Emojis have become a regular part of our communication, adding personality to our messages and posts. While their use feels almost second nature on smartphones, it might not be as intuitive on a Mac. Regardless, Macs come with an emoji keyboard. Don't know how to access and use emojis on Mac? Dig in to learn more.
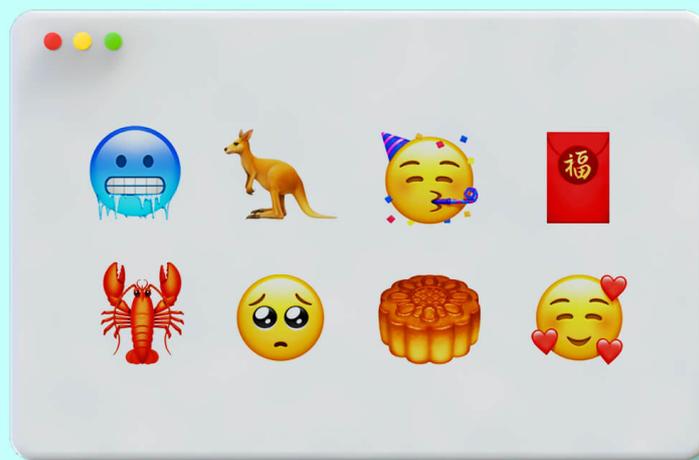
How to access Emojis on your Mac

Symbols, accented letters, characters, and emojis can all be found in the Character Viewer. There are different ways to access this.

1. Using a keyboard shortcut

The easiest way to do this is to hit the keyboard shortcut **Cmd** + **Ctrl** + **Space**.

Just place your cursor on a text field and hit the keyboard shortcut to access the Character Viewer.

2. Access it within the app

You can also access the Character Viewer within the app.

1. From an open app, click **Edit** from the menu bar.
2. Select **Emoji & Symbols** to open Character Viewer.

3. Use the Globe or Function Key

There's another Mac keyboard shortcut you can use. Newer Macs come with a **Globe key**. Just click it, and the **emoji** keyboard should pop right up.

If pressing the **Globe key** only lets you **Change Input Source**, you can change this to **Show Emoji & Symbols** instead.

To do this:

