

# Microsoft Word: Character Formatting | Microsoft 365

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## Formatting

- The process of defining the appearance of a document is called formatting. It includes the following options:
  - Changing the font and font size of text
  - Applying boarder and shadings

- Adding picture and graphics etc.

## Types Of Formatting:

There are three types of formatting:

### 1. Character Formatting

- A type of formatting that is applied to an individual character is called Character Formatting.
- Important character formatting are typeface, font size , font color, font style and character spacing etc.

### 2. Paragraph Formatting

- A type of formatting that is applied to a complete paragraph is called Paragraph formatting.
- Paragraph is a collection of text that ends with Enter key.
- Word inserts a new paragraph in the document wherever the user presses the Enter key.
- **Example:** Text Alignment, Indentation, Line space , Bullets and Numbering

### 3. Page Formatting

- Page formatting: The formatting applied on page is called page formatting.
- It includes the following: Page Size, Margins, Page Orientation, Headers and Footer

## 1. CHARACTER FORMATTING

### 1.1. Font

- The appearance of text in the document is called font or typeface.
- Fonts are used to make the text of different styles and sizes. Fonts by Category  
<http://www.fontpool.com/categories/> Change the Font

### 1.2 Font Size

- Size of text in document is called Font Size.
- Font size is measured in points.
- There are 72 points in an inch.

### Change Font Size

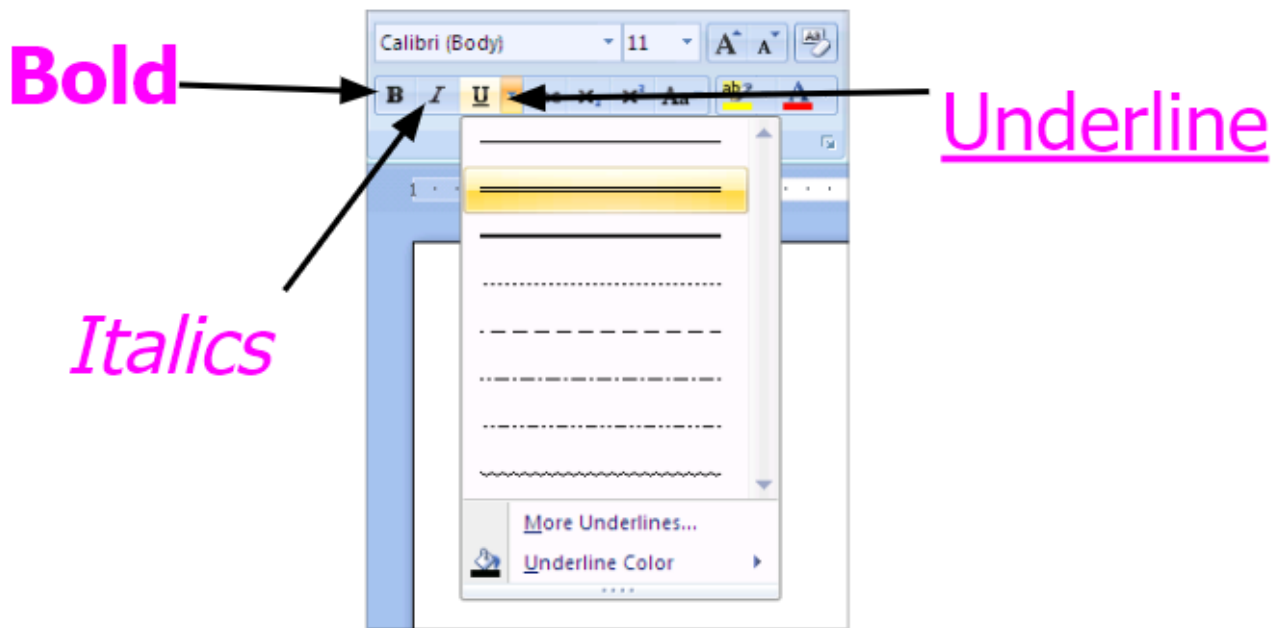
- Click on the Arrow sign of Font Size in Font group

