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You can format your text using wiki markup. This consists of normal characters like asterisks, single quotes or equation marks which have a special function in the wiki, sometimes depending on their position. For example, to format a word in *italic*, you include it in two single quotes like `' 'this' '`

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Text formatting markup

Description	You type	You get
	character formatting - <i>applies anywhere</i>	
Italic text	<code>' 'italic' '</code>	<i>italic</i>
Bold text	<code>'''bold'''</code>	bold
Bold and italic	<code>''''bold & italic''''</code>	<i>bold & italic</i>
Escape wiki markup	<code><nowiki>no ' 'markup' '</nowiki></code>	no "markup"
	section formatting - <i>only at the beginning of the line</i>	
Headings of different levels	<code>=level 1=</code>	Level 1
	<code>==level 2==</code>	Level 2
	<code>===level 3===</code>	Level 3
	<code>====level 4====</code>	Level 4
	<code>=====level 5=====</code>	Level 5
	<code>=====level 6=====</code>	Level 6
	An article with four or more headings will automatically create a table of contents.	
Horizontal rule	<code>----</code>	
Bullet list	<code>* one * two * three</code>	• one • two • three
	<code>** three point one ** three point two</code>	◆ three p ◆ three p
	Inserting a blank line will end the first list and start another.	
Numbered list	<code># one # two
spanning several lines
without breaking the numbering # three ## three point one</code>	1. one

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	## three point two	
Definition list	<pre> ;item 1 :definition 1 ;item 2 :definition 2-1 :definition 2-2 </pre>	
Adopting definition list to indent text	<pre> :Single indent ::Double indent ::::Multiple indent </pre> This adoption may be controversial from the viewpoint of accessibility.	

Mixture of different types of list	<pre> # one # two #* two point one #* two point two # three #; three item one #: three def one # four #: four def one #: this rather looks like the continuation of # four #: and thus often used instead of
 # five ## five sub 1 ### five sub 1 sub 1 ## five sub 2 ;item 1 :* definition 1-1 :* definition 1-2 : ;item 2 :# definition 2-1 :# definition 2-2 </pre> The usage of # : and * : for breaking a line within an item may also be controversial.	
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2. two
spanning several lines
without breaking
numbering
3. three
 1. three point one
 2. three point two

item 1	definition 1
item 2	definition 2-1 definition 2-2
	Single indent
	Double indent

1. one
2. two
 - ◆ two point one
 - ◆ two point two
3. three
 - three item one
 - three definition one
4. four
 - four definition one
 - this rather looks like the continuation of # four
 - the continuation of # four
 - and thus often used instead of

5. five
 1. five sub 1
 2. five sub 2

item 1	◆ definition 1-1 ◆ definition 1-2
item 2	1. definition 2-1 2. definition 2-2

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'beginning' of the line

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This way of preformatting only applies to section formatting, and character formatting markups are still effective.

Paragraphs

MediaWiki ignores normal line breaks. To start a new paragraph, leave an empty line. You can force a line break within a paragraph with the HTML tags `<br />`.

HTML

Some HTML tags are allowed in MediaWiki, for example `<code>`, `<div>`, `<span>` and `<font>`. These apply anywhere you insert them.

Description	You type	You get
Strikethrough	<code>Strikethrough</code>	Strikethrough
Fixed width text	<code><tt>Fixed width text</tt></code>	Fixed width text
Blockquotes	<pre>text <blockquote> quote quote quote quote quote quote </blockquote> text text text text text text text text text text text text</pre>	text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text text quote quote quote quote quote quote quote quote quote quote text text text text text text text text text text text text text
Comment	<code><!--This is comment--></code>	
Completely preformatted text	<pre>Text can only be viewed in the edit window. <pre>this way, all markups are '''ignored'''</pre></pre>	Text can only be viewed in the edit window. this way, all markups are '''ignored'''

 **Tip for wiki admins:** If you trust your users you can allow full HTML by setting `$wgRawHtml = true;` in `LocalSettings.php`.

Other formatting

Beyond the text formatting markup shown above, here are some other formatting references:

- Links
- Images
- Tables