



Word basics

Word is a powerful word processing and layout application, but to use it most effectively, you first have to understand the basics. This tutorial introduces some of the tasks and features that you can use in all documents.

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Before you begin

What you'll learn

After completing this tutorial, you'll be able to:

- Create a new blank document.
- Identify user interface elements that you can use to accomplish basic tasks.
- Navigate through your document.
- Select, format, copy, paste, and move text.
- Set document spacing, margins, and page orientation.
- Save a document in a new folder.

Requirements

- Word for Mac 2011

Estimated time to complete: 🕒 30 minutes

1. Create a new blank document

In Word, you create and save content in a document. You can start with a blank document, an existing saved document, or a template. When you open Word, the Word Document Gallery opens. It contains a variety of template choices and quick access to recent documents.

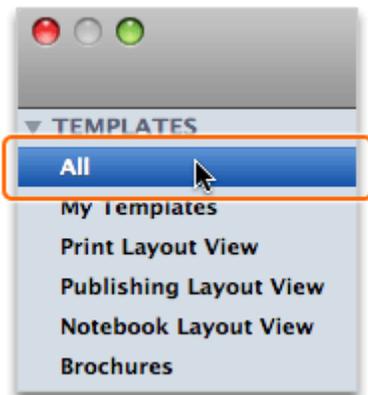
Let's use the Word Document Gallery to open a blank document.

- 1 If you have not already opened Word, on the Dock, click **Word**.

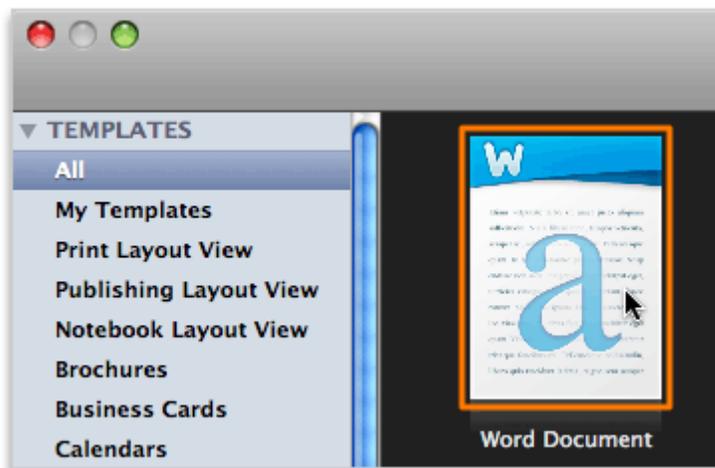


- 2 In the Word Document Gallery, under **Templates** on the left, click **All**.

 **Tip** If you don't see the Document Gallery, quit and then reopen Word.

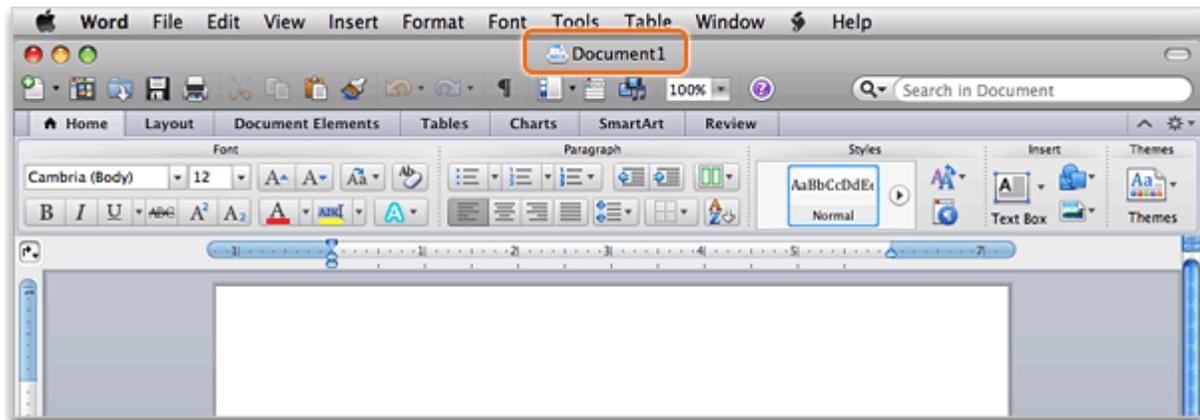


- 3 Click **Word Document**, and then click **Choose**.



