Wiki Women Workshop – 2014

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Me and Wiki ;)

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Wiki contributions : 1758 edits found in 22 projects. *
In specific :

commons.wikimedia.org	280 edits With major contribution to "Diagrams in Tamil"
en.wikipedia.org	617 edits
ta.wikipedia.org	675 edits
ta.wikiquote.org	19 edits

*As on 6th March , 2014

Some resons why people edit wikipedia ?

Ideology – Knowledge should be free

Fun –   Enjoying the activity

Values – Expressing values to do with altruism

Enhancement – Demonstrating knowledge to others

Understanding – Expanding knowledge through activities

Social – Engaging with friends,

Content Courtesy : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia_community#Motivation
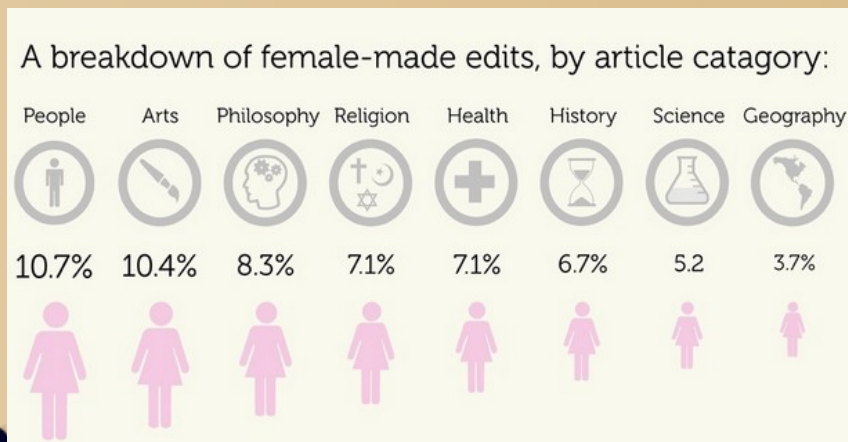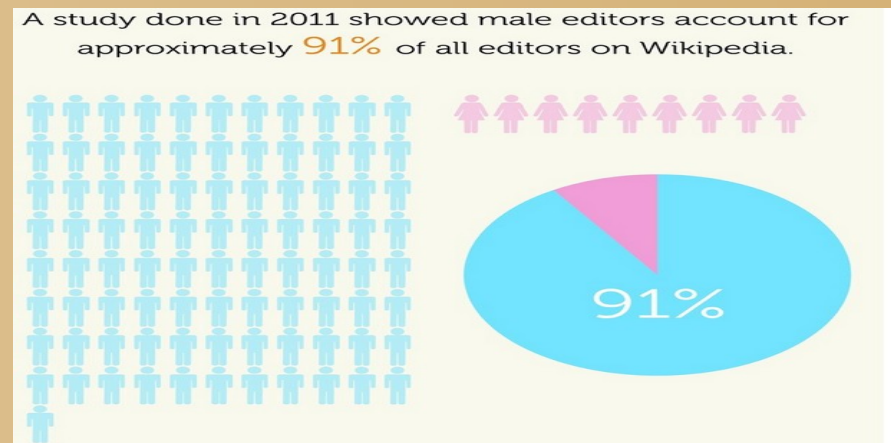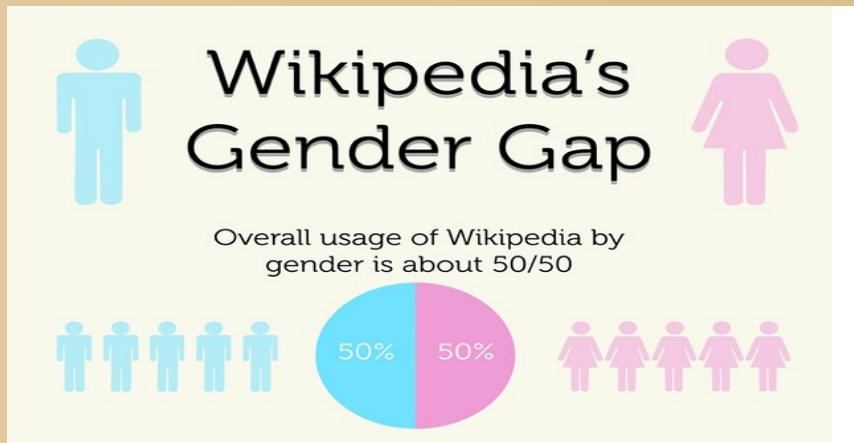**Image Courtesy**   : Wiki Commons