OR

Keyboard shortcut for Grow Font: **CTRL+SHIFT + >** Keyboard shortcut for Shrink Font: **CTRL+SHIFT + <**

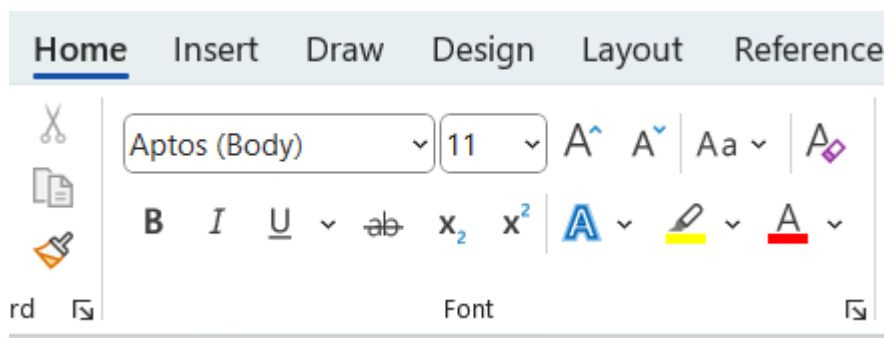
### 1.3. Font Style

- Font Style is used to bold, Italicize and underline the text.



### Change Font Style:

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Font** group, click **Font Style**



### Underline words, but not the spaces between them:

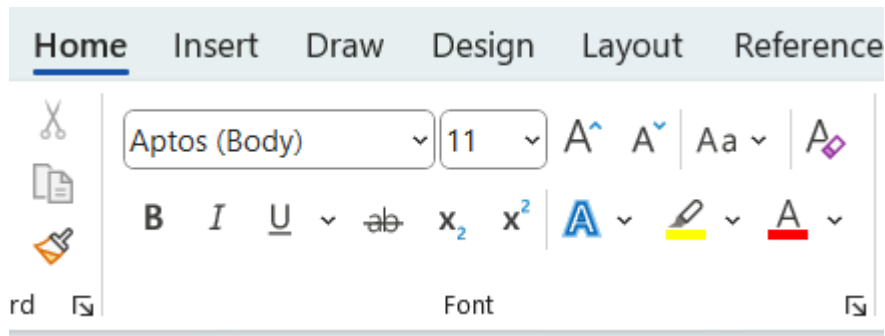
- Select the text that you want to underline.
- On the Home tab, click the Font Dialog Box Launcher, and then click the Font tab.
- In the Underline style box, click **Words only**.

### 1.4. Font Color

- Font color is used to change the color of the text.

### Change Font Color:

- On the Home tab, in the Font group, click Font Color

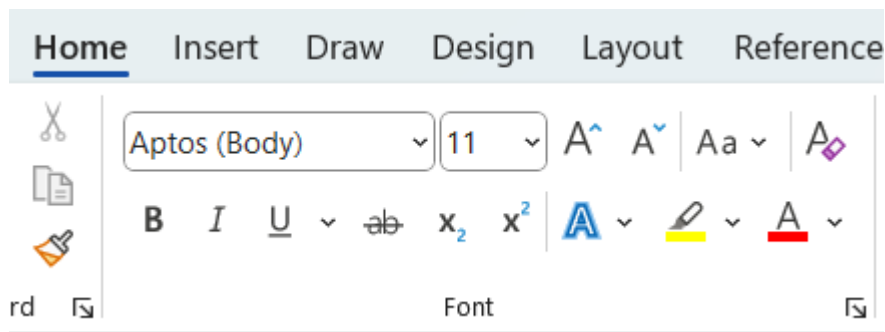


### 1.5. Text Highlight Color

- Make text look like it was marked with highlighter pen

#### Text Highlight Color:

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Font** group, click **Text Highlight** Color