1. Open the **Apple menu → System Settings**.
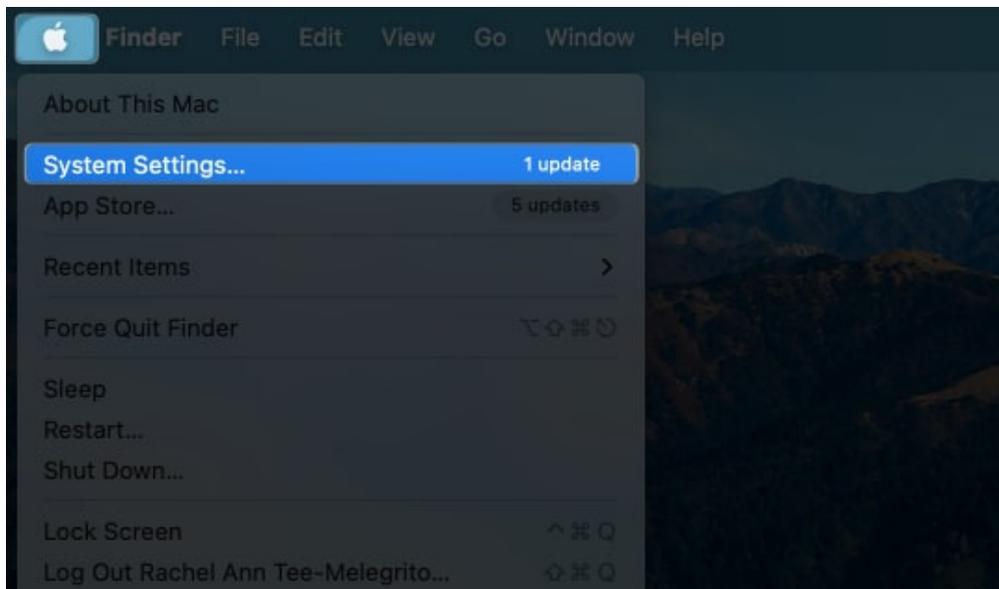
2. Select **Keyboard** from the sidebar.
3. Click the dropdown menu beside **Press key to → Choose Show Emoji & Symbols**.
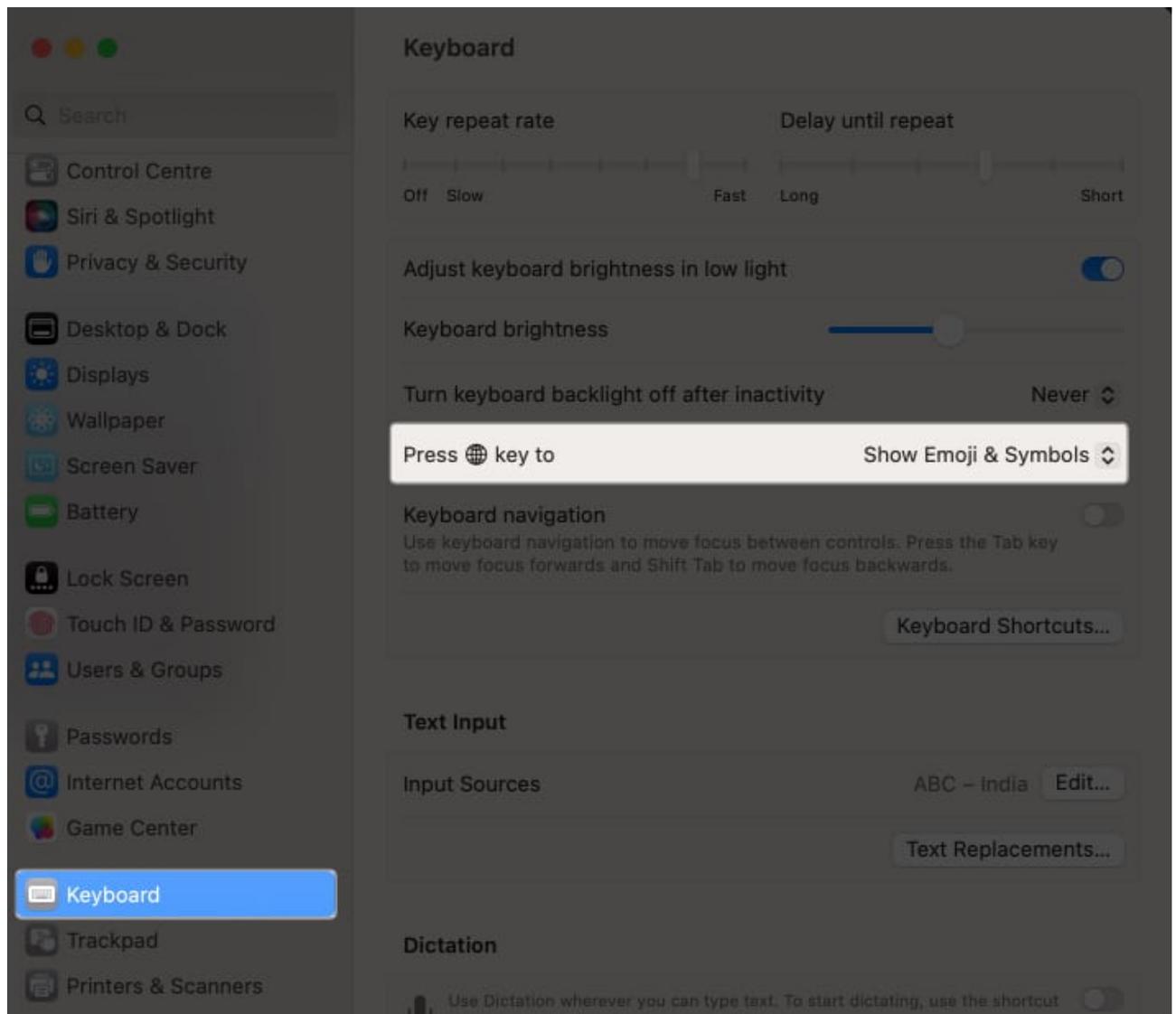
Alternatively, you can also click the **Globe key + E** to show **Character Viewer**.

