Infoboxes for beginners

Infoboxes are sidebars that give quick summaries of information about the topic of an article and to improve the appearance of a page. This guide shows you how to insert them into an article that you’re editing.

Visual Editor

Click Insert, Template

OR Source Editor

• Open a new tab in browser.
• Open Wikipedia and search for “Category:Infobox templates”.
• Choose subcategory, e.g. “People and person infobox templates”.
• Find template from the alphabetised list, e.g. “Template:Infobox scientist”.
• From this page, copy all the Blank Syntax – the bit between {{wiggly brackets}}.
• Return to the page you’re creating/editing.
• At the top of the page (but if you’re in Sandbox, below {{User sandbox}} <!-- EDIT BELOW THIS LINE -->) , paste in the blank syntax.
• Fill in the blanks!

See over the page for examples of filling in “Infobox scientist”
Visual Editor

Click the blue “Apply changes” button at the top to preview.

Source Editor

Click “Show preview” at the very bottom of the page to preview.

For both editors:

Add Wikilinks (to other Wiki-pages) by writing the article name with square brackets around it, e.g. [[London]].

Create a tidy list using this template:

```markdown
{{Plainlist|
* Item 1
* Item 2
}}
```

Add as many items as you like, just be sure to use wiggly brackets at the start AND end.