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I mean, something like `\newLine` in TeX.



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asked Oct 17, 2015 at 21:24



max04

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Just add `\` at the end of line. For example

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```
one\  
two
```



Will become



```
one  
two
```

It's also better than two spaces because it's visible.

Edit:

It doesn't work in some markdown applications, so it may cause incompatibility.

<https://www.markdownguide.org/basic-syntax/#line-break-best-practices>

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edited May 9, 2021 at 22:32

answered Oct 19, 2019 at 16:09



racoon_lord

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- 31 I prefer this solution over the others because I have my IDE set to automatically trim extra whitespace at the end of a line. I don't want to turn that setting off just for this purpose, since it helps keep my code clean. – [Calaway](#) Oct 25, 2019 at 2:19
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- 9 Jep, trailing whitespace as semantic meaning is just the biggest antipattern in code or docs :) – [mark](#) Mar 5, 2020 at 13:17
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- 4 This doesn't actually work in markdown, sigh. I've seen it work in some renderers, but I don't know offhand which. What I do is write `<space>\<space>`. The `\` quotes the second space and serves as a visual cue that I *intend* for there to be two spaces at the end. The problem is, there may not actually BE a space after the `\`, in which case it fails. But better than two invisible spaces. So often I go with `
`. I agree with @mark—biggest antipattern ever. Right up there with semantic tabs in old makefiles. – [Bob Kerns](#) Jul 3, 2020 at 7:23
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- 3 Great!. It is in the [CommonMark Specs](#) – [Madacol](#) Aug 9, 2020 at 20:04
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- 3 By the way, this is not recommended. markdownguide.org/basic-syntax/#line-break-best-practices – [Pavel_K](#) Apr 30, 2021 at 9:42
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See [the original markdown specification](#) (bold mine):

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The implication of the “one or more consecutive lines of text” rule is that Markdown supports “hard-wrapped” text paragraphs. This differs significantly from most other text-to-HTML formatters (including Movable Type’s “Convert Line Breaks” option) which translate every line break character in a paragraph into a `
` tag.

**When you do want to insert a `
` break tag using Markdown, you end a line with two or more spaces, then type return.**

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edited Jun 20, 2020 at 9:12



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answered Oct 17, 2015 at 21:32



Chris

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- 7 Unfortunately, It doesnt work with headers... I would like to add break line (or just set bigger space) between the header and the rest of the slide. – [max04](#) Oct 18, 2015 at 10:25
- 4 @Mariusz, I don't know what presentation tool you are using, but assuming it's HTML-based I urge you to adjust the spacing with CSS. Markdown isn't concerned with design at all; it's all about content, and adding a blank line for spacing isn't a good semantic fit. – [Chris](#) Oct 18, 2015 at 12:56
- 1 What if I want a break line inside a table cell. I don't think this would work. – [Eduardo Reis](#) Jun 10, 2020 at 13:32

@EduardoReis, tables aren't part of [the original Markdown specification](#) nor the widely-used [Commonmark specification](#). Implementations that support them all have different rules and there are at least three widely-used table syntaxes. You can try using `
` in a table, but the result will depend entirely on the specific tool that you're using. – [Chris](#) Jun 10, 2020 at 13:45

@Chris, thanks for the clarification. I am using Pandoc. It confuses me that pandoc "works" with `
` if I am converting it to HTML. I guess it just keeps the `
` there and the browser does the job, sort of. But with the PDF format, it doesn't work. I tried other option, but none worked with pandoc, I might be missing a flag or something. – [Eduardo Reis](#) Jun 10, 2020 at 13:49



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Check the following resource [Line Return](#)



To force a line return, place two empty spaces at the end of a line.



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answered Oct 17, 2015 at 21:35



[Romulo](#)

4,896 ● 2 ● 19 ● 28

- 6 The issue with this is that I clear trailing whitespace from all files, which would break markdown files using this method. – [Matt Fletcher](#) Jul 15, 2020 at 10:06
- 5 Then setup the trailing-space removal code to ignore markdown files. That's the language syntax, removing trailing-spaces in Markdown context is like removing semi-colons in PHP files. Or you can use @raccoon_lord's solution. – [Kamafeather](#) Mar 18, 2021 at 22:41 ✎



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You could use ` ` in R markdown to create a new blank line.

For example, in your .Rmd file:

