Markdown Cheat Sheet

Syntax for headings, emphasis, lists, links, code, tables and more. GitHub Flavored items marked GFM. **rjl.io/markdown-viewer/**

Headings and text

Type this	You get
`# Heading 1`	Largest heading (H1)
`## Heading 2` … `###### Heading 6`	Smaller headings (H2 to H6)
`**bold**`	**bold**
`*italic*` or `_italic_`	*italic*
`***both***`	***bold italic***
`~~gone~~` **GFM**	~~gone~~
`` `inline code` ``	Monospace code
Blank line	New paragraph
`---` on its own line	Horizontal rule
`\* \_ \#`	Literal symbol (escape with backslash)

A space is required after the hash marks: `#Title` is not a heading.

Lists

```
- bullet
- another
    - nested (indent 2-4 spaces)

1. first
2. second

- [x] done task   (GFM)
- [ ] open task   (GFM)
```

Leave a blank line before a list that follows a paragraph.

Links and images

`[text](https://example.com)`	Link
`[text](url "Title")`	Link with hover title
`<https://example.com>`	Automatic link
`https://example.com` **GFM**	Bare URL becomes a link
`![alt text](image.png)`	Image (always write alt text)
`[text](#section-name)`	Jump to a heading (lowercase, hyphens)

Block quotes

```
> A quoted line
> continues here
>
> > A nested quote
```

Code blocks

````
```javascript
const total = items.length;
```
````

Three backticks open and close the block. The word after the opening fence picks the highlighting (javascript, python, sql, json, bash, html, css). Indenting a line by 4 spaces also makes a code block.

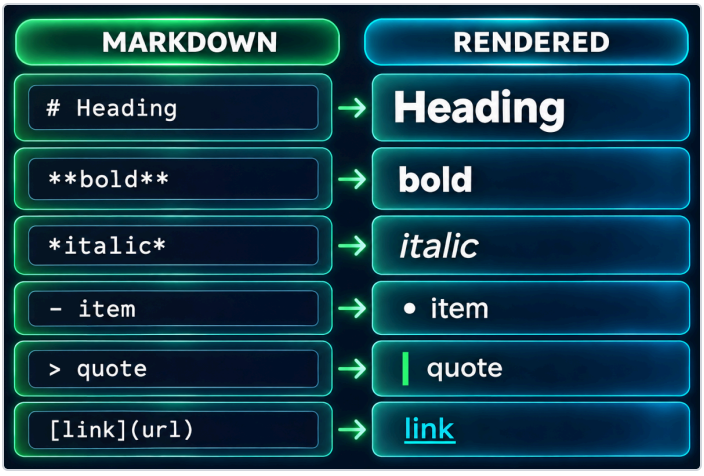
Tables GFM

```
| Name  | Qty |  Price |
|:------|:---:|-------:|
| Pen   |  2  |  $1.50 |
| Book  |  1  | $12.00 |
```

The second row is required. Colons set alignment: `:---` left, `:---:` center, `---:` right. Every row needs the same number of columns.

Common fixes

Problem	Fix
Table shows as plain text	Add the `|---|---|` row
Nested list is flat	Indent the child items
List joins a paragraph	Blank line before it
Code not colored	Name the language after the fence
Symbols vanish	Escape with `\` or use backticks
Script or frame removed	Not allowed in the preview; use Markdown



Syntax on the left, rendered result on the right.

Tool tips

Paste, drop a .md file, or fetch a raw URL at rjl.io/markdown-viewer/. Use the HTML button for a standalone page with embedded styles and no script, or PDF for a printable copy. Line breaks in your source show as line breaks in the preview.