Gemini CLI Keyboard Shortcuts

The 30 shortcuts to know first

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Essentials

Enter	Submit the prompt
Shift + Enter	Insert a newline
Esc	Dismiss a dialog or cancel
Ctrl + C	Cancel the request or quit
Ctrl + D	Exit when the input is empty
!	Toggle shell mode on an empty prompt
Shift + Tab	Cycle the approval mode

Editing

Ctrl + K	Delete to the end of the line
Ctrl + U	Delete to the start of the line
Alt + Backspace	Delete the previous word
Alt + D	Delete the next word

Dialogs and completions

Tab	Accept the inline suggestion
Up	Previous completion
Down	Next completion

Core commands

`/help`	Show help
`/clear`	Clear context and start a new session
`/quit`	Quit the CLI
`/model`	Manage the model

Navigation

Ctrl + A	Move to the start of the line
Ctrl + E	Move to the end of the line
Ctrl + F	Move one character right
Left	Move one character left

App controls

Ctrl + Y	Toggle YOLO auto-approval
Alt + M	Toggle Markdown rendering
Ctrl + S	Toggle mouse mode
Ctrl + O	Expand or collapse content

More commands

`/mcp`	Manage MCP servers
`/extensions`	Manage extensions
`/skills`	Manage agent skills
`/agents`	Manage subagents

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Typing drills + spaced repetition