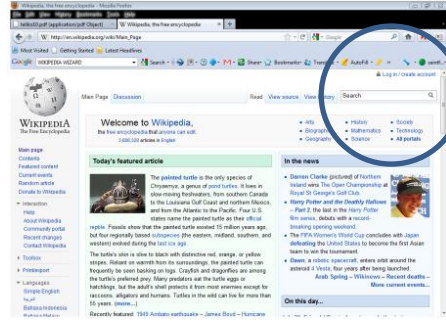


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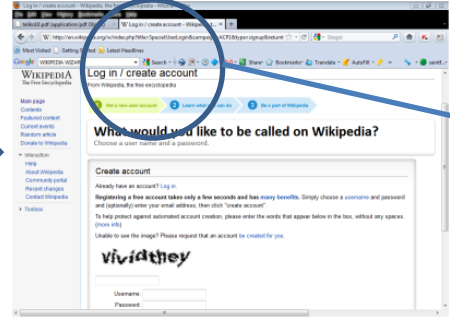
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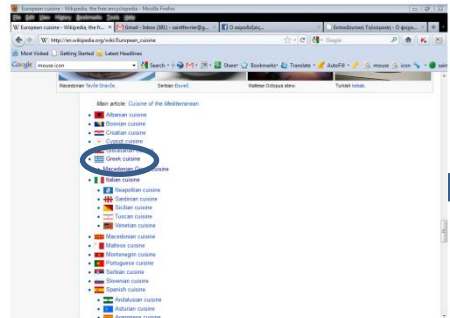
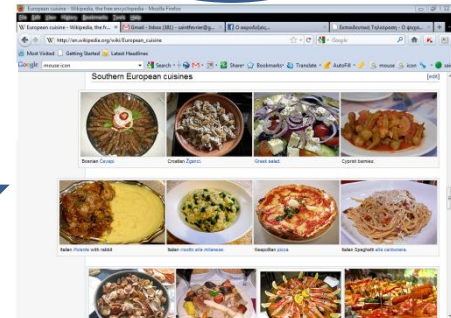
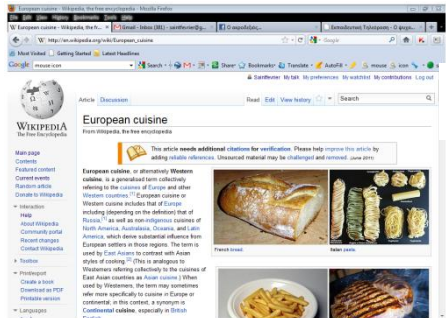
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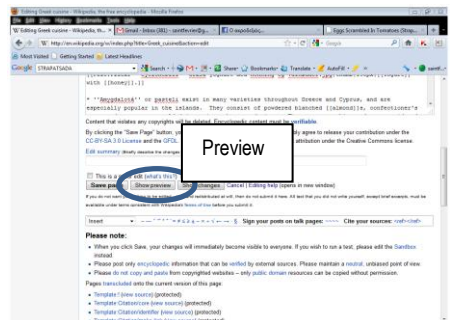
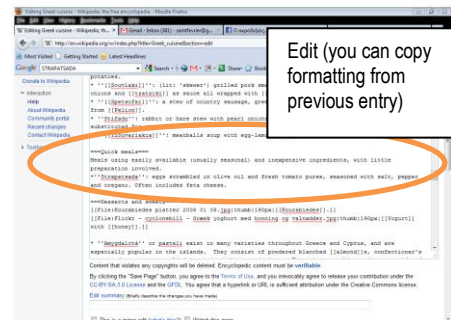
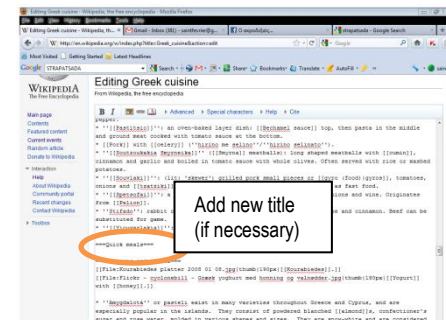
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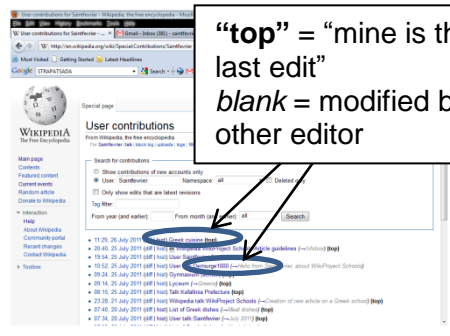
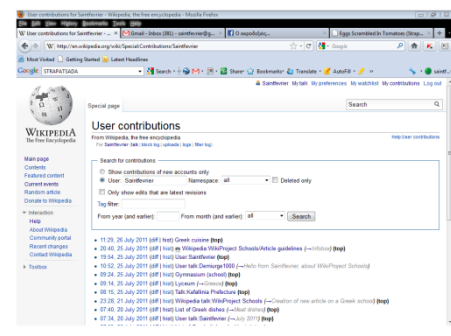
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EDIT, PREVIEW, SAVE



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CHECK CONTRIBUTIONS



DON'T FORGET TO SAVE!


CONGRATULATIONS!
You have just completed your first edit on Wikipedia.

“So, is that all I need to know about Wikipedia editing?”

There’s a proverb by ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle that says «*αρχή ήμισυ παντός*», or “*well begun is half done*”. The quick startup guide was designed to get you editing “on the spot”. You have made your first and most important step. Wikipedia has plenty of pages offering help and advice for newbies (experienced users often consult them too!). Check out:

- The **tutorial** on English-language Wikipedia: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Tutorial>. Also available in most languages (check sidebar for your local version). The English version includes a helpful video.
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“Just one last question before you go: what about formatting?”

You'll get the hang of formatting in a wiki environment soon enough... meanwhile, here's a useful “cheatsheet” you can find on Commons:

Wikipedia Cheatsheet



Everyone can contribute to the free encyclopedia Wikipedia. This is possible because Wikipedia is a wiki: Simply click on the link “Edit this page” on top of an article and start writing. This cheatsheet shows the basic formatting tricks.

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<code>[[Link different title]]</code>	
<code>http://www.test.org</code>	External link
<code>[http://www.test.org Text]</code>	Link with description
<code>[[fr:Page en français]]</code>	Interwiki link to french Wikipedia (appears under “languages”)
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