



Teahouse

Peer Support for New Wikipedians

<http://enwp.org/WP:Teahouse>



foster peer support

decrease intimidation

reach out to new editors (esp. women)

increase new editor retention

Teahouse:Goals



teahouse



welcome

Peer support for new editors,
part of the Wikipedia Community.

Welcome to the Teahouse! We are here to help new editors become accustomed to community culture, ask questions, and develop community relationships – supporting you on your journey to become experienced Wikipedians.

[Ask a question right now](#) »

[guests](#) »

[hosts](#) »

[Q&A](#) »

Guests!

[Please introduce yourself](#) »



[\(Talk to me!\)](#) Linda

"Hi, I'm new to this website, but I have been looking at it for a longer period and it's such a great place. I'm mainly interested in sports related articles. Any help and advice is welcome at any time. Cheers!"

[...see another guest](#)

Recent questions—

Hi, does the [Simple English Wikipedia](#) follow the same guidelines as this one does? [AutomaticStrikeout \(talk\)](#) 17:25, 10 July 2012 (UTC)

[Find the answer here](#) »

[...see another question](#)

[Meet your hosts](#) »



"I grew up using computers in the [1980s](#), and live in [Bristol](#) in [South West England](#). [Collaborating](#) as part of the [Wikipedia community](#) is remarkable! As well as Wikipedia, I occasionally venture into other [Wikimedia Foundation](#) projects. I hope you enjoy this place as much as I do! -- [Trevj \(talk\)](#)"



Dear new editors, no question is too basic for our Q&A board. If you need help, just click the link below! And if you have some helpful advice for someone else, go ahead: **be bold!** Click the "edit" button to the right of his or her question and start the conversation.

Ask a question >>

To see the archive pages of previous questions, click on show. [show]

I thought that one's sandbox was a private space

[edit]

Up until this evening, I had thought that one's sandbox was a private space. Then this: [happened](#) – somebody that I had never even heard of before now. I feel invaded. – [Gareth Griffith-Jones \(talk\)](#) 19:57, 12 July 2012 (UTC)

Hello Gareth Griffith-Jones. According to [WP:UP#OWN](#), "Traditionally Wikipedia offers wide latitude to users to manage their user space as they see fit. However, pages in user space belong to the wider community. They are not a personal homepage, and do not belong to the user. They are part of Wikipedia, and exist to make collaboration among editors easier. Other users and bots may edit pages in your user space or leave messages for you . . ." If you dislike the change, then feel free to revert it. Also, your "sandbox" page looks a lot like a talk page, so the other editor may have felt that the change was appropriate. In conclusion, there are no truly "private spaces" on Wikipedia, though most editors will leave most of your user pages alone, except for talk pages. Hope this helps. [Cullen](#)³²⁸ *Let's discuss it* 20:48, 12 July 2012 (UTC)

Deleted edits, what are they?

[edit]

In edit counter tool I found that I have three deleted edits. What are deleted edits exactly? It can't be undone edits because I've got more than three edits undone by other editors. [KRystALEEN](#) 18:54, 12 July 2012 (UTC)

Welcome, Krystaleen. It isn't undone or reverted edits, as a tool can't detect them. It is similar to [deleting](#) entire pages, except it's only one edit to the page. This can only be done by [oversighters](#) and means nobody can see the diff of what the edit was, except administrators. See [WP:SUPPRESS](#) for more information of deleted edits. [Rcsprinter](#) (tell me stuff) @ 18:57, 12 July 2012 (UTC)

It's not just that though. Rcsprinter is describing [revision deletion](#) and [oversight](#), but the "deleted edits" count also counts other things. Specifically, it counts edits when the entire pages are themselves deleted later. The important thing is that it doesn't mean that your edits were a problem. Like, if you see a bad article and tag it for deletion, and it gets deleted, that tag addition will count towards the deleted edits. So, for example, I do a lot of speedy deletion tagging; since I'm making a lot of edits to pages that get deleted, I have a lot of "deleted edits" (about 1,360 at my last count), even though my edits weren't problematic. (At least as far as I know!) So, don't worry about those three deleted edits; it doesn't necessarily mean you've been doing anything wrong. [Writ Keeper](#) [edit] 19:10, 12 July 2012 (UTC)

YouTube citation: the wikipedia rules are?

