

Microsoft Word 2016 for Beginners

1. What is Microsoft Word 2016?

- ∞ Microsoft Word is a word processor. It allows you to create a variety of document, including letters, resumes, lists, and much more. Word allows you to save documents to come back to later and open a saved document to edit.

2. Where to learn more:

- ∞ Lynda.com—create a free account with your Skokie Library card.
- ∞ Goodwill Free Learning—<http://www.gcflearnfree.org/word2016>
- ∞ Microsoft Support website—<https://support.office.com/en-us/word>

3. Learn to type, free and online:

- ∞ <http://typingclub.com>
- ∞ <http://www.how-to-type.com>

Interface Tour

1. The Start Screen—choose a new document, saved file, or a template in the Start Menu.

The image shows the Microsoft Word Start Screen interface. On the left is a blue sidebar with a 'Recent' list of documents. The main area displays a search bar for online templates, suggested search categories, and a grid of document templates. A 'Take a tour' button is visible. A sign-in prompt is in the top right corner. Red arrows point from callout boxes to specific elements: 'Search for a pre-made template.' points to the template search bar; 'Find and open a recent document.' points to the 'Recent' list; 'Open a blank new document.' points to the 'Blank document' tile; 'Search for a featured template.' points to the featured template grid; and 'Sign in to your Microsoft account to access OneDrive or Office Online.' points to the sign-in prompt.

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2. Backstage View (File Menu)—the File Menu gives you options for saving, opening, and sharing.

The image shows the Microsoft Word Backstage View (File Menu) for a document titled "Document1 - Word". The menu is divided into sections: Info, New, Open, Save, Save As, Print, Share, Export, Close, Account, and Options. Red arrows point from callout boxes to specific menu items and sections.

- Go back to your document.** (Points to the Back arrow icon)
- Start a new document.** (Points to the New section)
- Open a saved document.** (Points to the Open section)
- Save your document or Save As.** (Points to the Save and Save As sections)
- Print your document.** (Points to the Print section)
- Customize your advanced settings in Word.** (Points to the Options section)
- Share or change the file type of your document.** (Points to the Share section)
- Recover documents and unsaved changes.** (Points to the Manage Document section)
- Review the properties of your document: file size, word count, pages, and more.** (Points to the Properties section)

A Quick Note:

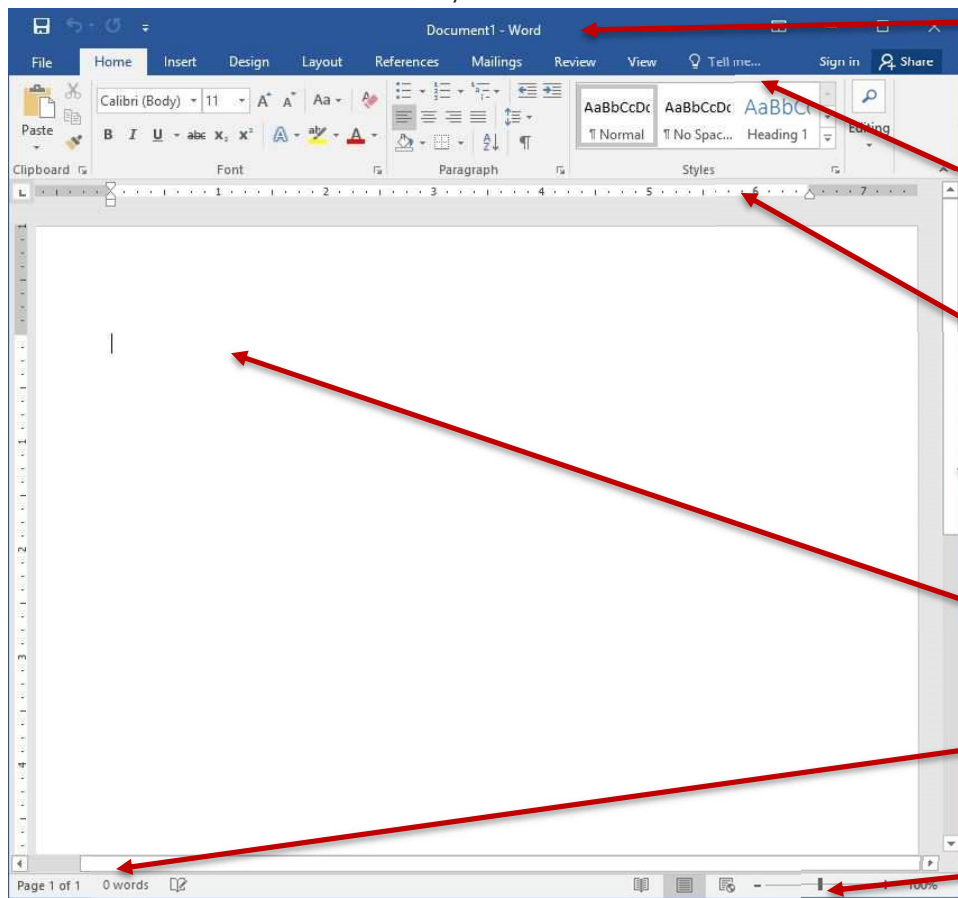
There are often several different ways to accomplish the same task in Word. For example, you can save a document in several different ways:

1. Click the Save command in the Quick Access Toolbar.
2. Go to File and click Save or Save As.
3. Press the Control (Ctrl) and S keys simultaneously.

