

# Submitting an article to the Did You Know process

The “Did you know” (DYK) process is used to create the “Did you know...” section of of Wikipedia's Main Page, which features facts and images from recently created or expanded Wikipedia articles.

## How DYK works

Individual DYK entries—“hooks”—are submitted to the DYK nomination page, usually by the person who wrote or expanded the article, to be checked by other editors. If problems are found, they must be fixed before the article can appear on the Main Page. After the facts in the hook have been checked against the cited sources and the other DYK requirements are verified, the hook will be moved into a queue, along with a set of other hooks that will be displayed at the same time. Once that set of hooks makes its way to the front of the queue—this usually takes several days—it will appear on the Main Page for about six hours. The author and/or nominator of the entry will then get message on their talk page indicating that their DYK has appeared.

Typically, a DYK article on the main page will get between the high hundreds and low thousands of page views. Especially interesting and well-illustrated hooks can draw tens of thousands of hits. The talk page message will include a link for checking how many hits the article got. (The tool can be used for any article: <http://stats.grok.se/>)

## Requirements for DYK eligibility

Two kinds of articles are eligible for DYK: newly created articles and recently expanded articles that have grown by a factor of five.

DYK articles must:

- have at least 1,500 characters worth of prose (about 3-4 paragraphs), excluding block quotes, lists, references, images and captions, and the like
- be nominated within 5 days of when they were created (or moved into Wikipedia from a sandbox) or the beginning of when they were expanded 5-fold (based on the amount of prose before and after expansion)
- use reliable sources as references, including inline citations to the facts mentioned in the proposed hook
- be neutral
- conform to the core policies of [Verifiability](#), [Living Person Biographies](#), and [Copyrights](#)—meaning they are based on reliable sources, do not violate the rules about biographies of living people, and have no problems with [close paraphrasing](#) or [copyright violations](#) of images and/or text

## Nomination procedure

To nominate an article, follow the instructions at DYK suggestions page:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template\\_talk:Did\\_you\\_know](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template_talk:Did_you_know) (shortcut: search for “T:TDYK”)

- Compose a hook that links to the article, of no more 200 characters including wiki markup, presenting an interesting fact from the article. It should answer the question “Did you know...”, taking the form “... that lorem ipsum dolor?” with wikilinks to the nominated article (in bold) and other relevant articles.
- Fill out the template form for the nomination. For example:

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{{subst:NewDYKnom | article= Noise pollution in the United States | hook=... that the [[Office of Noise Abatement and Control]] is responsible for for fighting '''[[noise pollution in the United States]]'''? | status= new | author= PolicyRocker15 }}
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- Edit the section of the nomination page for the day the article was created or expanded, and add the completed template form to the top of the section.
- Visit the nomination page daily over the next several days to see if any problems need to be fixed.
- Once your article has been approved and then gets removed from the nominations page, check the queue to see when it will appear on the Main Page:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Did\\_you\\_know/Queue](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Did_you_know/Queue) (shortcut: search for “T:DYK/Q”)