 **Tip** To always start with a blank document when you open Word, select the **Don't show this when opening Word** check box.

- 4 Notice that a blank document (**Document1**) appears.



Hints

- To create a new blank document at any time in Word, on the **File** menu, click **New Blank Document** (also written as **File > New Blank Document** in this tutorial).
- To show the Word Document Gallery at any time while using Word, click **File > New from Template**.

Before you move on

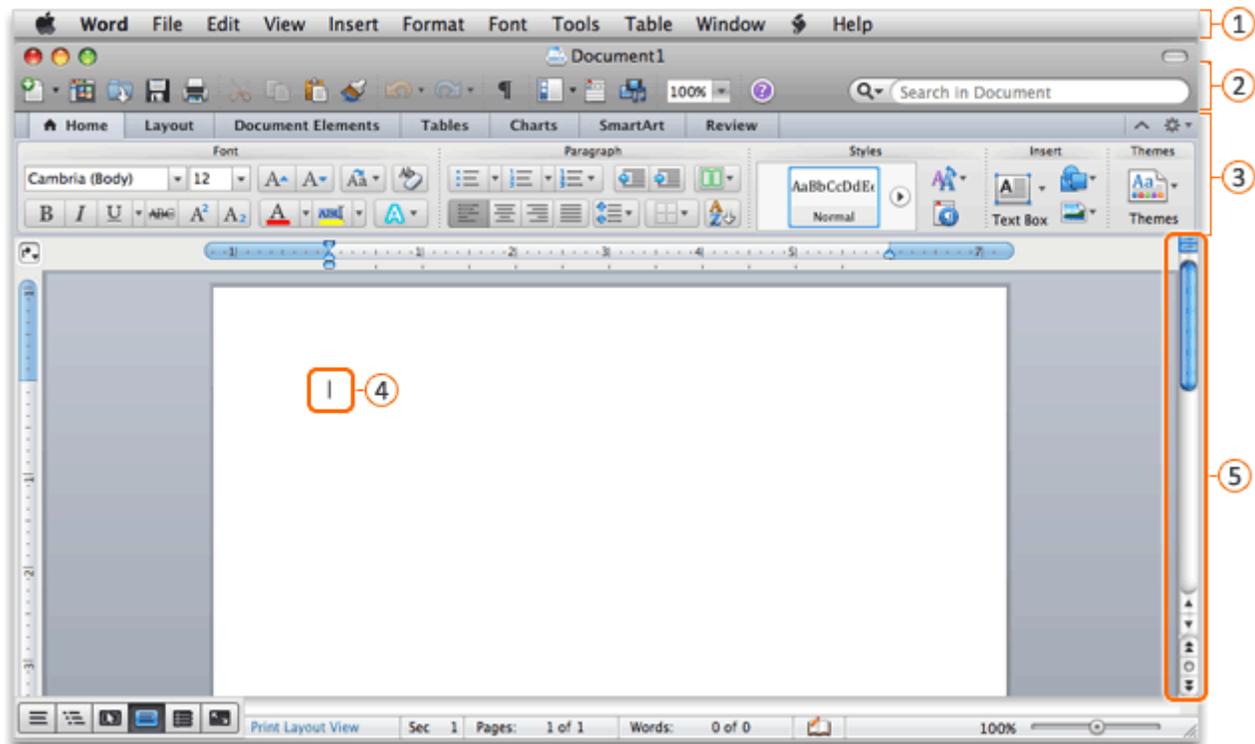
Make sure that you can do the following:

- Open Word from the Mac OS X Dock.
- Use the Word Document Gallery to create a new blank document.

2. Explore the Word user interface

In a new blank document, you can simply start typing. However, before you begin working with text, you should familiarize yourself with some of the user interface elements that you can use in all documents.

Let's take a look at some of the Word user interface elements.



