

Special characters on the Mac

¡Hola! ¿Quihúbole? ¿Cómo estás?

You may want or need to use a Spanish or French word in your text. Maybe (GASP!) you are actually writing in another language. And since a lot of those furrin words have accents and such, even *¿* and *¡*, when marcas de interrogación or admiración are called for, you need to know how to get your text to look right and read properly. Here's how:

For accents, option is the key key

For **á**, hit option+e, then a

For **é**, hit option+e, then e

And so on

For **¿** it's option+shift+/'

For **¡** it's option+1 (Surprise! Shift doesn't happen on this one!)

For **ç**, it's option+c

For **ü**, or anything else with an umlaut, it's option+u, then whatever vowel

For **ø**, it's option+ø, then o

For **ñ**, it's option+n, then n

And so on.

If you're thinking of languages or characters I haven't mentioned here go to the menu bar. Insert>Symbol will show you what characters are available. Click on the symbols tab or the special characters tab to see what you've got to choose from.

Actually, it's easier to remember from the pattern than to refer to a list which I could tack on my already cluttered wall. I'll just remember the pattern in my already cluttered head. Here it is:

You're always using *option* plus some other key:

e for Spanish accented vowels -- *¡olé!*

` for French accent grave as in *Voilà!*

c for cedilla as in *comme ça* or *français*

o for ø as in Brøderbund

u for ü as in *güero*

***** for ° as in water boils at 212° (don't forget to use Shift)

shift for ¿ as in *¿Cómo estás?*

1 for ¡ as in *¡Bienvenidos!*

~ for ñ, as in *año*