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How to add new Faces and Names to Photos and How to Search for Things in iOS11
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If you're using iOS 11, you may be enjoying the new Faces and Memories features in the Photos app. But, even while the facial recognition has improved, Photos has lost the ability to recognize new people. If you look in the People album, you'll see that Add People button has gone. It was there in iOS 10. How, then, do you add new faces to your library? Fear not — it's still easy, although a little less obvious.

Better Faces

Thanks to better machine learning, iOS is better at recognizing people, objects, and scenes. That makes the automatically-generated Memories better and improves facial recognition. But unless you can tell you iPad or iPhone about new people, then that's not much good.

Adding new Faces in iOS 11

To add a new face in iOS 11, find a photo containing the person you want to add, and then swipe up. Under the photo you'll see thumbnails of all the people in the picture, as well as a few related Memories. Tap the person you want to add, and you'll be taken to their "page." This is where you can assign a name, as well as confirm additional faces that Photos thinks may be of the same person.

And that's it. After you get over the initial confusion of not having a plus button in the Faces album, this approach makes more sense. For nerds, heading to the Faces album to do the work of adding new people makes sense, but regular folks will never ever do that, the same way they never ever tidy all those files on their computer desktops. Putting the Faces tools right there next to the photos makes them more discoverable and integrates them into the act of viewing. Overall, the Photos app in iOS 11 is way better for browsing. Between Memories, Faces, and the relationships that Photos offers between them, you really can get lost looking at old photos, rediscovering forgotten journeys and so on. It's the closest you can come to the digital version of happenings over old shoeboxes of photos in the attic, only it's better, because you never have to tidy up afterwards.

Photo tip "The Search Feature"

You can now find all the pictures you have that have Trees (or Water, or Dogs, or Animals, or Mountains, etc.) in the picture. To do this:

1. Open the photos application.
2. Then tap on Albums at the bottom right of the screen.

- a. If Albums is not at the bottom right tap the back arrow at the top left until it does appear at the bottom right
3. Then tap the search icon at the top right (it looks like a magnifying glass.) a. If it is not there tap the back arrow at the top left until it does appear at the top right
4. Type in a general category of things you want to search for (like animals) in your photos.
5. Tap on the item (category) and like magic there they are.

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