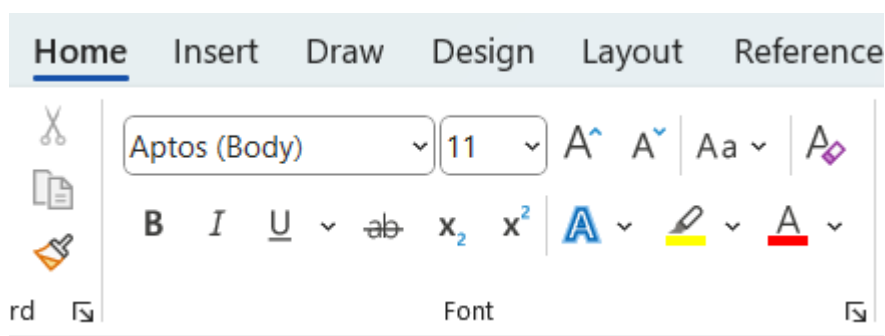


### 1.6. Subscript

- Create small letters below the text baseline

H2O Change Subscript

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Font** group, click **Subscript**



OR

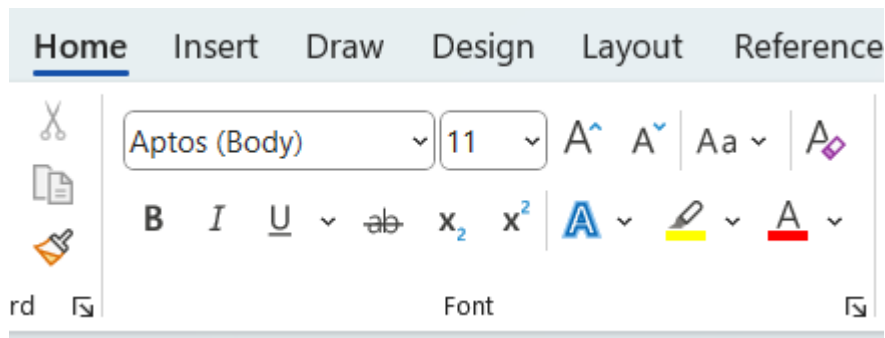
- Keyboard shortcut: **Ctrl+Shift+\_**

### 1.7. Superscript

- Create small letters above the line of text.

### 5th **Change Superscript:**

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Font** group, click **Superscript**



OR

- Keyboard shortcut: **Ctrl+Shift++**

### **Task: Applying Subscript and Superscript in Microsoft Word**

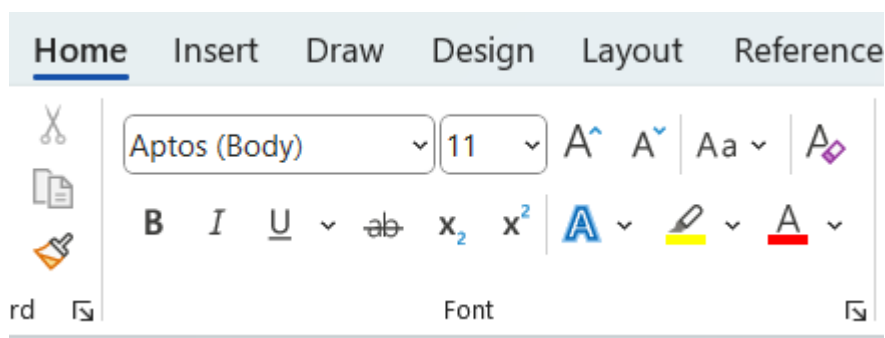
- Write "H<sub>2</sub>O" and convert "2" to subscript.
- Write "10<sup>5</sup>" and apply superscript to "5".

### 1.8. Strikethrough

- Draw a line through the middle of the selected text.

#### **Apply Strikethrough:**

- On the Home tab, in the Font group, click Strikethrough



### **Task: Applying Strikethrough in Microsoft Word**

- Write the sentence:  
*"The deadline for the project is ~~Monday~~ Friday."*
- Use the **Strikethrough** feature to cross out the word **Monday**.