```
I want 3 new lines:
```

```
&nbsp;
&nbsp;
&nbsp;
```

```
End of file.
```

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edited Feb 26, 2018 at 23:49

answered Jan 15, 2018 at 0:28



Summer Jinyu Xia

994 ● 6 ● 6

Can you explain why you think it's wrong? @user3441843 – Summer Jinyu Xia Sep 26, 2018 at 17:04

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- 1 I think it's correct. The other answers are wrong (including the accepted answer) – user3441843 Sep 28, 2018 at 5:45

if you are using marked as the markdown render you should add breaks:true as option
github.com/markedjs/marked/issues/835 – John Balvin Arias Mar 14, 2019 at 1:26

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- 1 Why does ` ` create a newline in R Markdown when it is the HTML code for inserting a [non-breaking space](#)? – HelloGoodbye Dec 18, 2019 at 19:30

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- 1 This works for me, when none of the other solutions have. It only seems able to insert 1 blank line though no matter how many times I copy and paste ` ` – C.Robin May 21, 2021 at 10:49
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Markdown file in three way to Break a Line

`
` Tag Using

paragraph First Line `
` Second Line

`\` Using

First Line sentence \
Second Line sentence

`space keypress two times` Using

First Line sentence%%
Second Line sentence

Paragraphs in use `
` tag.

Multiple sentences in using `\` or two times press `space key` then `Enter` and write a new sentence.

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answered Feb 28, 2020 at 11:46



Vishal Vaghasiya

1,857 ● 2 ● 14 ● 21

- 2 This should be marked as the updated correct solution as `
` is the only solution here that worked in the Markdown implemented within StackExchange's UI. – AdamHurwitz Nov 2, 2020 at 20:54

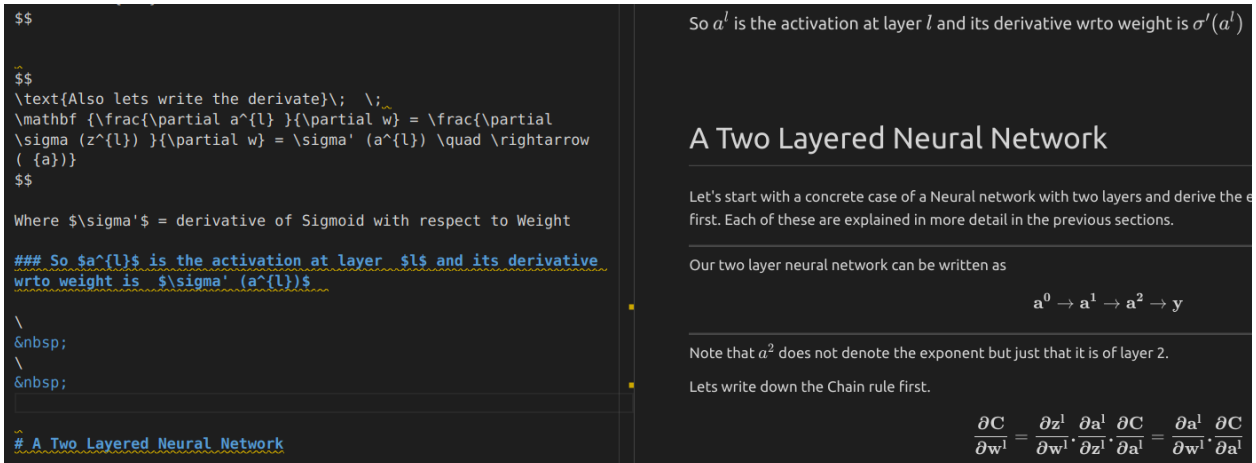


This is my personal favorite explanation. You have all of them listed and show clearly and simply. – Zach May 10 at 14:30

What worked for me

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```
\
 
\
 
```



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answered Mar 16, 2021 at 14:28



Alex Punnen

5,327 ● 3 ● 60 ● 72

3 i just used didnt need the \ – pelos Nov 3, 2021 at 15:23

Just add a `\` in a new line and it will be fine.

