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Quick tip: HTML tags
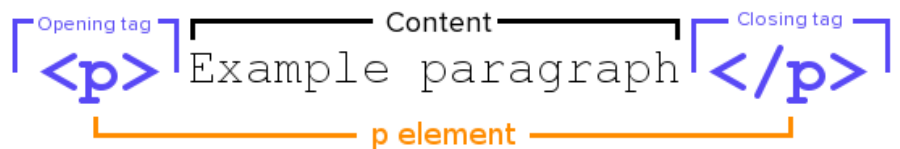
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Before you dive into the challenge, here's a quick review of HTML tags:

The closing tag always comes after the content of the tag - it's how the browser knows that you want the tag to end.

The contents of an HTML tag are the stuff that goes between the opening and closing tags - this is what we mean when we say "inside" a tag. The contents of a tag can be normal text or a mix of other tags.

HTML basics

Where should your tags go?

Any content that is visible on your web page should go between the opening **<body>** tag and

the closing **</body>** tag, like in the screenshot below:


```
1    <!DOCTYPE html>
2 ▾  <html>
3 ▾      <head>
4            <meta charset="utf-8">
5            <title>New Webpage</title>
6        </head>
7 ▾      <body>
8            <h1>My Heading</h1>
9            <p>Example paragraph</p>
10       </body>
11   </html>
```

The **<h1>** and **<p>** tags are the contents of the **<body>** tag, so we say they're "*inside*" the **<body>** tag. In fact, those tags *must* go inside the **<body>** tag, so remember that when you're writing your HTML in your first challenge. Try it out now!

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is the closing tag matter whether or not you use a forward or backward slash

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Up vote to The Porkintosh Studios. To add to their answer, the back slash is used an "escape" character in most programming languages which is probably why they chose the forward slash for closing tags in HTML. When creating HTML they could have decided on any character like a "*", or "%" but "/" just looks nice, and it's easy to type :)

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What code command is necessary to enable highly sophisticated characters such as those of other languages? Additionally, is it more effective to write all of the code under one (<body>"tag") or split it up between multiple through out the code?

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If this is a necessity for you, I would research it further. Currently, I am not sure what tag enables other languages.

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Yes, with the <img> tag. here's an
example :
<img src=flower.png alt=Flower
width=200 height=170>. that would
display an image called **flower.png** and
if the image could not display it will
display the word Flower.

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You probably won't be able to code a
website knowing nothing about coding
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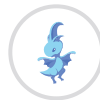how and where can I start practicing?

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Is <!DOCTYPE html> necessary?

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It is HIGHLY recommended, otherwise
your browser will try to run the code
as if it was written in the 1990s.
Obviously we have made much
progress and code has become more
advanced, so your computer will try to
'work out quirks' that can all be
avoided by typing <!DOCTYPE html>

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There are two types of HTML tags: the *opening* tag, and the *closing* tag. The opening tag is used to start a tag and the closing tag closes it. Here's an example:

`<h1>Hello World!</h1>`

Output: Hello World!

The `<h1>` is the *opening tag* while `</h1>` is the *closing* tag. Notice that closing tags have a slash (/) in front of them. This keeps the computor from being confused if its a opening tag or a closing tag. You can put *anything* inside a tag, like text, emoji and stuff. If you have any questions, you can ask me.

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Why is it that line breaks doesn't have closing tag.

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Good question. A line break tag, `<br>`, does not have a closing tag. This is because it does not wrap around any kind of element that we need to display. It just skips a line.

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what does HTML stand for and why?

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HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language.

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At ⏵ 7:47, Where do you create html?

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Almost any text editor. then save it as whatever you want .html then open the file in a web browser and it will show the output of your html.

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