Each of these three options will save your document. Choose an option that works for you and that you can remember easily, but don't worry about learning every single way to accomplish a task in Word. One way will do the trick!



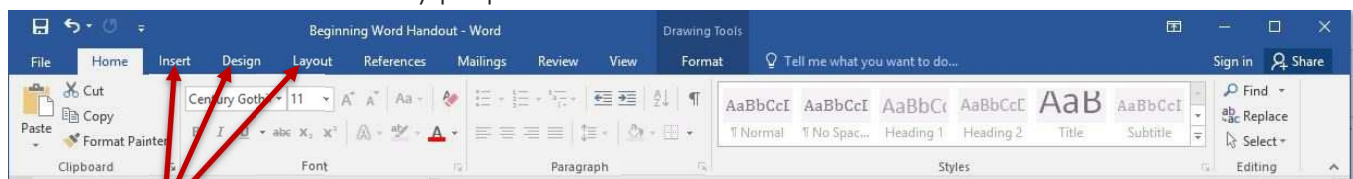
3. MS Word Interface—create your document!



The screenshot shows the MS Word interface with the following callouts:

- The name of your document appears at the top of the Window.
- With the Tell me bar, search within Word.
- See the dimensions of your document with the Ruler.
- Scroll through your document with the Scroll Bar.
- Work on your document in the Document Pane.
- View page number and word.
- Zoom and change page view.

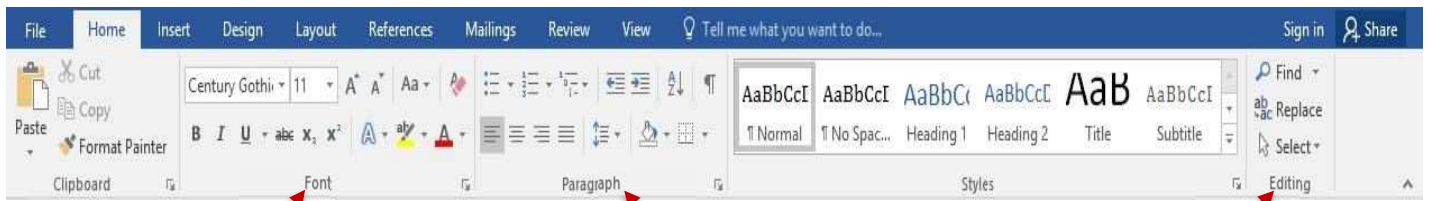
4. The Ribbon—the metaphor of the organization of the Ribbon is a filing system. Commands in the ribbon are sorted by purpose in different Tabs.



The screenshot shows the MS Word ribbon with the following callouts:

- The Tabs in the Ribbon offer different groups of commands to customize your document.
- Related commands are grouped together. To see more options, click the arrow in the lower right corner of the Group.
- To learn more about any command, hover your mouse over it.

1. The Home Tab

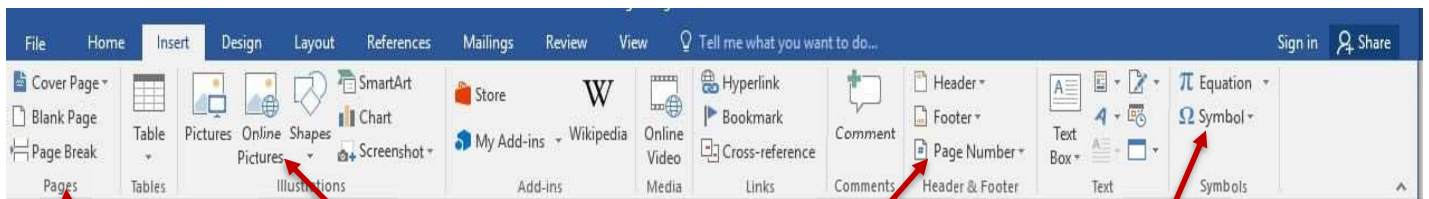


In the Font Group you can change the size, font, and color of your text—and much more!

Change the alignment and spacing of your text in the Paragraph Group.

Find a word or phrase in your document or select blocks of text in Editing.

2. The Insert Tab



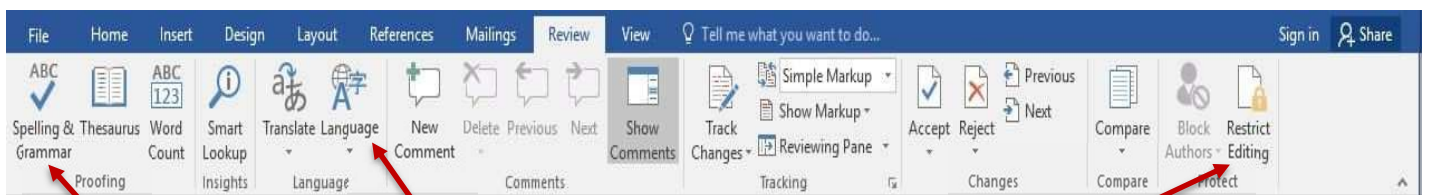
Insert a new page or page break.

Insert a picture from your computer or online.

Insert a header, footer, or page number.

Insert a symbol.

3. The Review Tab



Check your spelling and grammar.

Change the language in Word.

Protect your document so that only you can make changes.