



These shortcuts are super useful, and we've all committed them to memory. But did you know Word has so many shortcuts that can save you time? We compiled all the best shortcuts for you in our free Word Keyboard Shortcuts download. We left out the complicated ones and worked on a list of simple yet efficient shortcuts that will cut down the amount of time you spend creating and editing your documents in Word.

General Program Shortcuts

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| Ctrl+N | Create a new document |
| Ctrl+O | Open an existing document |
| Ctrl+S | Save a document |
| F12 | Open the Save As dialog box |
| Ctrl+W | Close a document |
| Ctrl+Z | Undo an action |
| Ctrl+Y | Redo an action |
| Ctrl+F2 | Print Preview view |
| F1 | Open the Help pane |
| Ctrl+F | Search a document |
| F7 | Run a spelling and grammar check |

Moving Around a Document

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| Ctrl+Left/Right Arrow | Move one word to the left or right |
| Ctrl+Up/Down Arrow | Move up or down one paragraph |
| Ctrl+End | Move to the end of the document |
| Ctrl+Home | Move to the beginning of the document |
| F5 | Use the "Go To" comment to quickly move to a specific page, section, bookmark, and so on |
| Shift+F5 | Cycle through the last three locations where the insertion point was placed |



Selecting Text

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| Shift+Left/Right Arrow | Extend your current selection by one character |
| Ctrl+Shift+Left/Right Arrow | Extend your current selection by one word |
| Shift+End | Extend selection to the end of the line |
| Shift+Home | Extend selection to the beginning of the line |
| Ctrl+Shift+Home/End | Extend selection to the beginning or end of the document |
| Ctrl+A | Select the entire document |

Editing Text

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| Ctrl+Backspace | Delete one word to the left |
| Ctrl+Delete | Delete one word to the right |
| Ctrl+C | Copy selected text or graphics to the Clipboard |
| Ctrl+X | Cut selected text or graphics to the Clipboard |
| Ctrl+V | Paste the Clipboard contents |

Applying Character Formatting

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| Ctrl+B | Apply bold formatting |
| Ctrl+I | Apply italic formatting |
| Ctrl+U | Apply underline formatting |
| Ctrl+D | Open the Font dialog box |
| Ctrl+Shift+< or > | Decrease or increase font size one preset size at a time |
| Ctrl+[or] | Decrease or increase font size one point at a time |
| Ctrl+Shift+A | Format all letters as uppercase |
| Ctrl+Shift+K | Format all letters as lowercase |
| Ctrl+Shift_C | Copy the character formatting of a selection |
| Ctrl+Shift+V | Paste formatting onto selected text |
| Ctrl+Space | Remove all manual character formatting from a selection |



Applying Paragraph Formatting

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| Ctrl+M | Increase a paragraph's indent one level each time |
| Ctrl+Shift+M | Reduce a paragraph's indent one level each time |
| Ctrl+E | Centre a paragraph |
| Ctrl+L | Left-align a paragraph |
| Ctrl+R | Right-align a paragraph |
| Ctrl+J | Justify a paragraph |
| Ctrl+1 | Set single spacing |
| Ctrl+2 | Set double spacing |
| Ctrl+5 | Set 1.5 line spacing |
| Ctrl+0 | Remove one line spacing preceding a paragraph |
| Alt+Ctrl+1 | Apply the Heading 1 style |
| Alt+Ctrl+2 | Apply the Heading 2 style |
| Alt+Ctrl+3 | Apply the Heading 3 style |
| Ctrl+Shift+N | Apply the normal paragraph style |
| Ctrl+Q | Remove all paragraph formatting |

Inserting

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| Shift+Enter | Insert a line break |
| Ctrl+Enter | Insert a page break |
| Ctrl+Shift+Enter | Insert a column break |
| Ctrl+Shift+hyphen (-) | Insert a non-breaking hyphen |
| Ctrl+Shift+Spacebar | Insert a non-breaking space |

Working with Tables

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| Tab | Move to the next cell in a row |
| Shift+Tab | Move to the previous cell in a row |
| Alt+Home/End | Move to the first or last cell in a row |
| Alt+Page Up/Page Down | Move to the first or last cell in a column |
| Alt+5 on keypad | Select an entire table |

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