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```
\
```

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answered Jun 3, 2022 at 7:28



Michael Chao

582 ● 5 ● 14

This has already been mentioned in some of the other answers. – Eric Aya Jun 3, 2022 at 11:38

3 This was the answer that I needed. – Sunil Mathew Nov 2, 2022 at 22:11



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It depends on what kind of markdown parser you're using. For example in [showdownjs](#) there is an option `{simpleLineBreaks: true}` which gives corresponding html for the following md input:



```
a line  
wrapped in two
```



```
<p>a line<br>  
wrapped in two</p>
```

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answered Oct 30, 2019 at 6:58



daGo

2,584 ● 26 ● 24



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If none of the solutions mentions here work for you, which is what happened with me, then you can do the following: **Add an empty header (A hack that ruins semantics)**



```
text  
####  
text
```



Just make sure that when the header is added it has no border in bottom of it in the markdown css, so you can try different variations of the headers.

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edited Aug 29, 2020 at 6:47

answered Aug 28, 2020 at 19:19



ehab

7,162 ● 1 ● 25 ● 30



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I was using [Markwon](#) for markdown parsing in Android. The following worked great:

```
"My first line  \nMy second line  \nMy third line  \nMy last line"
```



...two spaces followed by `\n` at the end of each line.



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answered Feb 5, 2020 at 20:40



Tom Howard

4,672 ● 2 ● 43 ● 48

Wonderful solution for adding multiple lines of descriptions in NFT metadata. To be noted that `
` would cause the description to disappear on platforms like Opensea. – [Terry Windwalker](#) Oct 21, 2022 at 5:30



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Neither a double space or \ at the end of a paragraph worked for me, however having a blank line between text in the code did, as did adding `<p>` at the start of the paragraph (having `</p>` at the end wasn't necessary)

```
first paragraph
```

```
second paragraph
```

```
<p> first paragraph  
<p> second paragraph
```

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answered Sep 1, 2022 at 2:32



[obs](#)

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You can also wrap it in a fenced code block. The advantage of this approach is you need not go for additional stuff for every line. However, the content shall be displayed as a highlighted block with a background, so it may not be apt for all use cases.

```
Lorem inmissa qui propinquas doleas  
Accipe fuerat accipiam
```

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answered Nov 19, 2021 at 6:04



[Srichandradeep C](#)

387 ● 2 ● 13



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As mentioned in other responses two spaces and enter will create a carriage return in markdown. The problem is your editor may trim that trailing whitespace. OP didn't mention a specific editor. In the case of VS Code you can suppress trimming on a per syntax basis in the settings.json file:

```
"files.trimTrailingWhitespace": true,  
"[markdown]": {  
  "files.trimTrailingWhitespace": false  
},
```

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answered Jul 21 at 14:19



JDH

2,618 ● 5 ● 39 ● 48



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The newline character (`\n`) can be used to add a newline into a markdown file programmatically. For example, it is possible to do like this in python:

```
with open("file_name.md", "w") as file:  
    file.write("Some text")  
    file.write("\n")  
    file.write("Some other text")
```

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edited Jun 14, 2019 at 13:05

answered Jun 14, 2019 at 12:58



Mebrahtom Guesh

53 ● 3

This is a good answer since it gives the hint that `\n\r` does not work (esp. in C# UWP Markdown component). Only `\n` does the job. – [E.S.](#) Dec 31, 2019 at 0:31



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