- 1 **Menu bar:** The area at the top of the screen where all menus are displayed. The File, Edit, and View menus have the most commonly used menu commands.
- 2 **Standard toolbar:** The toolbar that displays the name of the document (in this case, Document1) and buttons for some of the most common tasks, such as opening, saving, and printing a document.
- 3 **Ribbon:** The tabbed command bar at the top of a window or work area that organizes features into logical groups. The Home tab and Layout tab have the most commonly used commands for formatting text and changing the document layout.
- 4 **Cursor:** The blinking vertical line in a document that indicates where text will appear when you start to type.
- 5 **Scrollbar:** The bar on the side of the document window. Drag the scrollbar up or down to see parts of a document that are not currently visible.

Hints

- To hide the ribbon while you work, on the right side of the ribbon, click .

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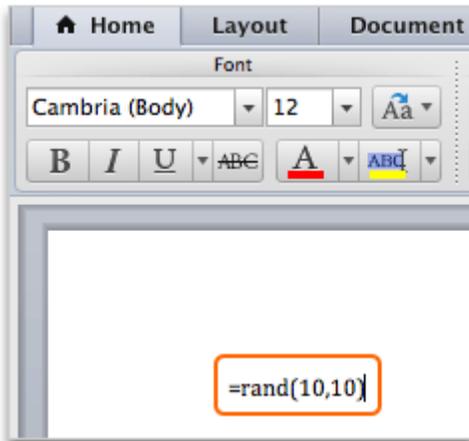
- Identify the user interface elements that you can use in all documents.

3. Navigate through a document

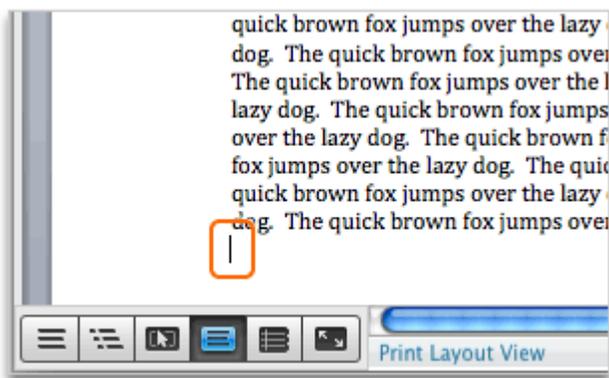
Documents can contain various types of content, such as pictures, charts, clip art, and tables. However, the most commonly used content is text.

Let's use a shortcut to create some sample text, and then use the scrollbar and arrow keys to move around in your document.

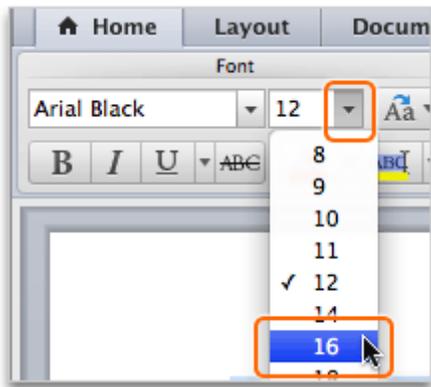
- 1 With the cursor blinking at the top of the document, type `=rand(10,10)` to enter the shortcut, and then press **RETURN**.



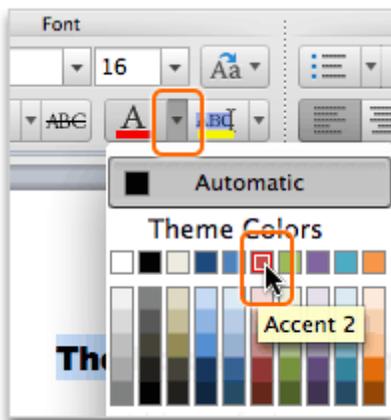
- 2 Notice that Word inserts ten paragraphs of text across two pages, and the cursor appears below the text.



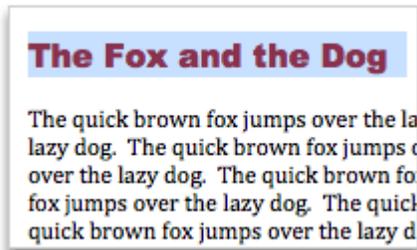
- 3 On the **Font Size** pop-up menu, click 16.



