

# Assume you are good guide/explainer to the beginner and expert in finding elements in web pages using css selector then provide all possible ways to use **css selector** from beginner to advanced along with how the html looks like

Absolutely! Let's go step-by-step—from **beginner to expert level**—on how to **use CSS selectors to find elements in web pages**, with clear **examples of HTML and CSS selectors**.

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## **BEGINNER LEVEL**

### **1. Tag Selector**

Selects all elements of a specific HTML tag.

#### **HTML:**

```
<p>Hello World</p>
<p>Another paragraph</p>
```

#### **CSS Selector:**

p

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### **2. ID Selector**

Targets an element with a specific **id**.

#### **HTML:**

```
<div id="header">Welcome</div>
```

#### **CSS Selector:**

#header

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### **3. Class Selector**

Selects elements with a specific class.

**HTML:**

```
<div class="box">Box 1</div>  
<div class="box">Box 2</div>
```

**CSS Selector:**

.box

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## 4. Universal Selector

Selects **all** elements on the page.

**HTML:**

```
<div>Hello</div>  
<p>World</p>
```

**CSS Selector:**

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## 5. Group Selector

Select multiple elements at once.

**HTML:**

```
<h1>Title</h1>  
<p>Paragraph</p>
```

**CSS Selector:**

h1, p

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## INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

## 6. Descendant Selector (space)

Selects elements that are **nested inside** another.

**HTML:**

```
<div class="container">  
  <p>This is inside container</p>  
</div>
```

**CSS Selector:**

.container p

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## 7. Child Selector ( > )

Selects only **direct children**.

**HTML:**

```
<div class="container">  
  <p>Direct Child</p>  
  <div>  
    <p>Nested Paragraph</p>  
  </div>  
</div>
```

**CSS Selector:**

.container > p

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## 8. Adjacent Sibling Selector ( + )

Selects the element that is **immediately next** to a specified one.

**HTML:**

```
<h2>Heading</h2>  
<p>Paragraph right after h2</p>
```

**CSS Selector:**

h2 + p

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## 9. General Sibling Selector ( ~ )

Selects **all siblings** after a certain element.

### HTML:

```
<h2>Heading</h2>
<p>Paragraph 1</p>
<p>Paragraph 2</p>
```

### CSS Selector:

h2 ~ p

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## 10. Attribute Selector

Targets elements by attributes.

### a. Exact Match

```
<input type="text">
```

input[type="text"]

### b. Contains Word (~=)

```
<div class="btn primary">Click</div>
```

div[class~="primary"]

### c. Starts With ( ^= )

```
<a href="https://example.com">Link</a>
```

a[href^="https"]

### d. Ends With ( \$= )

```

```

img[src\$=".png"]

### e. \*Contains Substring ( = )

```
<div data-id="user-123">User</div>
```

div[data-id\*="user"]

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## ADVANCED LEVEL

### 11. Nth Child

Selects based on index (starting from 1).

**HTML:**

```
<ul>
  <li>Item 1</li>
  <li>Item 2</li>
</ul>
```

```
li:nth-child(2) /* Selects "Item 2" */
```

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### 12. Nth-of-Type

Similar to `nth-child`, but only counts same tag type.

```
<div><span>1</span><p>2</p><p>3</p></div>
```

```
p:nth-of-type(2) /* Selects 2nd <p> */
```

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### 13. First-child / Last-child

```
<ul>
  <li>First</li>
  <li>Middle</li>
  <li>Last</li>
</ul>
```

```
li:first-child /* Selects "First" */
li:last-child  /* Selects "Last" */
```

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### 14. Not Selector

Exclude elements matching a selector.

```
<div class="box">Box</div>
<div class="circle">Circle</div>
```

```
div:not(.circle)
```

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## 15. Empty Selector

Matches elements with **no children**.

```
<div class="empty"></div>
```

```
div:empty
```

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## 16. Multiple Class or ID

### a. With multiple classes

```
<div class="box red big">Content</div>
```

```
.box.red.big
```

### b. With ID and class

```
<div id="unique" class="highlight">Text</div>
```

```
#unique.highlight
```

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## 17. Chaining with Attributes, Classes, and Tags

```
<input type="email" class="input email" name="user-email">
```

```
input.email[type="email"][name="user-email"]
```

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## Example Use Case in Automation (e.g. Cypress, Selenium)

```
// Cypress  
cy.get('input[type="text"].username')
```

```
// Selenium with Java  
driver.findElement(By.cssSelector("div.container > ul li:first-child"))
```

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## Summary Table

Selector Type	Example
Tag	<code>div</code>
ID	<code>#header</code>
Class	<code>.box</code>
Descendant	<code>.container p</code>
Child	<code>.parent &gt; .child</code>
Adjacent Sibling	<code>h2 + p</code>
General Sibling	<code>h2 ~ p</code>
Attribute	<code>[type="text"]</code>
Starts With	<code>[href^="https"]</code>
Ends With	<code>[src\$=".png"]</code>
Contains	<code>[data-id*="user"]</code>
<code>:nth-child(n)</code>	<code>li:nth-child(2)</code>
<code>:first-child</code>	<code>li:first-child</code>
<code>:not(selector)</code>	<code>div:not(.active)</code>
Combined (complex)	<code>div.card[data-id^="12"]</code>

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