

## **Helpful Tips for Using Microsoft Word**

This handout contains helpful tips for using Microsoft Word effectively whether working in the desktop app or Microsoft 365. It covers useful shortcuts, templates and styles, document navigation, and custom formatting. These practical tips will provide the user with a more efficient Microsoft Word experience

How to	Microsoft Word 2021	Word in Microsoft 365
Access the header	Double-click the top or bottom of	Double-click the top or bottom of the
or footer	the page.	page.
Add page numbers	Select the "Insert" tab. Choose "Page Numbers." Choose the page number format needed. Then click: Close Header and Footer	Select the "Insert" tab. Choose "Page Numbers." Choose the page number format needed. Click  Header & Footer  to close head er and footer.
Check for grammatical errors	Select the "Review" tab. Then click:  Editor	Select the "Review" tab. Then click:
Copy existing text format to unformatted text	Click <sup>©</sup> . Then highlight unformatted text.	Highlight formatted text.  Click   .  Then highlight unformatted text.
indent	Select the "Home" tab. Locate "Paragraph" settings. Then click the arrow:	Select the "Home" tab. Click  Hover over "Special Indent." Choose  "Hanging."
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Use pre-made templates	After opening Word, click "More Templates " to browse available templates.	
Create text through speech (without typing)	Select the "Home" tab.  Then click:  Dictate	Select the "Home" tab. Click  Then click "Dictate."
Hear text read aloud	Select the "Review" tab. Then click:  A())  Read Aloud	Select the "View" tab. Click "Immersive Reader." Then click:
Find text to replace with other text	Select the "Home" tab. Click "Editing." Then click "Replace."	Select the "Home" tab. Click  Then click "Replace."
Fix line spacing that appears incorrect	Select the "Home" tab. Locate the "Paragraph" settings. Then click F the arrow:	
Highlight a single word	Double-click the word.	Double-click the word.
Highlight passa of text	-	xt. Click at the beginning of the text. Press en the Shift key and hold. Then click again . at the end of the text.
Save a docume	nt Select the "File" tab. Then select	Save a copy of a document by clicking
to another location or create	"Save As." Choose a location.  Name the document and click "Save As."	"File" and then "Save as."



a copy of a document		Download a Word copy of a document onto the computer by clicking "download a copy."
Save a document as a PDF file	Select the "File" tab. Then click "Save as Adobe PDF."	Download a PDF copy of a document onto the computer by clicking "File" and then "Download as PDF."
Save a document	Select the "File" tab. Then click "Save."	Documents automatically save while using the web browser app.
Search for text on a page	Press the following keys on the keyboard: Windows: CTRL + F Apple: Command + F	Follow the shortcuts for the computer's operating system.
Highlight all text in a document	Press the following keys on the keyboard: Windows: CTRL + A Apple: Command + A	Follow the shortcuts for the computer's operating system.
Start a new page	Press the following keys on the keyboard: Windows: CTRL + Enter Apple: Command + Enter	Follow the shortcut for the computer's operating system.
Return to the most recent edit	Press the following keys on the keyboard: Windows/Apple: Shift + F5	This feature only works while using the desktop app.

## **More Information**

For more information on using Microsoft Word and other technology resources, visit the Academic Center for Excellence's <del>Technology Resources for Students webpage</del>.