- 4 On the **Font Color** pop-up menu, click Accent 2.



- 5 Notice the new color, font, and size of the document title.



Hints

- For additional formatting options, select the text that you want to format, and then click **Format > Font**.
- To remove formatting applied to text, select the text. Then, on the **Home** tab, under **Styles**, click **Normal**.
- You can use styles to apply several types of formatting at once. Styles are located on the Home tab.

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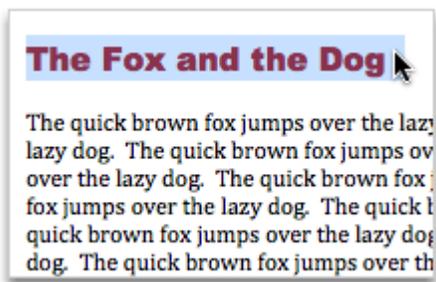
- Format the font, size, and color of selected text.

6. Copy, paste, and drag

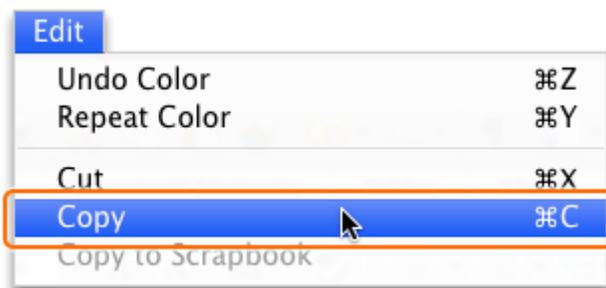
Copy and paste are commands that make it simple to reuse text without having to retype it. You can also drag text to quickly move it to another location in the document.

Let's copy, paste, and drag some text in the document.

- 1 Select the title that you typed and formatted in earlier lessons.

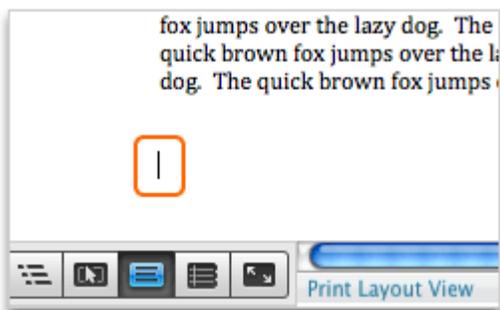


- 2 Click **Edit > Copy**.

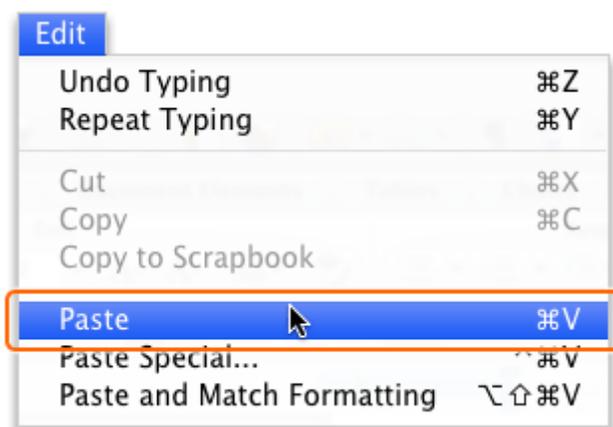


 **Tip** ⌘+C is the keyboard shortcut for copy.

- 3 Drag the scrollbar to the end of the document, click below the last paragraph, and then press RETURN two times.

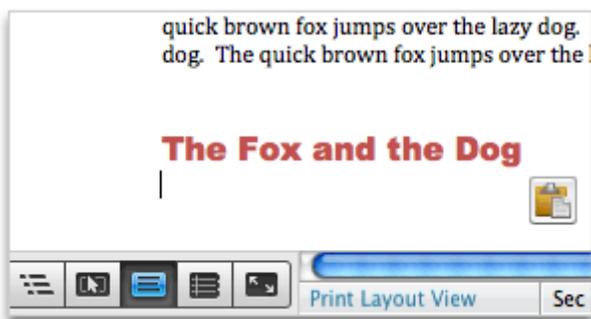


- 4 Click **Edit > Paste**.



