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⌘N New window/document ⌘O Open existing document ⌘S Save document ⇧⌘S Save document as... ⌘P Print document	⌘X Cut ⌘C Copy ⌘V Paste ⌘A Select all
⌘Z Undo ⌘Y or ⇧⌘Z Redo	⌘F Find... ⌘G Find same again
⌘← Move to start of line ⌘→ Move to end of line ⌘↑ Move to top of doc ⌘↓ Move to bottom of doc ⌥← Move to start of word ⌥→ Move to end of word ⌥↑ Move to top of paragraph ⌥↓ Move to bottom of paragraph	⌘Tab Switch programs ⌘M Minimize window ⌘W Close window ⌘` Next window in current program ⌘H Hide program ⌥⌘H Hide all other programs
⌘⇧= Increase text size ⌘⇧- Decrease text size	⌘, Open Preferences ⌥⌘Escape Force quit (for quitting a frozen application) ⌘⇧Q Log out

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