

High Intermediate 1
Unit 9: Punctuation Note
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Italics

italics (plural noun) /ɪ'tæl.ɪks/ = a style of writing or printing in which the letters lean to the right:
This sentence is printed in italics.

italic (adjective) = printed or written in italics:
italic type/print/script

italicize (verb) = to print or write something in italics:
Words are sometimes italicized for emphasis.

Italicizing words can be useful in various contexts. Here are some common scenarios where italics are typically used:

1. **Emphasis:** To stress a particular word or phrase.
 - Example: *This* is the best solution.
2. **Titles:** For titles of books (except the Bible), magazines, newspapers, works of art, movies, albums, long poems and other standalone works.
 - Examples:
 - I recently finished reading *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.
 - The latest issue of *National Geographic* has some stunning photographs.
 - I read an interesting article in *The New York Times* this morning.
 - We visited the Louvre to see the *Mona Lisa*.
 - Last night, we watched *Inception* for the third time.
 - My favorite album by The Beatles is *Abbey Road*.
 - In high school, we studied *The Odyssey* by Homer.
3. **Foreign Words:** When using words from another language.
 - Example: The term *déjà vu* is French.
4. **Thoughts:** To indicate a character's internal thoughts in fiction.
 - Example: *I hope this works*, she thought.
5. **Names of Vehicles:** For names of ships, aircraft, and spacecraft.
 - Example: The *Titanic* was a famous ship.
6. **Scientific Names:** For genus and species names in biology.
 - Example: The scientific name for humans is *Homo sapiens*.

7. Letters, Figures, & Words Referring to Themselves:

- The letter *a* is the first letter of the alphabet.
- The number 7 is often considered lucky.
- The word *apple* can refer to both the fruit and the tech company.
- In the equation, *x* represents an unknown variable.
- The term *algorithm* is frequently used in computer science.
- The phrase *carpe diem* means “seize the day” in Latin.
- The symbol π (pi) is used to represent the ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter.

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