



## Specific Uses of Fonts Quiz

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**Directions:** In the following sentences indicate which font should be used in the highlighted material. For further explanation of the correct answers, refer to section 22.5 (pp 924-927) of the *AMA Manual of Style*.

1. In January 1911, the inaugural issue of the *American Journal of Diseases of Children (AJDC)* (the original title for the *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*) was published.

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- b. boldface
- c. italic
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use italics for titles of journals (§22.5.4, Italics, pp 925-926 in print).

2. We performed serial magnetic resonance imaging and <sup>18</sup>F-fluoro-2-deoxy-D-glucose positron emission tomography in a patient with anti-Ma2-positive paraneoplastic limbic

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- b. boldface
- c. italic
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use small caps for some prefixes in chemical formulas (§22.5.5, Small Caps, pp 926-927 in print; see also §15.10, Nomenclature, Molecular Medicine, pp 710-722 in print).

3. The play *Wit* by Margaret Edson chronicles the last hours of a university professor who is dying of stage IV metastatic ovarian cancer.

- a. capital
- b. boldface
- c. italic
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use italics for titles of plays (§22.5.4, Italics, pp 925-926 in print).





4. In August 2008, the largest known US serotype 1 *Escherichia coli* O111 outbreak occurred in Oklahoma, causing 341 illnesses, including hemolytic uremic syndrome.

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- b. boldface
- c. italic
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use italics for genus and species names of some microorganisms, plants, and animals when used in the singular and the names of a variety or subspecies (§22.5.4, Italics, pp 925-926 in print; see also §15.14.1, Nomenclature, Biological Nomenclature, pp 740-748 in print).

5. The standard embargo date and time for the journal is 3PM central time on the day before the journal's cover date.

- a. capital
- b. boldface
- c. italic
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use small caps for AM and PM in time (§22.5.5, Small Caps, pp 926-927 in print).

6. On February 22, 2011, the US Supreme Court decided *Bruesewitz v Wyeth LLC*, holding that the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 preempts all design defect claims against vaccine manufacturers in which the plaintiff seeks compensation for injury or death caused by a vaccine's adverse effects.

- a. capital
- b. boldface
- c. italic
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use italics for legal cases (§22.5.4, Italics, pp 925-926 in print; see also §3.16, References, US Legal References, pp 72-79 in print).





7. Whole-brain **N**-acetyl aspartate, a measure of neuronal function, can be assessed by multisection echoplanar spectroscopic imaging.

- a. capital
- b. boldface
- c. *italic*
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use italics for chemical prefixes (§22.5.4, *Italics*, pp 925-926 in print; see also §15.4.4, *Nomenclature, Drugs, Chemical Names*, p 569 in print, and §15.10, *Nomenclature, Molecular Medicine*, pp 710-722 in print).

8. The term **senile keratosis** is no longer used to describe a seborrheic keratosis.

- a. capital
- b. boldface
- c. *italic*
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use italics for terms described as terms (§22.5.4, *Italics*, pp 925-926 in print; see also §8.6.7, *Punctuation, Quotation Marks, Coined Words, Slang*, p 360 in print).

9. We performed a database search of English-language articles or abstracts using the keywords **sleep** and **surgery** in combination with any of the following terms: **hypopharynx, tongue, tongue base, epiglottis, genioglossus, advancement, genioplasty, glossectomy, tongue radiofrequency, hyoepiglottoplasty, hyoid, suspension, and stabilization.**

- a. capital
- b. boldface
- c. *italic*
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use italics for keywords (§22.5.4, *Italics*, pp 925-926 in print).





10. Overall breast “durity” (from the Latin word *duritia*, meaning “hardness”) was recorded as the inverse of whether rib edges could be felt through breast tissue in the hardest part of the breast.

- a. capital
- b. boldface
- c. *italic*
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor’s Note:** Use italics for some non-English words and phrases that are not shown among English terms in the dictionary (§22.5.4, *Italics*, pp 925-926 in print; see also §12.2, *Non-English Words, Phrases, and Accent Marks, Accent Marks [Diacritics]*, pp 422-423 in print).

11. The authors performed a comprehensive search of the MEDLINE database using a combination of keywords related to patient outcome.

- a. *capital*
- b. boldface
- c. italic
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor’s Note:** Use capital letters for the MEDLINE database (§22.5.2, *Capital [Uppercase]*, p 924 in print).

12. The transudation equivalent of a protein can be calculated as an algebraic function ( $y = ax + b$ ), where  $y$  is the molecular weight (expressed in kilodaltons) and  $x$ , the transudation equivalent.

- a. capital
- b. boldface
- c. *italic*
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor’s Note:** Use italics for mathematical expressions such as lines, variables, unknown quantities, and constants (§22.5.4, *Italics*, pp 925-926 in print; see also §21.0, *Mathematical Composition*, pp 907-913 in print).





13. The patients in study groups 1, 2, and 3 were asked to provide the following demographic information: (a) age, (b) sex, (c) race, (d) height, and (e) weight.

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- b. boldface
- c. *italic*
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use italics for lowercase letters used in alphabetic enumerations of items or topics (the parentheses are set roman) (§22.5.4, *Italics*, pp 925-926 in print).

14. An increased expression of the p21 protein was found in CAL27 cells with cisplatin treatment; therefore, it is likely that this mutational site is not involved in the activation of the *p21* gene.

- a. capital
- b. boldface
- c. *italic*
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use italics for gene symbols but not proteins (§22.5.4, *Italics*, pp 925-926 in print; see also §15.6.2, *Nomenclature, Genetics, Human Gene Nomenclature*, pp 608-632 in print; §15.6.3, *Nomenclature, Genetics, Oncogenes and Tumor Suppressor Genes*, pp 632-637 in print; and §15.6.5, *Nomenclature, Nonhuman Genetic Terms*, pp 649-660 in print).

15. The authors want to emphasize that corticosteroids were *not* used for therapy.

- a. capital
- b. boldface
- c. *italic*
- d. lowercase
- e. small capital

**Editor's Note:** Use italics sparingly for emphasis (§22.5.4, *Italics*, pp 925-926 in print).