Wikipedia's Gender Gap

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Overall usage of Wikipedia by gender is about 50/50

50%   50%

A study done in 2011 showed male editors account for approximately **91%** of all editors on Wikipedia.

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A breakdown of female-made edits, by article catagory:

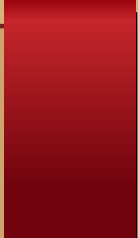| People	Arts	Philosophy	Religion	Health	History	Science	Geography
10.7%	10.4%	8.3%	7.1%	7.1%	6.7%	5.2	3.7%

Table 3: Top 5 most central Persons in the 15 analysed language versions of Wikipedia ranked by betweenness.

lang	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
en	George W. Bush	Ronald Reagan	Adolf Hitler	Bill Clinton	John F. Kennedy
de	Adolf Hitler	George W. Bush	Martin Luther King, Jr	Barack Obama	Frank Sinatra
fr	Adolf Hitler	George W. Bush	William Shakespeare	Barack Obama	Jacques Chirac
it	Frank Sinatra	George W. Bush	Pope John Paul II	Michael Jackson	Elton John
es	Michael Jackson	Fidel Castro	William Shakespeare	Che Guevara	Adolf Hitler
ja	Adolf Hitler	Michael Jackson	Ronald Reagan	Yukio Mishima	Barack Obama
nl	Elvis Presley	Adolf Hitler	Bill Clinton	Joseph Stalin	William Shakespeare
pt	Michael Jackson	Richard Wagner	Adolf Hitler	Ronald Reagan	David Bowie
sv	George W. Bush	Winston Churchill	Elizabeth II	Michael Jackson	Adolf Hitler
pl	Elizabeth II	Pope John Paul II	Margaret Thatcher	George W. Bush	Ronald Reagan
fi	Barack Obama	Adolf Hitler	Michael Jackson	George W. Bush	Benito Mussolini
no	Marilyn Monroe	Adolf Hitler	John F. Kennedy	Bob Dylan	Bill Clinton
ru	William Shakespeare	Napoleon II	Kenneth Branagh	Elton John	Joseph Stalin
zh	Chiang Kai-Shek	William Shakespeare	Barack Obama	Deng Xiaoping	Adolf Hitler
ca	Adolf Hitler	Che Guevara	Juan Carlos I	Michael Schumacher	Juan Manuel Fangio

The number of female editors joining Wikipedia has been steadily increasing over the past few years.

Infographics Courtesy : http://mashable.com/2012/08/08/wikipedia-gender-graphic/

Few points before editing – 4 pillars of Wikipedia

Content: Many Wikipedians consider content the most important factor in judging an article's quality. To ensure consistent quality, the Wikipedia community created these four guidelines.

> **Provide Sources:** Writers are encouraged to provide sources for further information. Every fact should be verifiable by a reliable source.

> **Neutral Point of View:** Articles must be written fairly, without bias, and present previously published notable views.

> **No Promotional Content:** Promotional material, how-to instructions, resumes, and sales catalogs do not belong in Wikipedia.

> **No Original Research:** It is not appropriate to include your own new ideas on a subject (Wikipedia calls this original research), or your personal opinions about a subject.

Few points before editing – Structure of interface

As you get started, it's helpful to familiarize yourself with the interface and how to navigate Wikipedia pages.