 **Tip** ⌘+V is the keyboard shortcut for paste.

- 5 Notice that a copy of the title is pasted at the end of the document.



Hints

- For additional options, hold down CONTROL, and then click any selected text.
- To undo the previous edit, click **Edit > Undo**, or use the keyboard shortcut ⌘+Z.
- You can also copy and paste text between applications (for example, between Word and PowerPoint).

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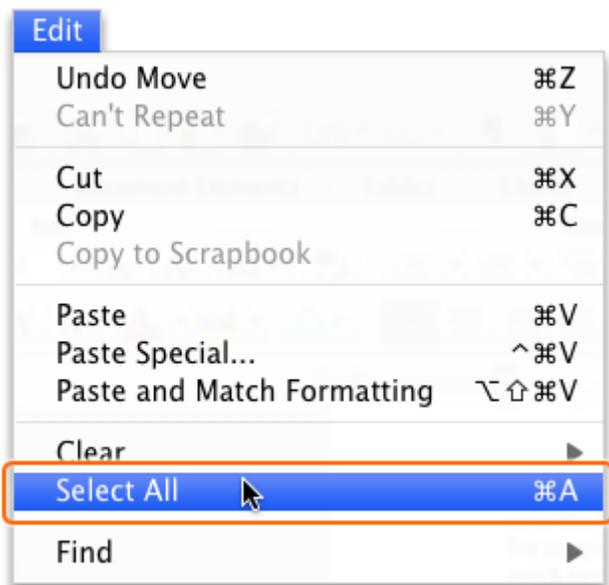
- Copy and paste text.
- Drag text to a new location in the document.

7. Change the document layout

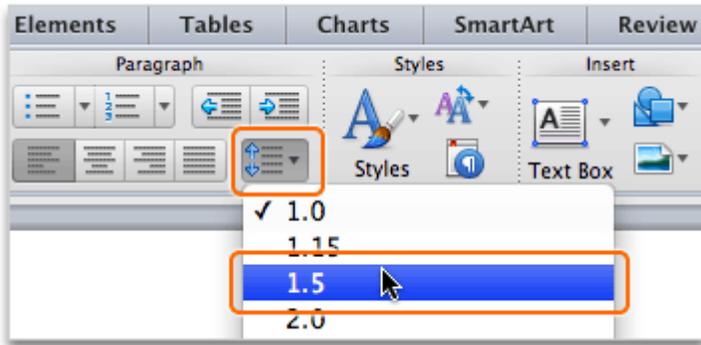
Word provides many layout options to make your document look just the way you want. For example, you can quickly change the line spacing, margins, and page orientation.

Let's change some of the layout options for the document.

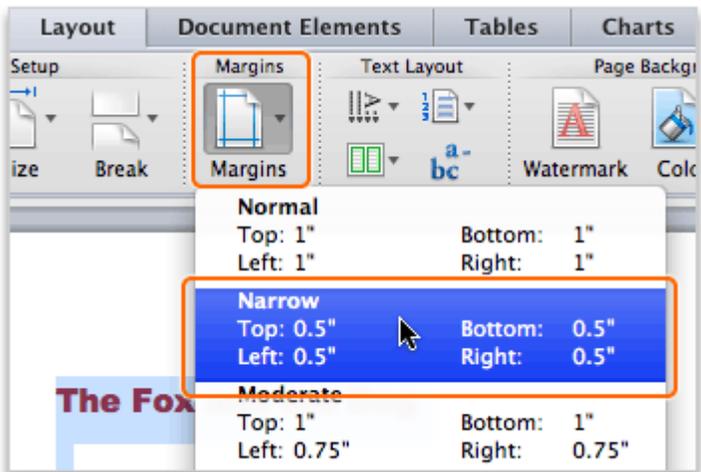
- 1 Click **Edit > Select All** to select all of the text in the document.



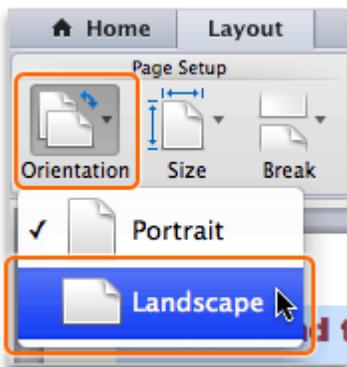
- 2 On the **Home** tab, under **Paragraph**, click **Line Spacing**, and then click **1.5**.



