

Paragraphs and Breaks

Markdown accepts text on consecutive lines as a hard-wrapped paragraph.

Put a blank line in between to start a new graph.

If you want a break:
end your line with two spaces.
Hard to see in print, but it's there.

Headers

```
h1 and h2 >Setext-style
== -- >any number of underlines works

# h1 >atx-style
## h2 >opening hashes determine header level
...
##### h6 ## >closing hash(es) optional
```

Blockquotes

```
> Blockquote.
>
> > Second paragraph in the blockquote, nested.
>
> ## This is an h2 in a blockquote
```

Phrase Emphasis

```
*em* or _em_ or un*fucking*believable
**strong** or __strong__
***em and strong*** or ___em and strong___
```

Lists

```
* Candy. or + Candy. or - Candy.
* Gum. + Gum. - Gum.
* Booze. + Booze. - Booze.
```

1. Ordered >start the list with number 1
2. List >otherwise number order doesn't matter
3. Items

* A list item.
With multiple paragraphs.
> And a blockquote

* Another List item with
a hard wrapped 2nd line.

10 PRINT "and a code block"

Horizontal Rules

```
--- or *** or ___ >on a line by itself
```

Links

An [inline link](http://xrl.us/ "optional title").

A [reference link][id]. >[id] defined elsewhere

```
[id]: http://example.com/ "optional title"
or
[id]: <http://example.com/> (optional title)
or
[id]: http://example.com/longish/path/to/resource
"optional title"
```

[Google] >implicit link name shortcut

[Google]: http://google.com

```
<http://example.com/> >creates linked URL
<address@example.com> >creates encoded mailto
```

Images

```
![Alt text](/path/to/img.jpg "Optional title")
```

![Alt text][id] >reference-style

```
[id]: url/to/image "Optional title attribute"
```

Code

Backticks format and auto-escape &, < and > in code like `<blink>`, `—` and `—`.

Preformatted code is also easy.™
`Just indent 4 spaces.`

Double-backticks delimit literal backticks:
```There's a backtick (``) here.`` and here: `` ` ` ```  
A backtick-delimited string: ``` `foo` ```

## Escaping

Backslash (\) escapes the following characters:  
`\ ` * _ { } [ ] ( ) # + - . !`

```
this text is surrounded by literal asterisks
```

Avoid accidental numbered lists by escaping:  
1918\. What a great season.