

Blockquotes

If you need to call special attention to a quote from another source, or design a pull quote for a magazine article, then Markdown's *blockquote* syntax will be useful. A blockquote is a sentence or paragraph that's been specially formatted to draw attention to the reader. For example:

"The sin of doing nothing is the deadliest of all the seven sins. It has been said that for evil men to accomplish their purpose it is only necessary that good men should do nothing."

To create a block quote, all you have to do is preface a line with the "greater than" caret (>). For example:

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> "In a few moments he was barefoot, his stockings folded in his pockets and his
  canvas shoes dangling by their knotted laces over his shoulders and, picking a
  pointed salt-eaten stick out of the jetsam among the rocks, he clambered down
  the slope of the breakwater."
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In the box below, turn the book quotation into a blockquote:

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I read this interesting quote the other day:

"Her eyes had called him and his soul had leaped at the call. To live, to err, to fall, to triumph, to recreate life out of life!"

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Marvelous!

You can also place a caret character on each line of the quote. This is particularly useful if your quote spans multiple paragraphs. For example:

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> His words seemed to have struck some deep chord in his own nature. Had he spoken
of himself, of himself as he was or wished to be? Stephen watched his face for some
moments in silence. A cold sadness was there. He had spoken of himself, of his own
loneliness which he feared.
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> -Of whom are you speaking? Stephen asked at length.
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> Cranly did not answer.
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Notice that even blank lines must contain the caret character. This ensures that the entire blockquote is grouped together.

In the box below, Make the entire quotation a block quote by inserting a caret on each line.

Once upon a time and a very good time it was there was a moocow coming down along the road and this moocow that was coming down along the road met a nicens little boy named baby tuckoo...

His father told him that story: his father looked at him through a glass: he had a hairy face.

He was baby tuckoo. The moocow came down the road where Betty Byrne lived: she sold lemon platt.

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Tremendous!

Block quotes can contain other Markdown elements, such as italics, images, or links.

In the box below, make the French text italic (not including the exclamation point). Also, turn the entire quote into a blockquote.

He left her quickly, fearing that her intimacy might turn to jibing and wishing to be out of the way before she offered her ware to another, a tourist from England or a student of Trinity. Grafton Street, along which he walked, prolonged that moment of discouraged poverty. In the roadway at the head of the street a slab was set to the memory of Wolfe Tone and he remembered having been present with his father at its laying. He remembered with bitterness that scene of tawdry tribute. There were four French delegates in a brake and one, a plump smiling young man, held, wedged on a stick, a card on which were printed the words: *VIVE L'IRLANDE!*

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Ta da! You've learned all there is to creating blockquotes in Markdown!

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