

Guide to Keyboard Shortcuts (PC version)

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NOTE: + indicates that you hold those keys at the same time.

• Copy: Highlight the desired text, then hit CTRL + C

• Cut: Highlight the desired text, then hit CTRL + X

• Paste: CTRL + V

• Search in Document: CTRL + F

• Undo: CTRL + Z

Redo: CTRL + Y

• Insert Footnote: Place the cursor at the location you want to put the number indicating your footnote, then hit CTRL + ALT + F

• Insert Endnote (Microsoft Word only, Google Docs does not allow endnotes): Place the cursor at the location you want to put the number indicating your endnote, then hit CTRL + ALT + D

• Bold Text: Highlight the desired text, then hit CTRL + B

• Italicize Text: Highlight the desired text, then hit CTRL + I

Underline Text: Highlight the desired text, then hit CTRL + U

• Center Text: CTRL + SHIFT + E

• Left Justify Text: CTRL + SHIFT + L

• Right Justify Text: CTRL + SHIFT + R

Insert Page Break: CTRL + ENTER

View Word Count: CTRL + SHIFT + C



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• Center Text: Highlight the desired text, then hit COMMAND + SHIFT + E

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• Insert Page Break: COMMAND + ENTER

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