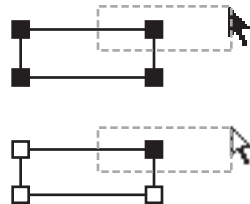*option* *⌘* *space* — 🔍+

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IMPORTANT: Watch your mouse!
Illustrator is easier to learn if you observe how your mouse changes
as you perform each action.

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note: only solid anchor points are selected (hollow anchor points are not selected)

click or marquee: selects an entire object (or grouped object)
hint: using this tool gives you "handles" for easy sizing and rotation

click or marquee: selects a part of an object (anchor or segment)
hint: using this tool gives you no "handles" for easy alignment and snapping

click and drag: moves selection

IMPORTANT: add these modifier keys only AFTER making a move; always release mouse BEFORE releasing modifier key

option *click and drag (then add OPTION): moves and copies selection*

shift *click and drag (then add SHIFT): moves selection with constraint (horizontal, vertical or diagonal)*

shift *option* *click and drag (then add SHIFT + OPTION): moves and copies selection with constraint (horizontal, vertical or diagonal)*

⌘ = *when in another tool, use the CMD key to temporarily access the last select tool used (above modifiers also work with the CMD key depressed)*

option + = *click or marquee: selects all connecting anchors (if object is grouped, additional clicks will select grouped object)*

shift *⌘* *A* *deselect (or CMD-click where there's no art work)*

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hint: select the ▷ selection tool BEFORE choosing the pen tool (this way you can easily access this tool again just by pressing the CMD key while drawing your shape)

start drawing new object
(click for anchor point / click & drag for direction handles)

add to existing object
(click for anchor point / click & drag for direction handles)

convert end point
(click to make corner / click & drag for direction handles)

add anchor point to line segment (click)

subtract anchor point (click)

completes object by connecting to first anchor point
(click to make corner / click & drag for handles)

option + = *converts any anchor point*
(click to make corner / click & drag for handles)