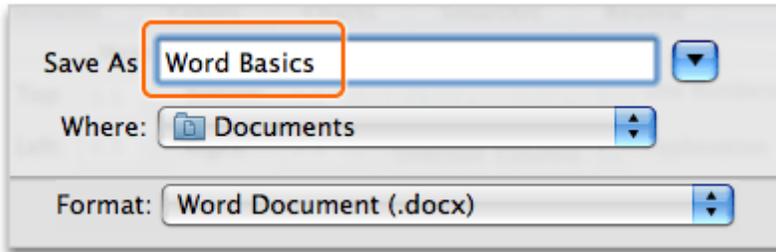
- 3 On the **Layout** tab, under **Margins**, click **Margins**, and then click **Narrow**.



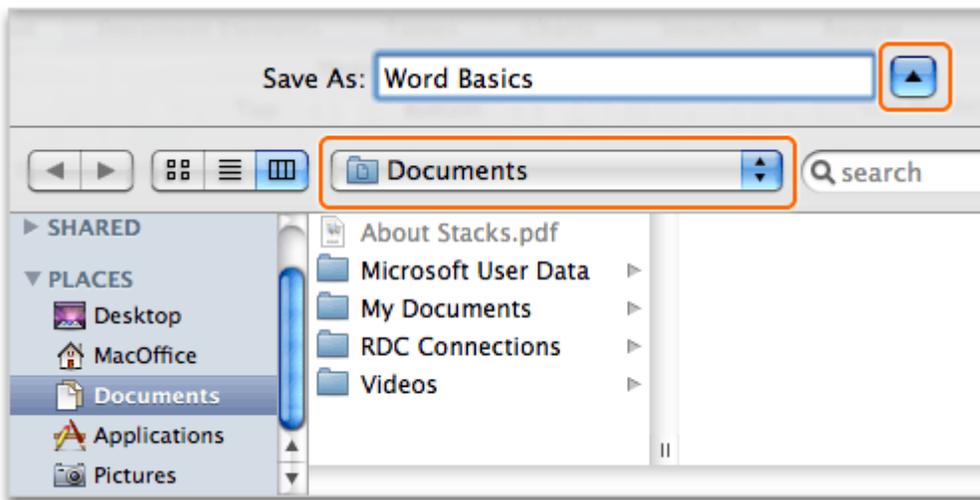
- 4 On the **Layout** tab, under **Page Setup**, click **Orientation**, and then click **Landscape**.



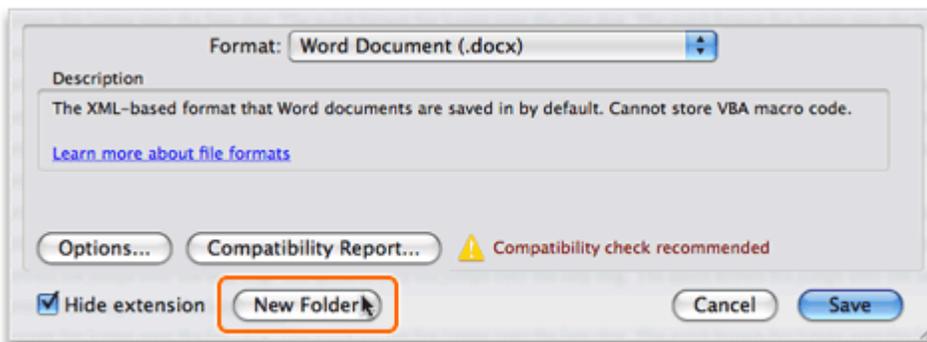
- 2 In the **Save As** box, enter a name for the document (for example, **Word Basics**).