4. Access the menu bar

On your Mac, you can also use the **Input menu** on the right side of the menu bar. This provides access to all the enabled sources, including the Character Viewer and Keyboard Sources.

If you can't see it, you can let it show by:

1. Going to **System Settings → Keyboard → Input Sources →** Click **Edit**.
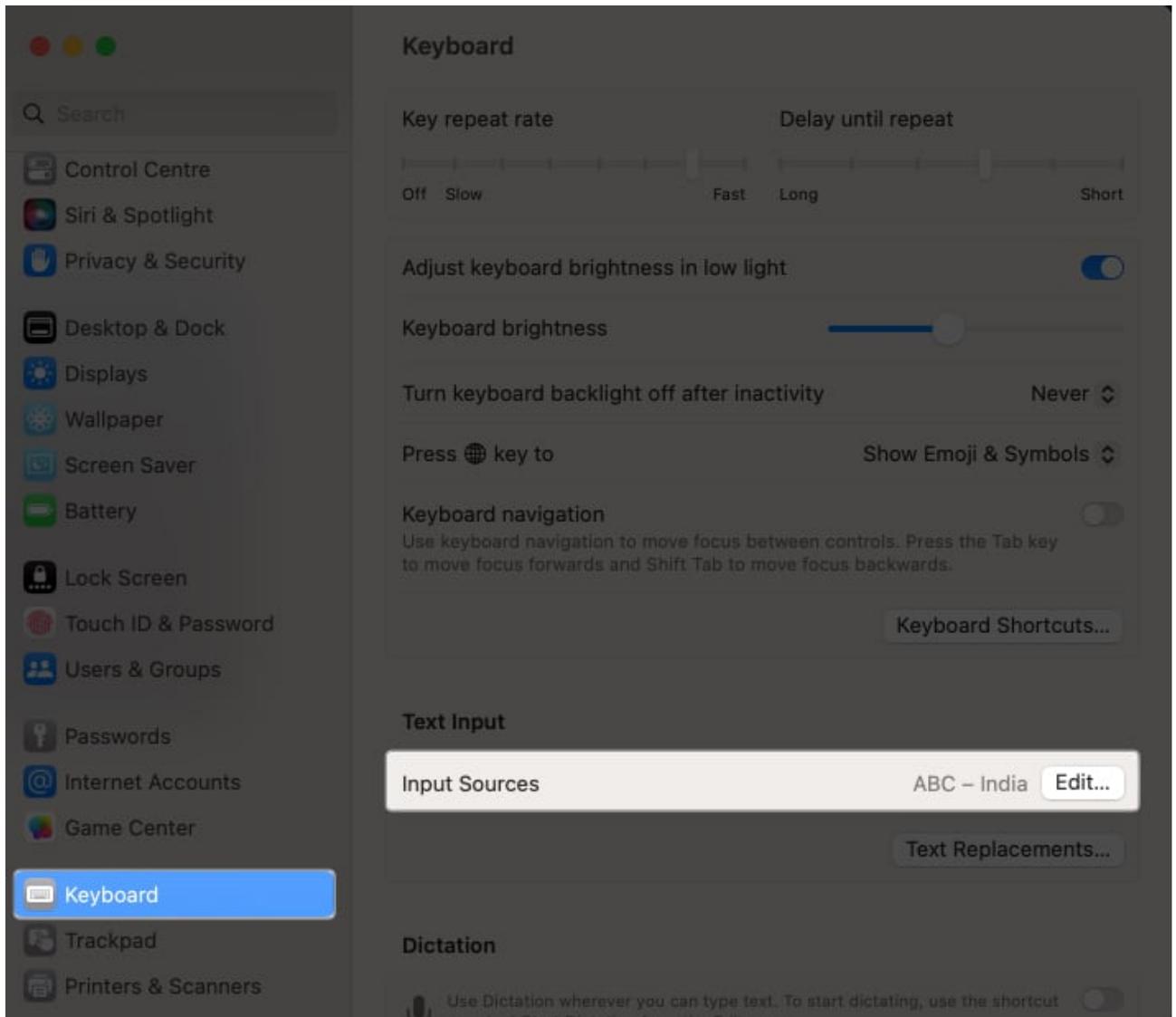
2. Toggle on **Show Input menu in menu bar** → Click **Done**.
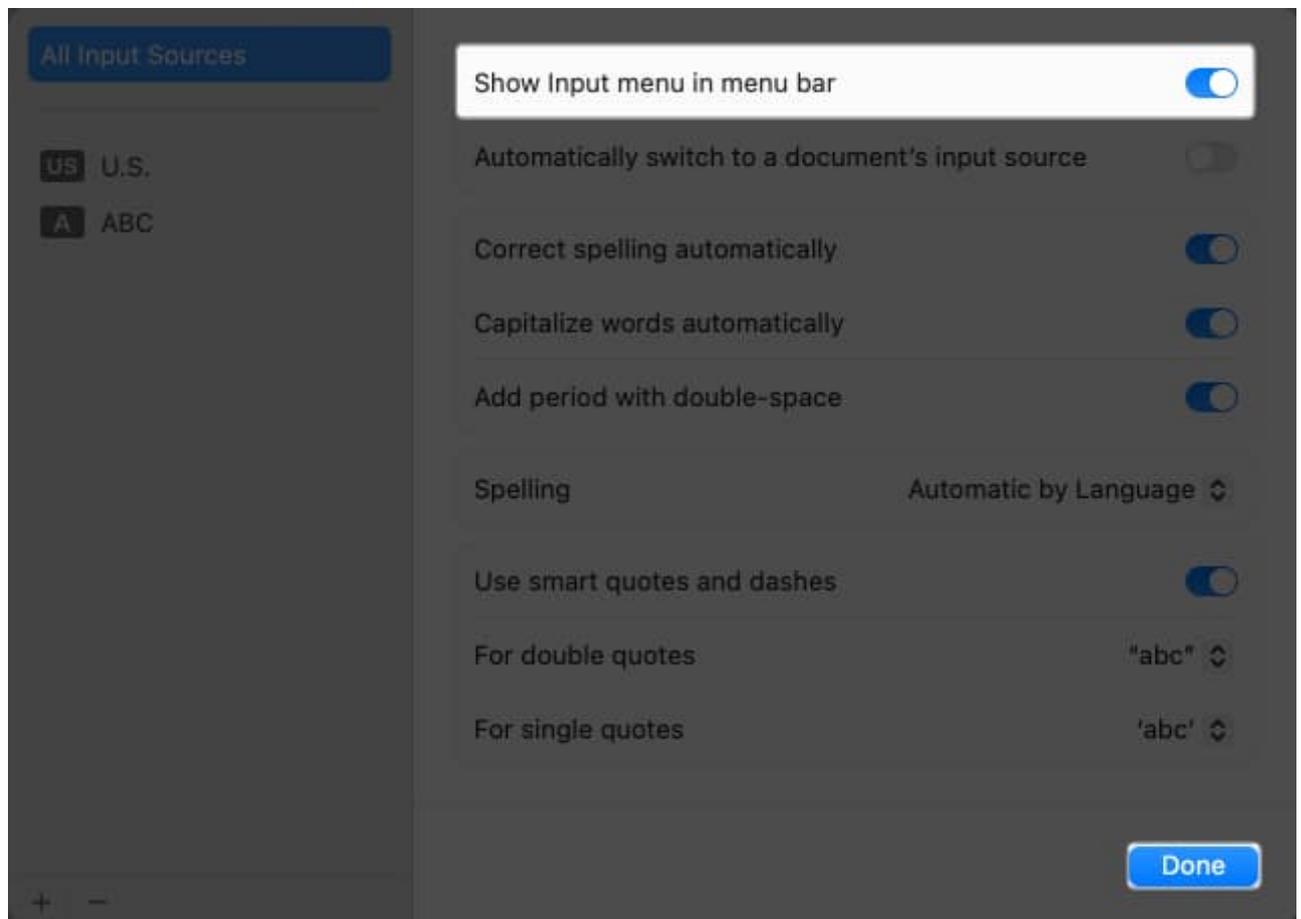
3. Now that the **Change Input icon** is in the menu bar, click on it → Choose **Show Emoji & Symbols**.