### **Task: Applying Double Strikethrough in Microsoft Word**

- Write the sentence:  
*"The initial budget of \$1000 has been revised."*
- Apply **Double Strikethrough** to the text **\$1000** to indicate its removal.

**Steps:**

1. Highlight **\$1000**.
2. Open the **Font** dialog box (right-click and select **Font** or press **Ctrl + D**).
3. Check the **Double Strikethrough** option.
4. Click **OK** to apply.

**1.9. Character Case**

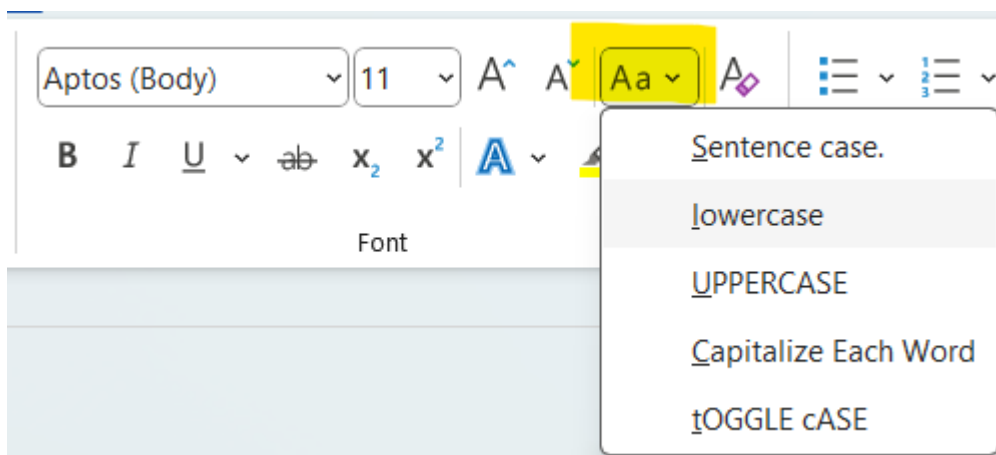
- The character in which text is written is called case of the text.
- Capital letters are called upper case letters.
- Small letters are called lower case letters.
- **Sentence case:** It changes the first character of sentence to upper case and all other characters to the lower case.
- **lower case:** it changes all characters to lowercase
- **UPPER CASE:** IT CHANGES ALL CHARACTERS TO UPPER CASE.
- **Capitalize Each Word:** It Changes The First Characters Of Each Word To Uppercase And All Other Characters To Lowercase.
- **tOGGLE cASE:** iT sWITCHES uPPERCASE tO lOWERCASE aND vICE vERSA.

**Using the Ribbon Menu**

1. Highlight the text.
2. Go to the **Home** tab.
3. Click on the **Change Case** button (represented by "Aa") in the **Font** group.
4. Select the desired case option from the dropdown menu.

**Using Keyboard Shortcut**

- Select the text
- Press **Shift + F3** until the required case is achieved.

**Task: Practicing Character Case Formatting in Microsoft Word**

1. Write the sentence:

*"microsoft word is a powerful word processing tool."*

2. Perform the following tasks to change the case:

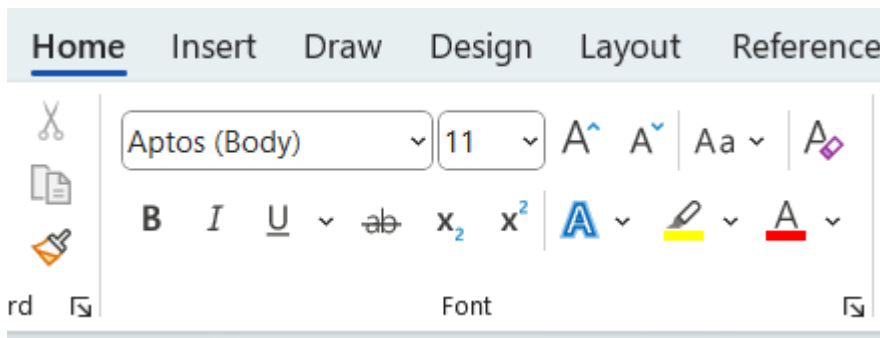
- Convert the entire sentence to **UPPERCASE**.
- Convert the entire sentence to **lowercase**.
- Use **Capitalize Each Word** to make it: *"Microsoft Word Is A Powerful Word Processing Tool."*
- Apply **Toggle Case** to make it: *"MICROSOFT wORD IS A POWERFUL WORD PROCESSING TOOL."*