Talk
Each article has a corresponding Talk page where contributors can leave comments and suggestions, discuss changes, and ask for help from one another.

Article | Talk

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The Free Encyclopedia

Main page
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  About Wikipedia
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Afrikaans
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Ænglisc
العربية
Aragonés
Azərbaycanca
Bamanankan
বাংলা
Bân-lâm-gú
Basa Banyumasan
Башҡортса
Беларуская
Беларуская (тарашкевіца)

Featured content
Here you can find some of the best work on Wikipedia: articles, photographs, and other content that meet the community's highest standards.

Help
The Help pages, just like the articles, are written by Wikipedia contributors.

Community portal
The community portal lets you explore what's going on across Wikipedia, from news to collaborations to policy discussions.

Tools
This section has useful tools for getting more information about a page and its history.

Languages
These are the other language versions of Wikipedia — out of more than 280 — that have an article on the same topic.

Language settings
These settings allow you to change the language used for menus and select your keyboard layout.

Encyclopedia

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This article is about the type of reference work.

An encyclopedia (also spelled encyclopaedia) is a type of reference work — a compendium holding information from either all branches of knowledge or a particular branch of knowledge.[2] Encyclopedias are divided into entries, which are usually accessed alphabetically. Encyclopedia entries are longer and more detailed than dictionaries.[3] Generally speaking, unlike dictionary entries, which focus on linguistic information about words, encyclopedia entries focus on factual information to cover the thing or concept for which the article name stands.[4][5][6][7]

Encyclopedias have existed for around 2,000 years. The oldest still in existence, Naturalis Historia, was written in ca. AD 77 by Pliny the Elder. The modern encyclopedia evolved out of dictionaries around the 17th century. Historically, some encyclopedias were contained in one volume, but some, such as the Encyclopædia Britannica, the world's largest Enciclopedia universal ilustrada europeo-americana, or the modern encyclopedias, such as Wikipedia, are electronic.

The word encyclopedia comes from the Koine Greek ἐγκύκλιος παιδεία, transliterated enkyklios paideia, meaning "general education": enkyklios (ἐγκύκλιος), meaning "circular, recurrent, required regularly, general" and paideia (παιδεία), meaning "education, rearing of a child";[10] it was reduced to a single word due to an error by copyists of Latin manuscripts. Together, the phrase literally translates as "complete instruction" or "complete knowledge".

Indeed, the purpose of an encyclopedia is to collect knowledge disseminated around the globe; to set forth its general system to the men with whom we live, and transmit it to those who will come after us, so that the work of preceding centuries will not become useless to the centuries to come; and so that our offspring, becoming better instructed, will at the same time become more virtuous and happy, and that we should not die without having rendered a service to the human race in the future years to come.

—Diderot[12]

