

HTML <p> Tag and How To Style Paragraphs

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The <p> Paragraph Tag

Use the <p> tag for paragraphs in HTML 5

The <p> tag is used to code paragraphs in HTML. It is one of the [block tags used to group content in HTML](#) and is one of the most common tags in HTML.

A simple example of <p> tag code:

```
<p>A <dfn>paragraph element</dfn> in HTML includes the
starting <p> tag, ending </p> tag and everything between.</p>
```

Here is a demo of the [example of HTML <p> tag with style](#) below. This demo works best in a WebKit browser such as Chrome or Safari.

Example of a paragraph using the HTML <p> tag.

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<p> Tag Syntax

Rules for coding HTML **p** elements

```
<a mode="pre" href=" ../body-tag/index.html#syntax"><body></a>
...
<a mode="pre" href=" ../html-tag-list.html#flow-content-model">... flow content allowed ...<
<b mode="pre"><p></b><a mode="pre" href=" ../definitions/index.html#phrasing-content">...
<a mode="pre" href=" ../definitions/index.html#phrasing-content">... phrasing content ...
...
</body>
```

Make sure you understand the [difference between a tag and element](#) and are familiar with the [definitions](#) of [namespace](#) and other [HTML terms](#).

1. To create a paragraph, code a **p** element where [flow content is allowed](#).
2. Begin the **p** element with a starting <p> tag. The element name uses lower case letters and should be in the [HTML namespace](#), which it will pick up automatically from the [xmlns attribute](#) on the <html> tag.
3. Include any [HTML global attributes on the <p> tag](#) as appropriate.
4. End the **p element** with a matching </p> closing tag.
5. Inside the **p element**, between the <p> starting tag and the </p> ending tag, code the inner HTML [phrasing content](#) for the content of the paragraph.

Content of the p element

The content of the **p** element can include [HTML comments](#), [text content](#) and any [tags that can be used in phrasing content](#).

Validation Errors

If the **p** element is used where [phrasing content is expected](#), the W3C Markup Validation Service will report an error such as:

```
<samp style="white-space: pre-wrap">Line <var>line#</var>, Column <var>col#</var>:
HTML element p not allowed as child of HTML element <var>element</var> in this context.
Contexts in which element p may be used: Where flow content is expected. Content model
for element <var>element</var>: Phrasing content.</samp>
```

Other tools that validate HTML code may report a similar error. In electronic publishing, for example:

```
<samp style="white-space: pre-wrap">element "p" from namespace "http://
www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" not allowed in this context</samp>
```

To resolve this type of error, remove the `<p>` and `</p>` tags from any context where [phrasing content is expected](#) or move the **p** element and its [inner HTML](#) inside one of the [HTML elements where flow content is allowed](#).

If an element that is [restricted for use in flow content](#) is included in the [inner HTML](#) code of the **p** element, the W3C Markup Validation Service will report an error like this:

```
<samp class="block">Line <var>line#</var>, Column <var>col#</var>: HTML element
<var>element</var> not allowed as child of HTML element p in this context. Contexts in
which element <var>element</var> may be used: Where flow content is expected. Content
model for element p: Phrasing content.</samp>
```

Other tools that validate HTML code may report a similar error. In electronic publishing, for example:

```
<samp class="block">element "<var>element</var>" from namespace "http://
www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" not allowed in this context</samp>
```

To resolve this type of error, remove the tag(s) in error from the [inner HTML](#) of the **p** element, which is [restricted to phrasing content](#), or move the element(s) outside of the paragraph, to a location where [flow content is allowed](#).

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<p> Tag Attributes

Attributes of the <p> tag

[global attributes](#)

The only attributes that can be coded on the `<p>` tag are the [common HTML attributes](#).

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<p> Paragraph Tag Examples

Examples of the <p> tag in HTML 5

Example of <p> tag with style

```

<a mode="pre" href="../div-tag/index.html"><div></a>
  <a mode="pre" href="../style-tag/index.html"><style scoped="scoped"></a>
    @<a mode="pre" href="../../tutorials/web-animation-transitions.html">-webkit-keyframes</a>
      0% {
        <a mode="pre" href="../../css/css-styles/css-style-properties/index.html#opacity-property">opacity: 0.5;
        <a mode="pre" href="../../tutorials/web-animation-transitions.html">-webkit-transform</a>: rotate(0deg);
        <a mode="pre" href="../../tutorials/web-animation-transitions.html">-webkit-animation-ti
      }
      80% {
        <a mode="pre" href="../../css/css-styles/css-style-properties/index.html#opacity-property">opacity: 0.5;
        <a mode="pre" href="../../tutorials/web-animation-transitions.html">-webkit-transform</a>: rotate(45deg);
        <a mode="pre" href="../../tutorials/web-animation-transitions.html">-webkit-animation-ti
      }
      100% {
        <a mode="pre" href="../../css/css-styles/css-style-properties/index.html#opacity-property">opacity: 0.5;
        <a mode="pre" href="../../css/css-styles/css-style-properties/index.html#font-size-property">font-size: 2em;
        <a mode="pre" href="../../tutorials/web-animation-transitions.html">-webkit-transform</a>: rotate(90deg);
        <a mode="pre" href="../../tutorials/web-animation-transitions.html">-webkit-animation-ti
      }
    }
    .rotate-in {
      <a mode="pre" href="../../css/css-styles/css-style-properties/index.html#height-property">height: 100px;
      <a mode="pre" href="../../css/css-styles/css-style-properties/index.html#text-align-property">text-align: center;
      <a mode="pre" href="../../tutorials/web-animation-transitions.html">-webkit-animation-name</a>: rotate-in;
      <a mode="pre" href="../../tutorials/web-animation-transitions.html">-webkit-animation-durat
    }
  </style>
  <p class="rotate-in">Example of a paragraph using the HTML <p> tag.</p>
</div>

```

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Changes in HTML 5 - <p> Tag

What's new in HTML 5

Differences between HTML 5 and earlier versions of HTML

The [2000-2010 Recommendations from the W3C HTML Working Group](#) defined the [HTML namespace](#) for the **p** element type name along with the names of all [HTML element types](#). In older (pre-2000) [versions of HTML](#), element type names were not associated with a namespace.

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