## 1.10. Clear Formatting

- Clear formatting command clear all the formatting from the selection and leave only plain text.

### Using the Ribbon Menu

1. Highlight the formatted text.
2. Go to the **Home** tab.
3. In the **Font** group, click on the **Clear All Formatting** button (represented by an eraser icon).



### Using Keyboard Shortcut

Press **Ctrl + Spacebar** to clear character formatting (such as bold, font, and font size) from selected text 2.

### Task: Removing Text Formatting in Microsoft Word

1. Write the sentence:

*"This is a sample text with bold, italic, underline, and color formatting."*

2. Perform the following tasks:

- Apply **Bold, Italic, Underline**, and a text color (e.g., Red) to the sentence.
- Use the **Clear Formatting** feature to remove all the formatting, returning the text to its default style.

## 1.11. Using Font Dialog Box

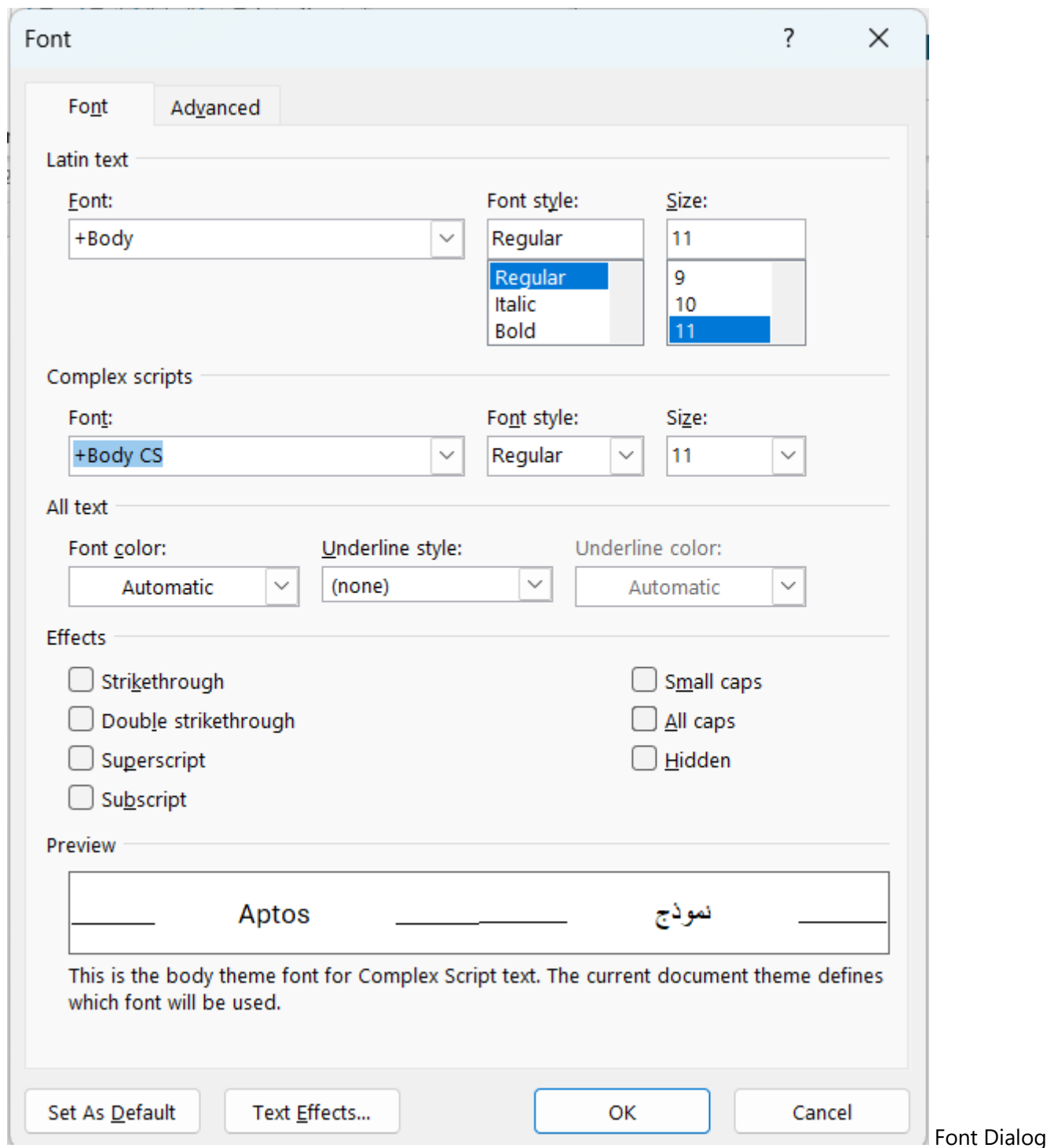
- The font dialog box can be used to apply different formatting option on the text

