

# chat.sendMessage

This method allows an app to send a message to a user or a group.

The method endpoint is <https://api.flock.co/v1/chat.sendMessage> and follows the [method calling conventions](#).

## Parameters

Name	Type	Required	Description
token	String	Yes	Token of the user on whose behalf the message is being sent
to	String	Yes	<a href="#">Identifier</a> of the user to whom the message is to be sent
text	String	Yes	Text of the message
flockml	String	No	<a href="#">FlockML</a> alternative to message text. If present this will be shown instead of message text.
notification	String	No	Notification to be shown for the message. If not present, <code>text</code> is used for the notification.
mentions	Array	No	An array of user identifiers indicating users who have been mentioned in the message. Only relevant for group messages.
sendAs	<a href="#">SendAs</a>	No	Use this field if you want to display another name and image as the sender.
attachments	Array	No	An array of <a href="#">attachments</a> . Any rich content to be included with the message is sent as an attachments. Note: Currently, there is a limitation of one attachment per message.
onBehalfOf	String	No	Needed when a bot sends a message to a channel. Set its value to the id of the user on whose behalf the bot is sending a message. See <a href="#">how bots can send a message to a channel</a> .
visibleTo	Array	No	Use this to display the message to a limited number of members in a channel. Its value should be an array of user ids.

## SendAs

The attributes of the `sendAs` field are as follows:

Name	Type	Required	Description
name	String	Yes	Name of the sender.
profileImage	String	Yes	URL of the sender's profile image.

## Response

The `uid` of the message.

```
{  
  "uid": "d9e054e0-a679-4a7a-9cfa-7299669aa083"  
}
```

## Errors

Error Code	HTTP Status	Description	Additional Parameters
UnknownRecipient	400	The recipient of the message in the to field is unknown	
MissingTextOrAttachment	400	The message contains neither text nor any attachment	