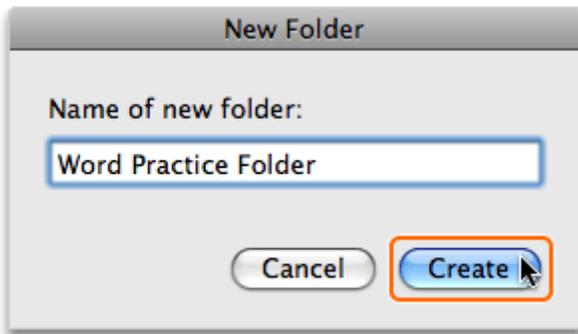
- 3 On the **Where** pop-up menu, click **Documents**, then click the arrow next to the **Save As** box so that the arrow faces upward. All folders in your **Documents** folder appear.



- 4 Click **New Folder**.

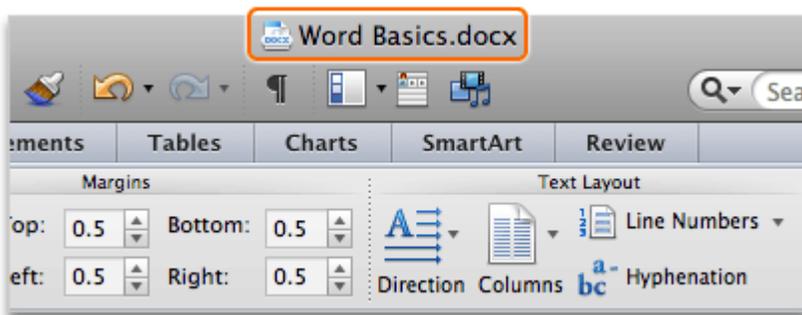


- 5 In the **New Folder** dialog box, type **Word Practice Folder**, and then click **Create**.



- 6 Click **Save**.

- 7 Notice that the file name (for example, **Word Basics.docx**) of the saved document appears above the **Standard** toolbar.



Hints

- To open a document that you worked on recently, click **File**, point to **Open Recent**, and then click the document that you want to open.
- To see a list of all Word documents saved on your computer, click **File > New from Template**. Then in the left pane, under **Recent Documents**, click **All**.
- To quit Word, click **Word > Quit Word**, or press $\text{⌘}+\text{Q}$.

Before you move on

Make sure that you can do the following:

- Save a document in a new folder.

Quick Reference Card

To	Do this
Create a new blank document	In the Word Document Gallery, click Word Document , and then click Choose . Or, if the Word Document Gallery is not open, click File > New Blank Document .
Open the Word Document Gallery at any time	Click File > New from Template .
Hide the ribbon	On the right side of the ribbon, click  .
Insert a blank line	Click at the end of the text where you want the blank line to appear, and then press RETURN.
Select a single word in a document	Double-click the word.
Select an entire paragraph	Click at the beginning of the paragraph. Hold down the mouse button, drag diagonally across the paragraph, and then release the mouse button. You can also triple-click any word in the paragraph.
Select all content in the document	Click Edit > Select All .
To remove formatting from text	Select the text. On the Home tab, under Styles , click Normal .
Find the keyboard shortcut for a command	Keyboard shortcuts are located to the right of the command on a menu. For example, on the Edit menu, the keyboard shortcut for Copy is ⌘+C.
Copy text	Select the text that you want to copy, and then click Edit > Copy .
Paste text	Click where you want to paste the text, and then click Edit > Paste .
Change the line spacing for the entire document	Select all text in the document. On the Home tab, under Paragraph , click Line Spacing , and then enter the spacing that you want (for example, 1.5).
Change the page orientation (for example, Landscape) for a document	On the Layout tab, under Page Setup , click Orientation , and then click the orientation you want.
Open a document that you worked on recently	Click File > Open Recent , and then click the document that you want to open.
Quit Word	Click Word > Quit Word .

More Hints

- The most commonly used formatting options such as font, size, and color are located on the **Home** tab.
- You can copy and paste text between applications (for example, between Word and PowerPoint).
- To use a keyboard shortcut (for example, ⌘+C), hold down the **Command** key (⌘), and then press the **C** key.
- Some of the more commonly used keyboard shortcuts include: ⌘+C to copy text, ⌘+V to paste text, and ⌘+Z to undo the last change.
- The generic file name (Document1) above the Standard toolbar indicates that the document has not been saved.