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This page provides **help with the most common questions about Wikipedia**.

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Or browse the **Help menu** or the **Help directory** to find help pages.

For **interactive assistance** related to using and editing Wikipedia, see the **help desk** and the **Teahouse**.

Read or find an article

The **Readers' FAQ** and our **about page** contain the most commonly sought information about Wikipedia.

For simple searches, there is a search bar at the top of every page. Type what you are looking for in the box. Suggested matches will appear in a dropdown list. Select any page in the list to go to that page. Or, select the "Search" button, or press  **Enter**, to go to a full search result. For advanced searches, see **Help:Searching**.

There are other ways to browse and explore Wikipedia articles; many can be found at **Wikipedia:Contents**. See our **disclaimer** for cautions about Wikipedia's limitations.

For **mobile access**, press the **mobile view** (https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Help:Contents&mobileaction=toggle_view_mobile) link at the very bottom of every **desktop view** (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Contents>) page.

Edit an article

Contributing is easy: see **how to edit a page**. For a quick summary on participating, see **contributing to Wikipedia**, and for a friendly tutorial, see **our introduction**. The **Simplified Ruleset** outlines our key policies and guidelines, while the **Simplified Manual of Style** and **Cheatsheet** can remind you of basic **wiki markup**.

Be bold in improving articles! When adding facts, please **provide references** so others may verify them. If you are affiliated with the article subject, please see our **conflict of interest guide**.

The **simple guide to vandalism cleanup** can help you undo malicious edits.

If you're looking for places you can help out, the **Task Center** is the place to go, or check out what else is happening at the **community portal**. You can practice editing and experiment in a **sandbox**.

Report a problem with an article

If there is a problem with an article about yourself, a family member, a friend or a colleague, please read **Biographies of living persons/Help**.

+ Create a new article or upload media

Check **Your first article** to see if your topic is appropriate, then the **Article wizard** will walk you through creating the article.

If you spot a problem with an article, you can fix it directly, by clicking on the "Edit" link at the top of that page. **See the "edit an article" section of this page** for more information.

If you don't feel ready to fix the article yourself, post a message on the article's **talk page**. This will bring the matter to the attention of others who work on that article. There is a "Talk" link at the beginning of every article page.

You can **contact us**. If it's an article about you or your organization, see **Contact us – Subjects**.

Once you have created an article, see **Writing better articles** for guidance on how to improve it and what to include (like reference **citations**).

For contributing images, audio or video files, see the **Introduction to uploading images**. Then the **Upload wizard** will guide you through that process.

FAQ and interactive help

Answers to common problems can be found at **frequently asked questions**.

Or check out **where to ask questions or make comments**.

New users should seek help at the **Teahouse** if they're having problems while editing Wikipedia.

More complex questions can be posed at the **Help desk**. Volunteers will respond as soon as they're able.

Or and a volunteer will visit you there!

You can get live help with editing in the **help chatroom**.

For help with technical issues, ask at the **Village pump**.

Factual questions

If **searching Wikipedia** has not answered your question (*for example, questions like "Which country has the world's largest fishing fleet?"*), try the **Reference Desk**. Volunteers there will attempt to answer your questions on any topic, or point you toward the information you need.

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Search Wikipedia from any website

This is an oldie but goodie, that for sure works in Firefox...

Visit Conveniently searching Wikipedia (<https://web.archive.org/web/20250428073330/http://math-www.uni-paderborn.de/~axel/bookmarklet.html>), and follow the instructions for your browser. It's a

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bookmarklet that sits on your toolbar, and which serves as a Wikipedia search button that you can activate from any web page. The next time you want to look something up on Wikipedia while browsing a web-page, highlight the term and then click on your new bookmarklet.

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