[edit]

Contents [hide]

- 1 I thought that one's sandbox was a private space
- 2 Deleted edits, what are they?
- 3 YouTube citation: the wikipedia rules are?
- 4 copyright clearance on images
- 5 Created article but still don't see
- 6 crerar's de luxe ginger beer
- 7 Simple English Wiki
- 8 Article rejected
- 9 Tables and virtual editing.
- 10 How to edit the location of a Facebook page populated by wikipedia.
- 11 re:talk pages
- 12 How to measure undue weight of pseudoscience?
- 13 Causes for an earthquake
- 14 Proper format and content for a hard boiled novel The Little Sister page
- 15 How to stop someone from harrassing me
- 16 User page etiquette question
- 17 Question on "List of episodes" articles
- 18 Notice board etiquette
- 19 I'm on page Category: French Women Writers and
- 20 Hi again
- 21 why cant i find my article?
- 22 Diplomatic way to add a new section to an existina wiki

hosts >>

Q&A >>



Dear new editors, no question is too basic for our Q&A board. If you need help, just click the link below! And if you have some helpful advice for someone else, go ahead: **be bold!** Click the "edit" button to the right of his or her question and start the conversation.

Ask a question >>

I thought t

Up until this eve
heard of before

Hello Gareth
space as the
belong to the
pages in yo
looks a lot li
spaces" on
[Let's discuss](#)

Deleted ec

You can put your question in the textbox below.

Short summary of your question:

A user called IronHolds keeps deleting my edits to the "Scotch Whisky" article. He says I'm vandalizing the article because I accidentally misspelled "Whisk(e)y" ONE TIME. What should I do? ~~~~

On Wikipedia, you should sign all of your posts by ending them with four tildes (~~~~)

[Ask my question](#)

[To see the archive pages of previous questions, click on show.](#) [show]

Contents [hide]

- 1 I thought that one's sandbox was a private space
- 2 Deleted edits, what are they?
- 3 YouTube citation: the wikipedia rules are?
- 4 copyright clearance on images
- 5 Created article but still don't see
- 6 crerar's de luxe ginger beer
- 7 Simple English Wiki
- 8 Article rejected
- 9 Tables and virtual editing.
- 10 How to edit the location of a Facebook page populated by wikipedia.
- 11 re:talk pages
- 12 How to measure undue weight of pseudoscience?
- 13 Causes for an earthquake
- 14 Proper format and content for a hard boiled novel The Little Sister page
- 15 How to stop someone from harrassing me
- 16 User page etiquette question
- 17 Question on "List of episodes" articles
- 18 Notice board etiquette
- 19 I'm on page Category: French Women Writers and
- 20 Hi again
- 21 why cant i find my article?
- 22 Diplomatic way to add a new section to an existina wiki

In edit counter tool I found that I have three deleted edits. What are deleted edits exactly? It can't be undone edits because I've got more than three edits undone by other editors. **KRYSTALEEN** 18:54, 12 July 2012 (UTC)

Welcome, Krystaleen. It isn't undone or reverted edits, as a tool can't detect them. It is similar to [deleting](#) entire pages, except it's only one edit to the page. This can only be done by [oversighters](#) and means nobody can see the diff of what the edit was, except administrators. See [WP:SUPPRESS](#) for more information of deleted edits. **Rcsprinter** (tell me stuff) @ 18:57, 12 July 2012 (UTC)

It's not just that though. Rcsprinter is describing [revision deletion](#) and [oversight](#), but the "deleted edits" count also counts other things. Sppecifically, it counts edits when the entire pages are themselves deleted later. The important thing is that it doesn't mean that your edits were a problem. Like, if you see a bad article and tag it for deletion, and it gets deleted, that tag addition will count towards the deleted edits. So, for example, I do a lot of speedy deletion tagging; since I'm making a lot of edits to pages that get deleted, I have a lot of "deleted edits" (about 1,360 at my last count), even though my edits weren't problematic. (At least as far as I know!) So, don't worry about those three deleted edits; it doesn't necessarily mean you've been doing anything wrong. **Writ Keeper** 19:10, 12 July 2012 (UTC)

[YouTube citation: the wikipedia rules are?](#)

[edit]

Teahouse: Questions

hosts >>

Q&A >>



All Teahouse guests are welcome to introduce themselves here, whether you're just passing through or you plan on hanging around a while. Tell us all a bit about yourself: what are your interests? What do you do for fun? Who's your favorite [encyclopedist](#)?

