title: Book Introductions (1A.6)

Many translation projects add introductions to each book of the Bible. In this video, I will show you how to make a basic book introduction that will be adequate for most projects.

The **book introduction** is considered **everything between** **the book title** and the **chapter one marker**.

All of the markers used in book introductions begin with a lowercase letter “**i**”. You can read about the markers in the USFM User Reference that is available on the Paratext website.

### Paragraph markers

* **Headings**: \imt or \is
* **Paragraphs**: \ip

[See the Paratext manual for more markers](file:///C:\Users\jjpdq\Documents\paratextmanual\versioned_docs\version-9.3\Training-Manual\08-Appendix\C.USFM.md)

### Introduction Outline

* title: **\iot** or Introduction Outline Title marker.
* Level 1: **\io1** or Introduction Outline level 1 marker.
* Other levels: **: \io2** or **\io3** and so forth

### Introduction Outline Reference

* **\ior** (Introduction Outline Reference marker).
* **\xt** (Cross Reference - Target Reference marker) in the body of the text

:::tip Adding the \xt … \xt\* around references allows Paratext to check such references for errors. :::

### Word level markers

* **\bk** Book Name marker
* **\qt** Quoted text marker