Backups); Restore goes back to one. Settings › Health › Integrity checks the library for damage.

MACnote uses a lot of space

Settings › Health shows how much space notes, audio and models use. Free up space removes old audio and keeps the transcripts.

I changed settings and want the defaults back

Settings › Backup & Data › Reset puts every setting back to its default. A backup of your current settings is saved first, so you can restore it.

None of this fixes it

In the app, Help › Report a Problem opens the support page on simpeltool.app. You can also write to us from the Support page of this site.

10. Questions

Short answers to what people ask most.

Can a Mac transcribe a lecture without sending it online?

Yes. MACnote records the lecture and transcribes it on your Mac, in Vietnamese, English or about 90 languages. It downloads its speech model once, the first time you transcribe. It needs macOS 15 or later on Apple Silicon.

Can I lock a notebook so only Touch ID opens it?

Yes. In MACnote you can lock a notebook behind Touch ID on that Mac. A locked notebook stays hidden until you open it with your fingerprint.

Is there a pomodoro timer in a notes app?

Yes. MACnote has timers, including a pomodoro, next to your notes, along with lists and a word count.