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Writing & Editing

Markdown quick reference cheat sheet

The instructions from this guide are referring to the Classic Editor only. Click here to view the instructions for the *Markdown block* in the block editor.

See the Markdown page for instructions on enabling Markdown for posts, pages and comments on your blog, and for more detailed information about using Markdown.

	Markdown	Processed
		Emphasize **Strong**
Emphasis	`*Emphasize* _emphasize_` `**Strong** __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.

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 and another link.

Inline Images	`Logo: ![Alt](/wp.png "Title")` The "Alt" text (alternative text) makes images accessible to visually impaired	Logo:

Referenced Images	`Smaller logo: ![Alt][1]`
	
	 `[1]: /wp-smaller.png "Title"`
		Smaller logo:

Images
go: [![att text](/wp-smatter.png] (http://…ordpress.com/ "Title")

Linked logo: Ⓦ

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

I have more [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

```
...is is a
piece of code
in a block
~~~~
```

```
1  <br>
2  This is a<br>
3  piece of code<br>
4  in a block<br>
```

```
```
This too
```
```

```
1  <br>
2  This too<br>
```

Syntax highlighting

```
```css
#button {
    border: none;
}
```
```

```
1  <br>
2  #button {<br>
3      border: none;<br>
4  }<br>
```

See [Posting Source Code](#) for supported languages

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.

These are some of the most useful Markdown features available on WordPress.com. See the [official Markdown project](#) and [Markdown Extra](#) for details about all available features, and variations on the features mentioned here.

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