Common Definitions for iPad/iPhone Users

Airplane Mode: A Setting on iPhone and iPad that turns off all radios, including cellular voice, data, Bluetooth, and Wi-Fi. Called Airplane Mode because these radios are typically required to be turned off while on an airplane.

App: Short for "application." The programs you download and run on a smartphone. Can be free, or for sale. Most apps come from Apple's iTunes App Store but some can be made specifically by and for businesses or schools, and some are made expressly for the Jailbreak Cydia app store.

Bluetooth: Named after a Danish King (seriously), Bluetooth is a wireless technology used for exchanging short-range (under 30-feet) data between electronic devices. iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad support Bluetooth 2.1 + EDR (Enhanced Data Rate) for better security and simpler pairing. Apple currently supports Bluetooth for wireless phone headsets, stereo headsets, keyboard connections, and data tethering.

Flash: An application for developing interactive web content and the web plugin required to use it. Originally developed by Macromedia for frame-based vector animation, now owned by Adobe. Flash player is not supported by iPhone, iPod touch, or iPad. (Apple thinks it's a dead technology and wants HTML5 instead. Adobe thinks Apple is crazy.)

Home Button: The physical hardware button on the front of the iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad, beneath the screen. Used to wake, return to the Home Screen, cycle between the Home Screen and Spotlight Search screen, open the Fast App Switcher, and optionally enabled Accessibility features.

Home Screen: The front end of Apple's Springboard app launcher that consists of 11 screens that hold app icons, Folders, the Dock, the Fast App Switcher, and the Spotlight Search screen.

iCloud: Apple's online services, replacing MobileMe and integrating with all iOS devices and OS X Mac computers.

iOS: Apple mobile operating system and the software that powers the iPhone, iPod touch, iPad, and Apple TV.

iTunes: Mac and Windows software used to activate and sync iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Also used to manage music, movies, TV shows, apps, books, and other media, and access the Ping social music network. Currently on version 10, released September 2010.

iTunes in the Cloud: Part of iCloud, iTunes in the Cloud allows you to re-download apps, and depending on your location, iTunes Music, iBooks, and TV Shows as well.

iTunes Match: Apple's $24.99/year cloud-based music locker service.

iTunes Store: Online store run by Apple for purchasing music, movies, TV shows, and apps, and downloading podcasts and other media. Accessible via iTunes on Mac or Windows or the iTunes app on iPhone, iPod touch, or iPad.

Jiggly Mode: Tap and hold an app and it will begin to "jiggle", indicating you can move them around the Home Screen, from screen to screen, put them into folders, delete them by tapping their X badge (App Store apps only), or Force Quit them if they're in the Fast App Switcher.

Photo Stream: Part of iCloud, Photo Stream stores your last 30 days or 1000 photos online and on your iOS devices, and all your photos on your Mac.

Safari: Apple's web browser, both for Mac OS X and iOS (sometimes called Mobile Safari). Based on KHTML/WebKit renderer and the Nitro JavaScript engine.

Siri: Apple's intelligent virtual assistant that replaces VoiceControl on the iPhone 4S.

Spotlight Search: Part of the iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad Home Screen system, accessible by swiping left to right or clicking the Home Button when on the primary Home Screen, or inside Apple apps like Messages, Mail, Contacts, iPod, etc. Performs text-based search and shows results for contacts, apps, music, podcasts, videos, audiobooks, notes, mail, calendar events, and SMS messages.

Wi-Fi is the name of a popular wireless networking technology that uses radio waves to provide wireless high-speed Internet and network connections. A common misconception is that the term Wi-Fi is short for "wireless fidelity," however this is not the case.