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Introduction to contributing to Wikipedia

Wikipedia is a free encyclopedia, written collaboratively by the people who use it. Since 2001, it has grown rapidly to become the world's largest reference website, with 7.2 million articles in English attracting billions (<https://stats.wikimedia.org/#/en.wikipedia.org>) of views every month. For a more detailed account of the project, see **About Wikipedia**.

How you can contribute

Don't be afraid to edit – Everyone can edit almost every page; just find something that can be improved and make it better! You can add content (using references to support your claims), upload free-to-use images, correct spelling and grammar mistakes, improve prose to make it more readable, or help with any number of other tasks. It's normal for new contributors to feel a little overwhelmed by all of our policies, but don't worry if you don't understand everything at first. It's fine to use common sense as you edit, and if you accidentally make a mistake, another editor can always fix or improve it later. So go ahead, edit an article, and help make Wikipedia the world's best information source!

Suggest improvements – Each article also has a "Talk" page, where you can suggest improvements and corrections to the article.

Sign up for an account

You're welcome to edit without creating an account, but there are many benefits of registering an account. It's quick and free.

Sign up (<https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special%3ACreateAccount&returnto=Help%3AIntroduction+to+Wikipedia&experiments%5B0%5D=we-1-8-account-creation-no-desktop-benefits%3Aunsampled>)

Want to try editing?

You can test out how editing feels by editing one of the "sandbox" test pages below:



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[Edit page visually](#)

or

[Edit using wiki markup](#)

Just type some text and click [Publish page](#) when you're happy with the way it looks. Don't worry about breaking anything; these pages are open areas just for experimentation!

There's plenty more behind the scenes

Wikipedia has many community pages in addition to its articles.

Task Center – List of tasks with which you can help

Help pages – Support and advice

Community portal – The hub for editors

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