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This is an abstract. It is not preceded by the word "Abstract". An abstract uses only one paragraph. Aim for 150–200 words. For a traditional research report, include the purpose of the project, the methods and participants used, at least the major finding, and an implication of the finding. For a discussion paper, include the topic and key arguments. Abstracts do not usually include any citations or quotations. They (with the title, authors, and the key words below) are used in database searches, so include any important search terms.

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# This is a Level 1 Heading

The formatting style applied to this file can be accessed by clicking on the downward facing arrow in the right-hand bottom corner of the Styles menu above. The paragraph that follows any heading, table, list, or figure is not indented. The style used is MTEDTextSquare.

All of the subsequent paragraphs use MTEDText. The first line in this style is indented. Choose the style to make this happen automatically: do not use "tab" or spaces to indent paragraphs.

## This is MTEDHeading2: Lists

This paragraph follows a heading, table, list, or figure—so it is not indented. Note the use of commas in the horizontal list in the first sentence of this paragraph. That is, there is a comma before the "or" or the "and".

A numbered list is made by using the MTEDText style and then choosing the "numbered" format button in MSWord. If the points each follow on from a leader phrase, each point:

1. starts with small letters because the sentence is being continued (although your grammar checker will indicate otherwise);
2. finishes with a semi-colon; and
3. if it is the last point, is preceded by the word "and" and completed with a full stop, as in[[1]](#endnote-1) this example. You may need to use a tab after the number, letter, or bullet point that initiates a listed point.

Notice how the paragraph that follows a list or dot points is MTEDTextSquare (not indented).

The same rules used for numbered points apply to dot points. Normally, these are also part of the leader sentence. Read the leader with each individual point to make sure that the grammar is right. Like numbered points, if the leader sentence is complete on its own then each of the points needs to be a complete sentence with a capital letter and a full stop.

#  Citations, Referencing, and Transcripts

MTED uses APA style and this is particularly important for citations and referencing. If you are not sure about the necessary details, check the current APA style guide, at [Purdue Online Writing Lab](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/index.html).

Citations are presented in alphabetical order, not year order (Clarke & Hollingsworth, 2002, 2005; Edwards, 1994). Note the different types of instances when et al. may be used, and note that italics are not used in et al. but there is one full stop (i.e., as well as e.g., also have full stops and are followed by commas—write the full words when used in the body of a paragraph.)

## Quotations

This is the quotation style—MTEDQuote. Note that it has no quotation marks. This style is used for quotations of thirty words or more. It has a page number at the end of the quote. The author(s) and date may be cited in the same bracket, or in the paragraph that introduces the quote. In a set-apart quote like this, the full stop comes before the page number. (p. 221)

Shorter quotes, with fewer than thirty words, are incorporated into sentences. The author, date, and page number follow the quotation in brackets, followed by the full stop. That is, the quote is part of the sentence.

If any quote does not start with a capital letter, it may be "run on" as part of the sentence or else started with an ellipsis. For example, both of the following are correct:

1. Another related issue is the "tension between participants' views of themselves as adult learners of mathematics and their practice with young children" (Brown & Borko, 1992, p. 215).
2. Brown and Borko (1992) noted a "… tension between participants' views of themselves as adult learners of mathematics and their practice with young children" (p. 215).

Note that there is always a space after p. (page) and pp. (pages), in citations as well as in references.

Text omitted in a quotation is shown by an ellipsis: three full stops not separated by spaces. The three dots are separated by a single blank space from the preceding and following text, which might be a full stop or other punctuation mark.

Single quote marks are used rarely in APA style: use double quotes except for quotes within quotes. MTED uses straight quotes, not smart quotes.

## Figures and Tables

Normally, two headings do not follow each other without some text between them.

