

Where is iMessage in iOS 5?

Included within the familiar green "Messages" app of iOS 5, iMessage is identical in purpose and function to [BlackBerry's popular BBM service](#): It is like a live chat room between you and your iDevice-owning friend, during which you can text back and forth in real time *without using up any text messages*. Unlike BBM, you don't need anyone's PIN to send them messages; iMessage immediately detects when the person you're texting has iMessage enabled and sends your text as an iMessage as a default when it can.

Now, iMessage sends your messages over Wi-Fi or your mobile network; so granted, using iMessage will eat up that data where no Wi-Fi is available. But if you were grandfathered in to unlimited data on AT&T or Verizon, or if you plan to sign up for an iPhone on the always-unlimited Sprint network, iMessage is a great, free deal.

Go to your Settings and make sure, in Messages, iMessage is turned on.



Here's the usual Message app.



When you are creating a text, as you always have, you notice



Your texting is free with iMessage