

How to Open Your Digital Flashcards

A quick setup guide for the bonus flashcards included with your book

Please read this first. Your flashcards come as a file ending in **.apkg** (sometimes **.colpkg**). This is not a PDF, and it will not open by double-clicking it on its own. It is a flashcard deck that works inside a free study app called **Anki**. Once the app is installed, opening the file takes about two minutes — and you get a proven study system that shows you the cards you find difficult more often, so you remember more in less time.

Find your device below and follow those steps.

On a Windows PC or Mac — free

- 1 Go to **apps.ankiweb.net** and click the download button for your computer (Windows or Mac).
- 2 Install Anki the way you would install any other program, then open it.
- 3 Find the flashcard file you downloaded with your bonuses (the one ending in **.apkg** or **.colpkg**).
- 4 Double-click that file. Anki opens and asks you to confirm the import — click **Import**.
- 5 Your deck now appears on the Anki home screen. Click its name to start studying.

On an Android phone or tablet — free

- 1 Open the **Google Play Store** and install **AnkiDroid Flashcards** (it is free).
- 2 Download the flashcard file to your device if you have not already.
- 3 Tap the downloaded file. Choose to open it with AnkiDroid, and confirm the import.
- 4 The deck appears in AnkiDroid. Tap it to start studying.

On an iPhone or iPad

Apple devices need one extra step, because the official Anki app for iPhone and iPad is a paid app. You have two options — the first one is completely free.

Option 1 — Free, if you can use a computer once

- 1 On a Windows PC or Mac, install Anki from **apps.ankiweb.net** and import your flashcard file as described above.
- 2 Still on the computer, go to **ankiweb.net** and create a free account.
- 3 Back in the Anki program, click the **Sync** button at the top and sign in with that new account. Your deck is uploaded to your online account.
- 4 Now on your iPhone or iPad, open **Safari**, go to **ankiweb.net** and sign in.
- 5 Tap your deck and study right there in the browser. Nothing to install, nothing to pay.

Please note: the AnkiWeb website cannot import the flashcard file on its own — the file has to be imported once on a computer first. After that, you can study from your iPhone or iPad as much as you like.

Option 2 — If you have no computer at all

The official **AnkiMobile Flashcards** app on the App Store is a paid app (a one-time purchase, around \$25). It imports the file directly on your device, with no computer needed. This is the only way to import the deck using an Apple device alone.

You do not have to buy anything. The setup in Option 1 only has to be done once, so borrowing a computer for five minutes — a friend's, a family member's, or one at your local library — is enough. From then on your iPhone or iPad is all you need. If none of this is possible for you, write to us and we will help you find a way.

If something goes wrong

“Please update to the latest Anki version”

Your Anki is too old for this deck. Go to apps.ankiweb.net, download the current version, install it over the old one, and open the file again. Your existing decks are not lost.

Double-clicking the file does nothing

Anki is not installed yet, or it is not the program set to open these files. Install Anki first, then open Anki and use **File > Import** to pick the file manually.

The file will not download, or looks damaged

Try downloading it again on a stable connection, and avoid opening it straight from your email app — save it to your Downloads folder first, then import it.

You cannot find the file after downloading

On a computer look in your **Downloads** folder. On a phone or tablet, look in the **Files** app under Downloads.

The cards are there but you want to start over

In Anki, click the gear icon next to the deck name and choose **Reset** (or delete the deck and import the file again).

Still stuck? We will sort it out for you.

Write to the email address that sent you these bonuses, tell us which device you are using and what happens when you try, and we will walk you through it step by step. You already paid for these bonuses; we want you to have them.