How to use the Emoji keyboard on your Mac

1. Once you've accessed the Character Viewer, you can find a particular emoji by **typing a description** in the search field.
   - Alternatively, you can use tabs at the bottom of the Character Viewer to choose categories like people, animals, or others, simplifying your emoji search.
2. Once you've found the emoji you want, **double-click it** for it to appear wherever your cursor currently is, or **drag** it to the document.

You can also expand the Character Viewer by clicking the top-right corner to see not just the emoji but also letter symbols and characters.

How to add emojis to emails on your Mac

On the other hand, the Mac's native Mail app features its own emoji button. Simply position the cursor where you'd like to insert the emoji and click the emoji button to choose your desired emoji.

A distinctive feature of using emojis in the Mail app is the ability to adjust their size. To do this:

- **Highlight the emoji** → Then press **Cmd + Plus (+)** to enlarge and **Cmd + Minus (-)** to reduce its size.
- Alternatively, **select the emoji** → Then go to **Format → Style → Bigger** or **Smaller** to make the icon bigger or smaller, respectively.
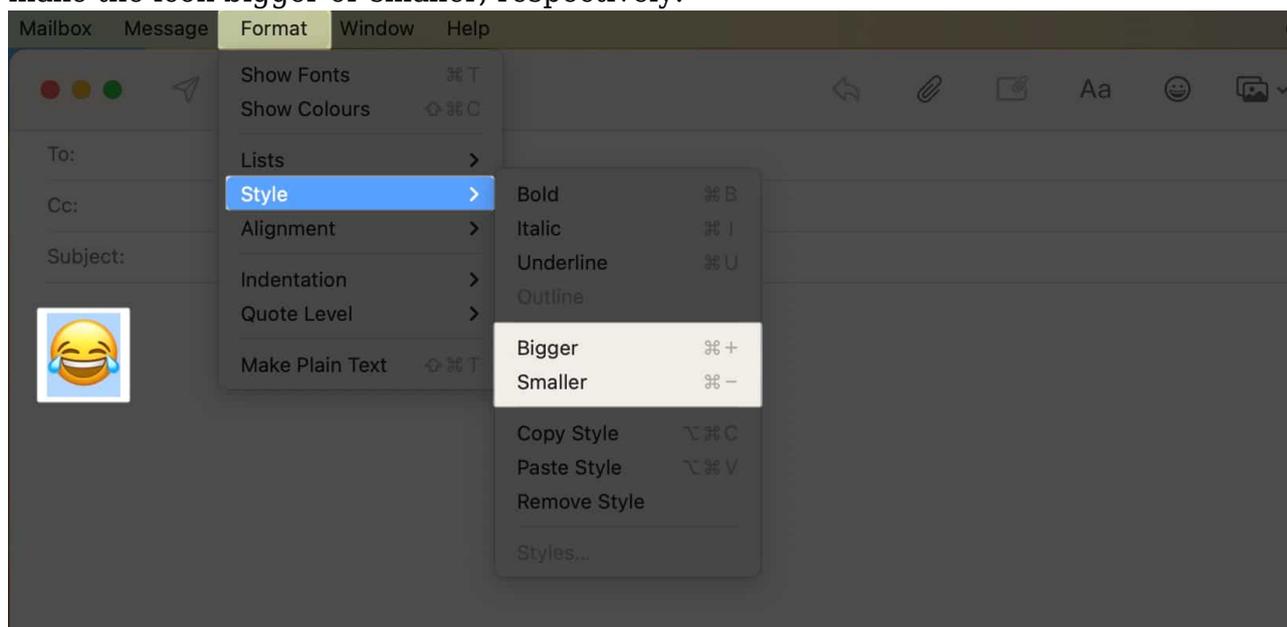
Wrapping up...

If you often use emojis to convey your feelings, remember that you aren't confined to your smartphone. We trust this article has guided you to access and use emojis on Mac. Which method do you prefer? Let us know in the comments!

Read more:

- [How to find all emojis and their meaning on iPhone and iPad](#)