[Introduce yourself >>](#)

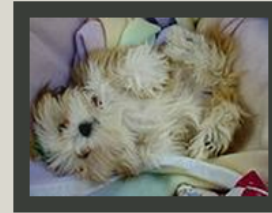
Browse the [Guest book](#) to see more fellow Wikipedians!



(Talk to me!) **Mohamed Al-Hakeem**

"Always wanted to take part in the editing "MACHINERY" of Wikipedia, after being just as lazy reader! But still feeling Wikipedia is too BIG to a rookie like me."

visited: 00:58, 19 June 2012 (UTC)



(Talk to me!) **Lauren**

"I like dogs. I also like politics and anywhere I have lived. I tend to edit on those topics. My current project is bringing the [Japanese Spitz](#) article back up to Good status."

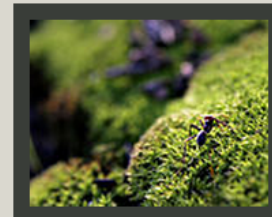
visited: 11:00, 19 June 2012 (UTC)



(Talk to me!) **Zoe**

"I'm passionate about children's books and hope I can contribute to Wikipedia in this field."

visited: 05:17, 19 June 2012 (UTC)



Teahouse:Guests

Nthep

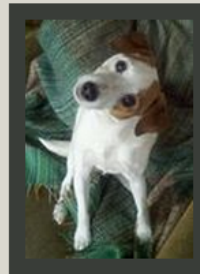
Worm That Turned (or Worm^{TT}) is a UK Wikipedian who's been around for nearly four years. The majority of his work is in [adoption](#), and he has proclaimed himself the most prolific adopter on Wikipedia. He's also an [administrator](#) and has spent a lot of time helping new users, [students](#), [unhappy subjects of articles](#) and anyone else he can find that needs help.



"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction."
-- [John Crawford Crosby](#)

Worm That Turned

Writ Keeper's been editing Wikipedia for about six months. Currently working on writing [user scripts](#) for the Teahouse host interface, WK can often be found around [the third opinion noticeboard](#), and also doing some [recent changes patrol](#) from time to time.



"I think it's time for us to recognize the differences we sometimes fear to show."
--[Rush](#), "[Entre Nous](#)"

Writ Keeper

Chico Venancio has been editing Wikipedia since 2006, though he has moved to use the Portuguese Wikipedia as his home wiki. Chico started using Wikipedia as a High School student and found it to help him in the college entrance exams. He likes to understand the technical side of Wikipedia and experiment with bots and template writing, but still writes a few articles every now and then. Fighting vandalism in Wikipedia is one of his favorite pastimes.



"Teahouse seems like a wonderful initiative to me and I want to help it! I have been a new editor and still remember it."

chicocvenancio

Teahouse:Hosts



Teahouse: **Pilot activity** February 27th - May 31st



586 editors **participated**

68% new editors, the rest official hosts or other drop-in Wikipedians

7339 invites were sent, 4.5% visited

More than 40 editors served as **hosts**

15 hosts on average were active in the Q&A forum each week

*New editors = either <100 edits, or account created in 2012

Teahouse: Pilot activity February 27th - May 31st



(Talk to me!) **Mitra Anderson-Oliver**

"I'm a human geographer, interested in people and the places they inhabit. I'm particularly interested in cities, the history of how people think about cities and how relationships between people and their city shift and change over time, from a social and legal perspective. There's a lot of scope for more information on these areas to be put up - I'm looking forward to contributing!"

