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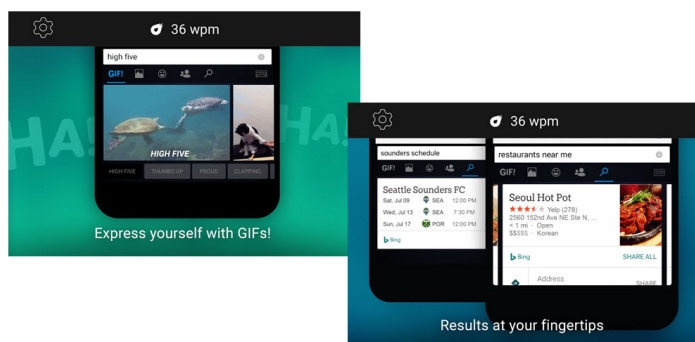
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Microsoft Word Flow Keyboard Updated With GIFs, Bing Search, And More

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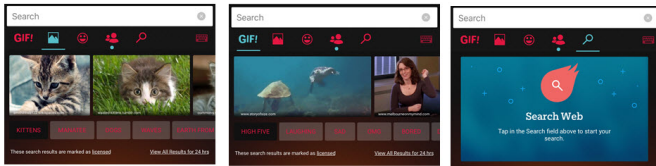
Do even more without leaving your keyboard (Image by Anthony Karcz)

Since I [initially covered its release](#), Microsoft Word Flow remains my go-to iOS keyboard. The swipe recognition is fantastic and much better than Swype (which often had me ready to chuck my iPhone in frustration with its word substitutions). Plus, it's gorgeous – the included themes are the best I've seen from any keyboard app. There are a few things that I would like to see improved – while Word Flow does get better at predicting what you'll say next, it's not so great at remembering commonly input words and phrases (like your email address or...ahem...*ducking*). And while it's not fair

to judge software based on its performance in a beta OS – let’s just say Microsoft Garage has some work to do before the iOS 10 release to make sure Word Flow launches properly when typing on the lock screen.

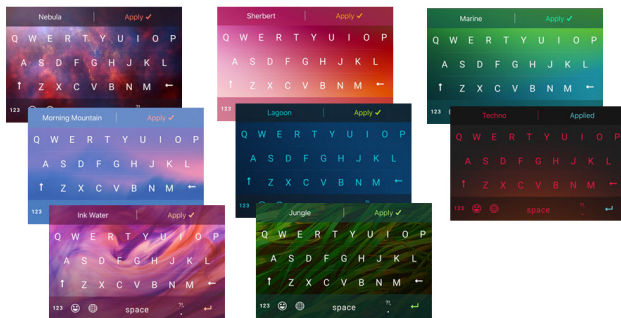
Those small issues aside, Word Flow is the best, Jerry. The Best.

And it just got better.



My kittehs, let me show you them (Image by Anthony Karcz)

With yesterday’s release, Microsoft has added GIF, image, and Bing search capability – all accessible from within the keyboard itself. I plan on using the GIF keyboard extensively to annoy my teenage son.



So shiny (Image by Anthony Karcz)

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Plus there are new themes! The Techno theme quickly displaced the standard Word Flow Dark as my theme of choice. The swipe animation is improved as well, or maybe I just notice it more in the red Techno theme, but it's much easier to follow the trail of where your finger has been so you can see where you went wrong when swiping a word. Handy if you're trying to improve your WPM score in the app (mine hovers around the mid-30s).

So if you haven't picked up the Word Flow keyboard from Microsoft Garage yet, head over to the [iOS store and try it out](#). If you do have it downloaded, pick up the update as soon as you can – it makes iOS' best third-party keyboard even better.

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