### MTEDHeading3: Instructor interactions

This is the only other level of heading used in MTED papers: MTEDHeading3. That is, aside from the title of an article, only three levels of heading are used: (a) Heading 1 for the 3-4 main sections of your paper; (b) Heading 2 for sub-major sections; and (c) Heading 3 for minor headings. (Note how letters and semi colons were used for that in-sentence list.) The Heading 3 style, MTEDHeading3, inserts a small space above the paragraph. Note that major words in heading 3 are *not* capitalised.

If you are creating figures from scratch, please use Palatino 10 as the font. If you are scanning a figure, the result must be clear. It may be necessary to re-draw a figure, and if that is the case, write "(redrawn by author)" in the citation.

You need to explain what a figure is in its preceding paragraph, with reference to the Figure number (see Figure 1). If a figure is copied, the citation needs to include a page number. If a figure is varied in any way, this needs to be explained in the paragraph, and the word "adapted is added to the Figure Caption. The figure itself should be no wider than the MTEDText paragraphs, and its style is MTEDFigure. The style to use for the figure's caption is MTEDFigureCaption. Here is an example of a figure and its caption (see Figure 1).



*Figure 1.* Three-year-old child, using informal measurement.

Note where italics are used in the figure caption, and that it finishes with a full stop.

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### Tables

The text used in tables is all MTEDTableText style. Avoid italics and/or bold if possible.

No vertical lines are used: just columns with hidden lines. Three horizontal lines are used: a 3/4pt line at the top and bottom of the heading cells as well as a ¾pt bottom line (see Table 1).

The paragraph before the table is used to describe it, with direct reference to it. Discussion of the content of the table should follow it.

The table caption has two lines. MTEDTableTitle1 gives the number of the table, while MTEDTableTitle2 gives the title of the table, using capitals letters for the main words. In contrast to figure captions, neither line has a full stop.

The following is an example of a table (see Table 1). If possible, avoid splitting tables across pages.

Table 1

An Example of a Table

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| Lessons (Time) | Level/Number of Students\* | Topic | Strand |
| Lesson 1 (60 minutes) | Grade 2/*n* = 26 | Triangles | Geometry |
| Lesson 2 (30 minutes) | Grade 4/*n* = 30 | Kilometres | Measurement |

\*This is MTEDTableFooter. Use only if necessary. (See APA style guide)

### Transcripts

When you wish to quote dialogue from one only person, use the block quote format. However, a dialogue involving more than one person uses MTEDTranscript style. Type the name of the speaker, followed by a colon and a tab, then type the words they said.

Teacher: You said eighteen times five is ninety? What was your thinking?

Child: Well five times twenty is a hundred. But it is only eighteen so I have to take off ten.

Teacher: Ten?

Child: That's five times two. Like, eighteen is two less than ten.

# Spelling, Grammar, and Formatting of the Document

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* Do not make cross-references that refer to page numbers, such as "see page 14".

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### Numbers

Whole numbers less than 10 should be written out in word form, such as four or seven. One exception to this rule is when a sentence starts with a number, when the number is always written out as a word. For example, "Fifteen students were sick; two teachers went home." If possible, avoid starting a sentence with a long number.

Only place a zero before the decimal point in all numbers less than 1 when the number can exceed 1. Numbers that cannot exceed 1, such as *p*-values, do not include a leading zero (e.g., *p* < .05).

## Returns and Spaces

The heading and other styles have the correct spacing built into them. There should be no double returns in your document (i.e., Enter/Enter or Return/Return).

Single spaces are used between words and after full stops and other punctuation marks. If a broader space is needed, such as for lining up figures, use tabs.

Avoid inserting comments in footnotes.

## Referencing

Include a reference list, headed References (in MTEDHeading1 style) before any appendices. On-line APA guides have examples of most forms of references. Check that all works cited in the text appear in the reference list, and vice versa, and that there are no references listed that are not mentioned in the text. Also, include DOIs as full URLs (<https://doi.org/10>.....) and include URLs when publications are not available in hard copy. Do not include URLs that are only accessible by affiliation members.

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Add acknowledgement of funding sources.

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