Contents [hide]
1 Characteristics
2 History
  2.1 Ancient times

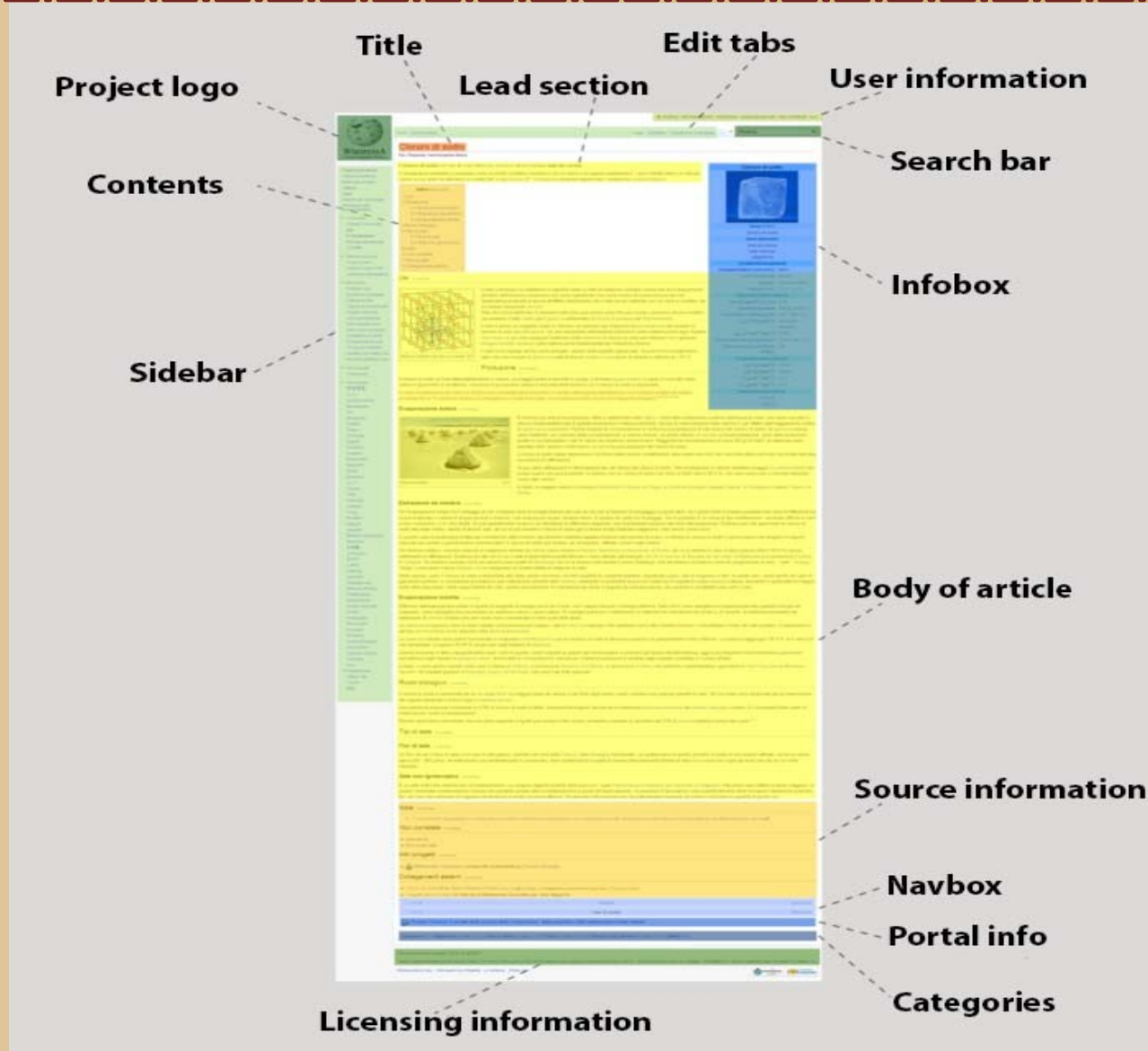# Few points before editing –
Typical Structure of a Wikipedia Article

Few points before editing –
A look at the contribution page

Few points before editing –
What to do , more importatly what not to

Inappropriate

What to avoid:

Britannica and the Future of Encyclopedias

Encyclopædia Britannica, although a celebrated and historically significant encyclopedia, has little relevance in modern society. Instead, most experts agree that the future of the encyclopedia genre belongs to Wikipedia and other wiki encyclopedias — created by regular folks like you and me. Ironically, while it was a great influence on Jimmy Wales and the intrepid new generation of amateur encyclopedists who created — and continue to create — Wikipedia, *Britannica* in recent years has come to symbolize everything wrong about the old ways of creating and distributing knowledge: top-down control, unaccountable gatekeepers who decide what does and does not merit coverage, copyright restrictions and high prices that limit access to the wealthy, and — in its current online form — intrusive advertising that undercuts the reliability and usability of its content.

- Don't create new essay-like articles or sections.
- Don't structure your writing as an argument.
- Don't use "weasel words" (like "most experts agree" or "some people say").
- Don't use colloquial language or slang.
- Don't use "peacock terms" (like "great", "extraordinary", or "intrepid").
- Don't inject personal opinion into the writing.
- Don't use overly complex language and sentence structure.

