

Reference Sheet for [CommonMark v0.20](#)

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Headers

ATX-style

```
# Header 1
## Header 2
### Header 3
#### Header 4
##### Header 5
##### Header 6
```

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Setext-style (level 1 & 2 only)

```
Header 1
=====
```

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Header 2
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Links

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```
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<webmaster@google.com>
```

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Blockquotes

Images

Lists

Unordered list

Numbered list

Lists with embedded code

Lists with embedded blockquote

Code

Indent by 4 or more spaces.

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Horizontal Rule / Line

A horizontal rule can be made with `***`, `---`, or `___`. It can have up to 3 leading spaces, and does not need blank lines surrounding it.

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Escaping

[link](/url "title \""")

[link](/url 'title "and" title')

For formulas, use escaping: $a = 5 \times 6 \times 78$

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HTML

A block of HTML code can be inserted anywhere in the document with a blank line before and after.

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