**Markdown Quick Reference Cheat Sheet**

|  | **Markdown** | **Processed** |
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| **Emphasis** | \*Emphasize\* \_emphasize\_  \*\*Strong\*\* \_\_Strong\_\_ | *Emphasize* **Strong**    Some WordPress.com themes may have different formatting for these styles |
| **Inline Links** | A [link](http://example.com "Title").  Most browsers show the title text when hovering over a link.  Please note that WordPress shortcodes, like [video] or [audio], will take priority over Markdown links and shouldn’t be used for link text. | A [link](http://example.com/). |
| **Referenced Links** | Some text with [a link][1] and  another [link][2].  [1]: http://example.com/ "Title"  [2]: http://example.org/ "Title"  The reference section can be anywhere in the document. | Some text with [a link](http://example.com/) and another [link](http://example.org/). |
| **Inline Images** | Logo: ![Alt](/wp.png "Title")  The “Alt” text (alternative text) makes images accessible to visually impaired. | Logo: Alt |
| **Referenced Images** | Smaller logo: ![Alt][1]  [1]: /wp-smaller.png "Title" | Smaller logo: Alt text |
| **Linked Images** | Linked logo: [![alt text](/wp-smaller.png)]  (http://wordpress.com/ "Title") | Linked logo: [alt text](http://wordpress.com/) |
| **Footnotes** | I have more [^1] to say up here.  [^1]: To say down here.  Footnotes will be added to the bottom of the document, with a link back to the original reference[\*](https://wordpress.com/support/markdown-quick-reference/#notes). | I have more [1](https://wordpress.com/support/markdown-quick-reference/68137-1) to say up here.     1. To say down here. |
| **Line breaks** | *We do not support Markdown’s typical double-space to generate a line break due to our built-in auto-linebreaking function. A regular line break will generate a line break on output.* |  |
| **Bullet Lists** | \* Item  \* Item  - Item  - Item | * Item * Item * Item * Item |
| **Numbered Lists** | 1. Item  2. Item | 1. Item 2. Item |
| **Mixed Lists** | 1. Item  2. Item  \* Mixed  \* Mixed  3. Item | 1. Item 2. Item    * Mixed    * Mixed 3. Item |
| **Blockquotes** | > Quoted text.  > > Quoted quote.  > \* Quoted  > \* List | Quoted text.  Quoted quote.   * Quoted * List |
| **Preformatted** | Begin each line with  two spaces or more to  make text look  e x a c t l y  like you type i  t. | Begin each line with  two spaces or more to  make text look  e x a c t l y  like you type i  t. |
| **Code** | `This is code` | This is code |
| **Code block** | ~~~~  This is a  piece of code  in a block  ~~~~  ```  This too  ``` | |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1  2  3 | This is a  piece of code  in a block |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1 | This too | |
| **Syntax highlighting** | ```css  #button {  border: none;  }  ```  See [Posting Source Code](https://wordpress.com/support/wordpress-editor/blocks/syntax-highlighter-code-block/) for supported languages | |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1  2  3 | #button {      border: none;  } | |
| **Headers** | # Header 1  ## Header 2  ### Header 3  #### Header 4 ####  ##### Header 5 #####  ###### Header 6 ######  Closing hash marks are optional on all levels | Header 1  Header 2  Header 3  Header 4  Header 5  Header 6 |
| **Definition Lists** | WordPress  : A semantic personal publishing platform  Markdown  : Text-to-HTML conversion tool | WordPress  A semantic personal publishing platform  Markdown  Text-to-HTML conversion tool  Formatting for definition lists may vary between themes |
| **Abbreviations** | Markdown converts text to HTML.  \*[HTML]: HyperText Markup Language  Definitions can be anywhere in the document | Markdown converts text to HTML. |