Appropriate

Do:

Since the early 1990s, the *Britannica* has faced new challenges from digital information sources. In rapidly changing fields such as science, technology, politics, culture, and modern history, the *Britannica* has struggled to stay up-to-date, a problem first analyzed systematically by its former editor Walter Yust. [1] Although the *Britannica* is now available both in multimedia form and over the Internet, its preeminence is being challenged by other online encyclopedias, such as Wikipedia. [2]

- Use plain language
- Be brief
- Cite sources to back up factual claims
- Attribute viewpoints to the people who hold them
- Avoid stating conclusions, except when attributed to a specific source

Where to start ?

WikiGnome is a wiki user who makes useful incremental edits like spelling correction

Copy editing (also copy-editing, copyediting) is the work that an editor does to improve the formatting, style, and accuracy of text.

Formatter: Structures or "wikifies" articles, using wiki markup, so they are easier to read. When Formatters come across a page that says, "This page needs clean up", they use their skills to improve the overall structure of the article

Maintainer: Monitors articles for biased edits and corrects them.

Illustrator: Uploads images, photographs, maps, and visual aids relevant to the article.

Author: Adds information to articles from books, websites, newspapers, and other credible sources. An author also initiates the creation of new articles.

Reference checker: Evaluates references provided at the bottom of the article to check if they are verifiable sources. When reference checkers find a sentence with [citation needed] next to it, they add a reference if to a verifiable resource that validates that view.

Mediator: Moderates discussion on controversial topics, helps resolve disputes, and provides guidance on contributor behavior.

How does a page look like

Step 1: Pick a topic you want to write more about.

Step 2: Find a reliable source that covers the topic better than the current Wikipedia article.

Step 3: Now comes the fun part. Click the Edit button! **A**

Step 4: Add some of what is missing. Using the source you've found, summarize the information you want to add in your own words. **B**

Step 5: At the end of your new block of text, add a reference. In the edit toolbar — whether you're using wiki markup or the VisualEditor — you can click the 'cite' icon to cite your source. **C**

Step 6: In the 'edit summary' field, add a brief description of what you've done in your edit. **D** (With VisualEditor, you'll be prompted for an edit summary after you click Save page.) The edit summary helps other editors understand what you are doing.

Step 7: Now it's time to save your changes. Be sure to click Save page. **E**

Creating a Wikipedia article –
Use Sandbox :)

When you start your article you will need a place to work. Create your own workspace or "sandbox" where you can edit your article until it has the three elements.

To use your sandbox, click **My sandbox** at the top right.

You can use this page to draft your article. Do not forget to click **Save page** when you are done editing. When you are ready, find another Wikipedia editor who might be interested in the topic. One way to find an editor is to look at the **View history** tab of an article on a similar topic and see who has contributed to that article. Leave a message on that editor's **Talk** page with a request to review your article. When you are ready, use the **Move** button, available from the pulldown menu next to the Search box, to move your sandbox page into the encyclopedia. In the "new title" pulldown, select "(Article)," then put the article title in place of the name of your sandbox page, explain what you are doing in the "Reason" box, and click **Move page**.

Now, that you have created a new article, do not stop here. Link your article to other articles where your topic is mentioned.

Try it!
What are the three elements to incorporate in your new article? Select the correct answer.

- A summary, its notability, and a source
- A summary, a picture, and a link to another article
- A name, its notability, and a source

Creating a Wikipedia article – Things to be taken care of

Search the article title. If the article does not exist, you will see the article title in a red hyperlink. Click the hyperlink to start editing a new article.

Your new article will get a good start if you remember to provide the following three elements:

1. Summary of the topic
2. Reason why the topic is notable
3. Reference to a credible source about the topic

Other Projects

Thank you

Happy Editing
Happy Contributing