Here's a **complete list of commonly used HTML tags** along with a **brief explanation of their purpose**. This won't include *absolutely every tag* (some are obsolete or rarely used), but it will cover **essential and commonly used tags** in modern HTML5.

**🧱 Basic Structure Tags**

| **Tag** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| <!DOCTYPE html> | Declares the document type (HTML5). |
| <html> | Root of an HTML document. |
| <head> | Contains metadata, scripts, styles, etc. |
| <title> | Sets the title of the document (shown in browser tab). |
| <body> | Contains the content visible on the page. |

**📝 Text and Formatting Tags**

| **Tag** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| <h1> to <h6> | Headings (h1 = biggest, h6 = smallest). |
| <p> | Paragraph. |
| <br> | Line break. |
| <hr> | Horizontal rule (line). |
| <strong> | Bold text (semantic importance). |
| <b> | Bold text (non-semantic). |
| <em> | Emphasized (italic) text. |
| <i> | Italic text (non-semantic). |
| <u> | Underlined text. |
| <mark> | Highlighted text. |
| <small> | Smaller text. |
| <sub> | Subscript text. |
| <sup> | Superscript text. |
| <blockquote> | For long quotations. |
| <q> | Inline quote. |
| <code> | Code snippet. |
| <pre> | Preformatted text. |
| <abbr> | Abbreviation. |
| <cite> | Citation/reference. |

**🔗 Links and Anchors**

| **Tag** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| <a> | Anchor tag for hyperlinks. |

**📷 Images and Media**

| **Tag** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| <img> | Embed image. |
| <video> | Embed video. |
| <audio> | Embed audio. |
| <source> | Source for video/audio. |
| <track> | Subtitles/captions for media. |
| <iframe> | Embed another webpage. |

**📦 Lists**

| **Tag** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| <ul> | Unordered list (bullets). |
| <ol> | Ordered list (numbers). |
| <li> | List item. |
| <dl> | Description list. |
| <dt> | Term in a description list. |
| <dd> | Description of the term. |

**🧭 Navigation and Layout**

| **Tag** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| <nav> | Navigation links. |
| <header> | Page or section header. |
| <footer> | Page or section footer. |
| <main> | Main content of page. |
| <section> | Section of a document. |
| <article> | Independent article content. |
| <aside> | Sidebar or tangential content. |
| <div> | Generic container for content. |
| <span> | Inline container. |

**📋 Forms and Inputs**

| **Tag** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| <form> | Form for user input. |
| <input> | Input field. |
| <textarea> | Multiline text input. |
| <button> | Button. |
| <select> | Drop-down menu. |
| <option> | Option inside a select. |
| <label> | Label for form elements. |
| <fieldset> | Group form fields. |
| <legend> | Title for fieldset. |
| <datalist> | Autocomplete options. |
| <output> | Display calculation result. |

**🧮 Tables**

| **Tag** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| <table> | Table element. |
| <thead> | Table header group. |
| <tbody> | Table body group. |
| <tfoot> | Table footer group. |
| <tr> | Table row. |
| <th> | Table header cell. |
| <td> | Table data cell. |
| <caption> | Table caption. |
| <colgroup> | Group of columns. |
| <col> | Column properties. |

**🔧 Scripting and Metadata**

| **Tag** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| <script> | JavaScript code. |
| <noscript> | Fallback if JavaScript is disabled. |
| <style> | CSS styles. |
| <link> | Link external resources (CSS, icons). |
| <meta> | Metadata (charset, description, viewport). |
| <base> | Base URL for relative links. |

**⚙️ Semantic & Accessibility**

| **Tag** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| <figure> | Media or illustration with caption. |
| <figcaption> | Caption for figure. |
| <time> | Date or time. |
| <summary> | Summary for <details>. |
| <details> | Toggleable details. |
| <dialog> | Dialog box or popup. |
| <template> | HTML template fragment not rendered. |
| <canvas> | Drawing area via JavaScript. |
| <svg> | Scalable vector graphics. |

Would you like this as a downloadable table (like Excel or PDF), or continue with **examples and uses** for each?