### Font Dialog Box

- Click on the Arrow sign of Font group

## Using Keyboard Shortcut

Keyboard shortcut: **CTRL+D**



Box

### 1.11.1. Character Spacing

- The distance between two characters is called character spacing.
- It can be specified in two ways:
  - Character Spacing is used to increase or decrease distance between characters.
  - Kerning automatically adjusts the distance between characters.

## Using the Ribbon Menu



1. Highlight the text.
2. Go to the **Home** tab and click the small arrow in the **Font** group to open the **Font dialog box**.
3. In the dialog box, click the **Advanced** tab.
4. Under **Character Spacing**, adjust the **Spacing** dropdown to **Expanded** or **Condensed**, and set the point size.
5. Click **OK** to apply the changes.

### Task: Adjusting Character Spacing in Microsoft Word

1. Write the sentence:  
*"Text formatting can improve document presentation."*
2. Perform the following tasks to adjust character spacing:
  - Increase the **spacing between letters** to make the text more spread out.
  - Decrease the **spacing between letters** to bring the text closer together.
  - Apply **Expanded** spacing by 2 pt for a wider effect.
  - Apply **Condensed** spacing by 1 pt for a tighter look.

### 1.12. Mini Toolbar

- When we select text, we can show or hide a handy, miniature, semitransparent toolbar called the Mini toolbar • To use toolbar, click any of the available command.

### 1.13. Format Painter

- The Format Painter is a tool that is used to copy formats from existing text and apply it to other text in the document.

### Using the Ribbon Menu

- Select the text or graphic that has the formatting that you want to copy.
- On the Home tab, in the Clipboard group, click Format Painter.
- Select the text or graphic that you want to format.
- To stop formatting, press **ESC**.
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**Important:** Double-click the Format Painter button if you want to change the format of multiple selections in your document.

### Using Keyboard Shortcut (Microsoft 365)

- Select the text already formatted to copy format. • Press **Alt+Ctrl+C** • Select the text to apply format. • Press **Alt+Ctrl+V**

### Task: Using Format Painter in Microsoft Word

1. Write two sentences:
  - **Sentence 1:** *"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog."*
  - **Sentence 2:** *"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."*

2. Perform the following tasks using **Format Painter**:

- Copy the **formatting** (font size, color, and bold) from **Sentence 1** and apply it to **Sentence 2**.
- Use the **Format Painter** multiple times to apply the same formatting to other pieces of text in the document.

### Steps:

1. Highlight the text that has the formatting you want to copy (Sentence 1).
2. Go to the **Home** tab and click on the **Format Painter** button (paintbrush icon).
3. Highlight the text you want to apply the formatting to (Sentence 2).
4. If you want to apply the same formatting to multiple sections, double-click the **Format Painter** button to keep it active, then click on other text sections to apply the format.

