# **Bates Group Style Guide**

Applies to written documents (papers, dissertation, reports) and oral (Powerpoint) presentations.

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## **Dashes**

#### Hyphen (shortest): -

Usage:

hyphenated words

#### Examples:

mother-in-law, solid-forming reaction

#### 'en dash' (medium): -

Usage:

Minus signs

Ranges of numbers

Multiple names

#### Examples:

The temperature is –10 °C.

A broad <sup>1</sup>H NMR resonance appeared in the range 3–4 ppm.

Flory–Fox equation

## 'em dash' (longest): —

Usage:

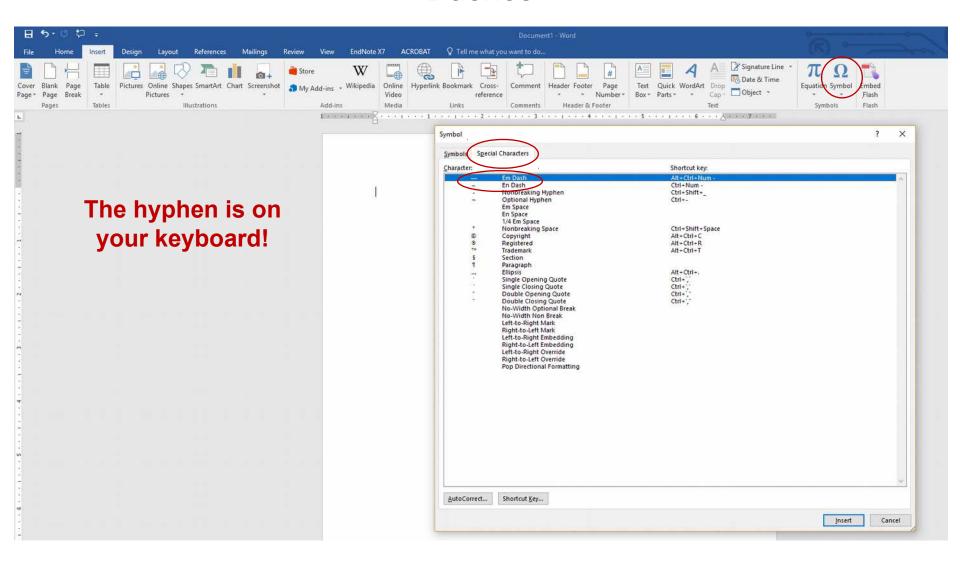
Parentheticals in middle of sentence

Dash that separates two parts of a sentence.

#### Example:

The brown fox — a type of animal commonly found in the forest — jumped over a rock.

## **Dashes**



Can copy/paste into Powerpoint

# Variables, subscripts, superscripts

#### 1) All variables are italicized

Temperature *T*Molar mass *M*Fitting parameter *n*Dispersity *Đ* 

# 2) Superscripts and subscripts that represent labels or defined numbers are NOT italicized

Number average molar mass:  $M_n$ 

Weight average molar mass:  $M_{\rm w}$ 

Ten to the power of two: 10<sup>2</sup>

# 3) Superscripts and subscripts that are themselves variables without a fixed value are *italicized*

Molar mass of fraction i:  $M_i$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n

# Units, symbols

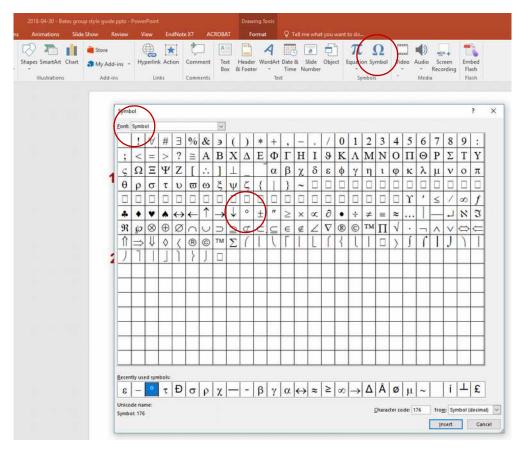
1) Space between the number and unit

25 K, 32 min, 800 sec

- 2) Degree signs are symbols, not superscript '0' or 'o' 20 °C/min
- 3) "Prime" and "double prime" are symbols, not apostrophes

  G', G" Not: G', G"

  (copy and pasted from Wikipedia)

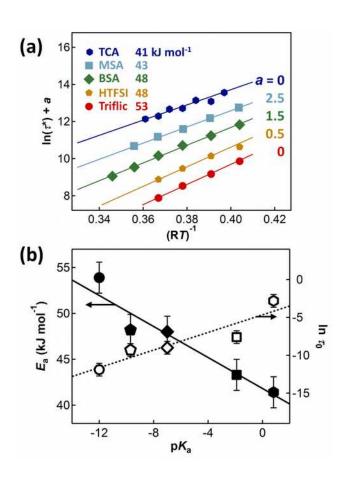


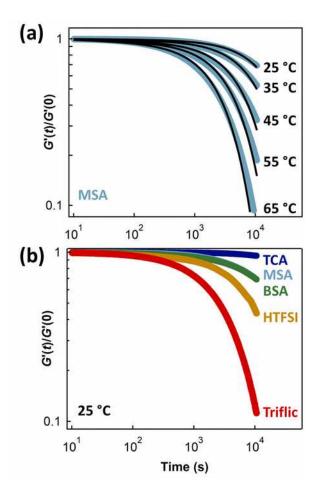


# **Plots**

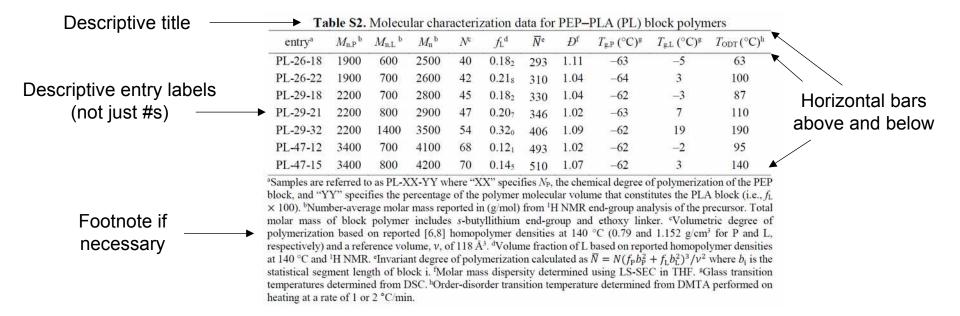
## Publication-quality plots are to be made in Igor Pro:

https://www.wavemetrics.com/products/igorpro/igorpro.htm





### **Tables**



#### Good

## Colors

Pure RGB to be avoided – use pastel colors instead

http://colorbrewer2.org/#type=sequential&scheme=Reds&n=9