Guests created
over 200
profiles

Teahouse: **Pilot activity** February 27th - May 31st







Teahouse:Satisfaction

How satisfied were you with your experience?
New editors

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Very Dissatisfied		2	3%
2	Dissatisfied		1	2%
3	Neutral		15	24%
4	Satisfied		31	49%
5	Very Satisfied		14	22%
	Total		63	100%

Teahouse: Satisfaction

Satisfaction with the Teahouse: Experienced Editors

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Very Dissatisfied		0	0%
2	Dissatisfied		3	5%
3	Neutral		14	24%
4	Satisfied		20	34%
5	Very Satisfied		21	36%
	Total		58	100%

Teahouse: Satisfaction

Teahouse: Engagement and retention



New editors who participate at the Teahouse appear to go on to be **more active Wikipedians**

Teahouse: **Engagement and retention**



Comparing a sample of 200 new editors who participate in the Teahouse with a control group:

Guests,

edit 10x the number of articles

make 7x more global edits

2x as much of their content survives
on Wikipedia

Teahouse: **Engagement and retention**



	still editing	avg. recent edits
Control	11%	67
Guests	33%	121

Comparing a sample of 200 new editors who participate in the Teahouse with a control group:

33% of Teahouse guests are still active on Wikipedia at least 2 weeks later vs 11% from a control

They make 2x as many edits than those still active in the control

Teahouse: Engagement and retention



Teahouse:Feedback



*Teahouse...A little haven of tranquility
away from the battles outside.*

– CarolMooreDC, 6-year Wikipedian, 19,298 edits

Teahouse:[Feedback](#)



Overall the execution of this idea has been brilliant...the teahouse is what changed me from being a gawker into being a (very newbie) editor.

– New editor from the survey

Teahouse:Feedback



I have mentioned before and I will state again that I think the Teahouse is the best thing I have seen happen to the encyclopedia since I started editing.

– Ryan Vesey, host and 1 year Wikipedian, 10,400 edits

Teahouse:[Feedback](#)



I like the name, and I really like that the language is inviting. It is unlike many of the "Help" pages that read more like a technical document...Teahouse overall is very inviting and proves to be quite useful.

– New editor

Teahouse:[Feedback](#)



Was there anything in particular you liked about your Teahouse experience? Tell us about it.

There is nothing extraordinary about it. It just needs to exist and is fundamental to the Wikipedia experience.

– Experienced editor from the survey

Teahouse:Feedback



Teahouse:Next steps



scale traffic & participation

increase sustainability

increase peer support

demonstrate long term retention

incorporate desired features

Teahouse: **Next steps**

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Live Chat with Teahouse hosts	28	57%
2	Live Chat with other Teahouse guests	23	47%
3	A list of Wikiprojects that are looking for new members	32	65%
4	A list of other ways to get involved in Wikipedia	38	78%
5	Links to other 'Help' resources, such as tutorials, videos, and how-to pages	30	61%
6	More/better host and guest profiles	9	18%
7	Other (please suggest new features below, or use this space to elaborate on ideas you've checked in the list above)	14	29%

Teahouse: Feature requests



guests >>

hosts >>

Q&A >>

Guests!

Please introduce yourself >>



(Talk to me) Linda

"Hi, I'm new to this website, but I have been looking at it for a longer period and it's such a great place. I'm mainly interested in sports related articles. Any help and advice is welcome at any time. Cheers!"

...see another guest

teahouse

Peer support for new editors,
part of the Wikipedia Community.



welcome

Welcome to the Teahouse! We are here to help new editors become accustomed to community culture, ask questions, and develop community relationships – supporting you on your journey to become experienced Wikipedians.

Ask a question right now >>

Recent questions—

Hi, does the [Simple English Wikipedia](#) follow the same guidelines as this one does? [AutomaticStrikeout \(talk\)](#) 17:25, 10 July 2012 (UTC)

[Find the answer here](#) >>

...see another question

Meet your hosts >>



"I grew up using computers in the 1980s, and live in [Bristol](#) in [South West England](#). [Collaborating](#) as part of the [Wikipedia community](#) is remarkable! As well as Wikipedia, I occasionally venture into other [Wikimedia Foundation](#) projects. I hope you enjoy this place as much as I do! -- [Trevj \(talk\)](#)"