### Key Terms

Font Font size Font style Character spacing Kerning Mini toolbar Format painter

### True/False (Mark T for True and F for False)

1. Bold and italic are considered the same type of character formatting.
2. Character spacing refers to the distance between lines of text in a paragraph.
3. The format painter tool allows you to copy formatting from one text section and apply it to another.
4. Clearing formatting removes all character styles/formatting and returns the text to its default settings.
5. Strikethrough formatting is used to highlight important text.

### Answer Key (True/False):

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. False

### Multiple Choice (Select the best answer)

Which of the following is NOT a type of formatting in Microsoft Word?

1. ☐ Character formatting
2. ☐ Paragraph formatting
3. ☐ Document formatting
4. ☐ Page formatting

Which keyboard shortcut can be used to increase the font size?

1. ☐ CTRL+F
2. ☐ CTRL+SHIFT+>
3. ☐ ALT+S
4. ☐ CTRL+B

What does the Font Style option in Microsoft Word allow you to do?

1. ☐ Change the font color
2. ☐ Change the font size
3. ☐ Bold, italicize, or underline text
4. ☐ Adjust line spacing

Which command is used to change the color of text in Microsoft Word?

1. ☐ Font Size
2. ☐ Font Style
3. ☐ Font Color
4. ☐ Text Highlight Color

What is the purpose of the Subscript feature in Microsoft Word?

1. ☐ To create small letters above the line of text
2. ☐ To draw a line through the middle of selected text
3. ☐ To create small letters below the text baseline
4. ☐ To change the font case

How can you access the Font Dialog Box in Microsoft Word?

1. ☐ Click on the Arrow sign of Font group
2. ☐ Press CTRL+D
3. ☐ Both a and b
4. ☐ None of the above

What is the function of the Mini Toolbar in Microsoft Word?

1. ☐ To provide access to frequently used commands
2. ☐ To change the page size
3. ☐ To show or hide formatting marks
4. ☐ To insert page breaks

Which of the following is NOT a component of character formatting?

1. ☐ Font style
2. ☐ Paragraph alignment
3. ☐ Font color
4. ☐ Font size

What unit is used to measure font size in Microsoft Word documents?

1. ☐ Pixels
2. ☐ Points
3. ☐ Inches
4. ☐ Millimeters

What is the result of pressing Shift + F3 on selected text in Microsoft Word?

1. ☐ It applies subscript formatting.
2. ☐ It changes the case of the text.

3. ☐ It applies superscript formatting.
4. ☐ It clears all formatting.

Which feature would you use to make text look like it was marked with a highlighter pen?

1. ☐ Font Color
2. ☐ Text Highlight Color
3. ☐ Font Style
4. ☐ Clear Formatting

## Fill in the Blanks

1. The process of customizing the appearance of a document, including fonts and colors, is called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A small toolbar that appears when you select text, offering formatting options, is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ tool lets you copy formatting from one text section and apply it elsewhere.
4. Clearing formatting removes all character styles, returning the text to its \_\_\_\_\_ settings.

### Answer Key (Fill in the Blanks):

1. formatting
2. mini toolbar
3. format painter
4. default

## Exercises

- Format a selected text in Microsoft Word to make it bold and underline.
- Change the font size of a paragraph to 14 points.
- Apply subscript to the text "H<sub>2</sub>O".
- Copy formatting from one sentence to another using the Format Painter tool.

## Review Questions

- What is formatting?
- Briefly explain the difference between character formatting and paragraph formatting.
- What is the purpose of using subscript and superscript formatting?
- How can you access the Font dialog box to explore more character formatting options?
- Describe the difference between character formatting, paragraph formatting, and page formatting.
- What are the common font styles used in document editing? How do you apply them?
- Explain the function of the "Clear Formatting" command in Microsoft Word.
- Describe the steps to access and use the Font Dialog Box in Microsoft Word.

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