Block editor training – Lesson 2.1

Key practical assignment 1: Block basics

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Introduction

The more you practice using the block editor, the better you will become at it. That is why we created a practical assignment for you. However, even the best of us get stuck sometimes. With this key, you can check the steps we took to create the practice post. Hopefully, that will help you get unstuck. You can also use it as a learning tool, by comparing the steps you took with those in the key.

Note: We are using **WordPress.org version 5.3.2** with the default **TwentyTwenty theme**. If you have an older version of WordPress.org, or if you are using another theme, things may appear differently.

1. How to add a post title

To add a post title, simply type it (or paste it) in the Add Title box (Image 1).

Add title



2. How to add a Paragraph block

To add a Paragraph block below the title, simply start typing in (or pasting) your text in the field below the title (Image 2).



Image 2: The paragraph block field

3. How to add a heading with the /blockname function below the first paragraph block

1. While in the Paragraph block, press enter to add a new block below it

A new field appears.

2. In the empty field, type in /heading.

The option to add the Heading block appears (Image 3).

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Re	asons why dogs are the best	
	Coming home to a wiggling bundle of joy is one of the greatest feelings in the world. Yes, I am talking about dogs. Even on an epically rough day, the joy of a dog greeting you can wash it all I H Heading /heading	

Image 3: Adding a heading with the /blockname function

3. Click on the Heading option.

The Heading block is added to the post.

- 4. Type in (paste) the text in the Heading block.
- 4. How to add a second paragraph block below the first

heading

While in the Heading block, press Enter to create a new block field below it. Paste the paragraph text in the empty field (Image 4).

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	Reasons why dogs are the best	
	Coming home to a wiggling bundle of joy is one of the greatest feelings in the world. Yes, I am talking about dogs. Even on an epically rough day, the joy of a dog greeting you can wash it all away. Here are a few more things that make dogs great.	
	They can learn to ride a skateboard	
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Image 4: Add the text in the empty field

5. How to add a YouTube embed below the second

paragraph with the top toolbar

- Click on the plus icon in the Top toolbar. The block menu opens (Image 5).
- Type in YouTube in the search field.
 The YouTube Embeds block appears in the search results (Image 5).
- **3.** Click on the YouTube icon to add the block. The block is added to the post (Image 5).

1 ⊕ ⊃ ⊂ 0 =	
2 YouTubel © Embeds ^	Content Blocks Welcome to the wonderful world of blocks! Blocks are the basis of all content within the editor. There are blocks available for all kinds of content incert for boadings images lists
YouTube	content: insert text, neadings, images, lists, videos, tables, and lots more. Browse through the library to learn more about what each block does.
	While writing, you can press "/" to quickly insert new blocks.

Image 5: Adding the YouTube Embeds block

4. Copy and paste the video URL in the URL input box (Image 6).

5. Click the Embed button (Image 6).

The video is added to the post.



Image 6: Adding the video URL in the YouTube embed block

Note: To use the block editor optimally, you need to know how to navigate the blocks menu. But, there is an even easier way to add Embeds. All you need to do is paste the link within the post. If the platform you want to add content from is supported with the Embeds blocks, then it will automatically go in an Embed block.

6. How to write a caption below the video

To add a caption to the video, type in (paste) the caption text in the caption field (Image 7).



Image 7: The caption field below the video

7. How to add a second Heading with the block menu within the post editor

- Click the plus button below the video.
 The blocks menu appears.
- Select the Heading block from the menu by clicking on it. The Heading block is added to the post.
- 3. Type in (or paste) the text in the block.



Image 8: Adding the Heading block with the blocks menu within the post editor

8. How to add a third Paragraph block below the second

Heading

Just press enter while still in the Heading block, and then add the text in the empty field.

9. How to add a Reddit post below the third paragraph

To embed the Reddit post, you can either:

- Add a Reddit embeds block (see step 5.)
- Paste the link to the Reddit post in the post editor, below the third paragraph

10. How to add a third Heading block below the Reddit

post

You can add the third heading block with the /blockname function (step 3), the blocks menu within the post (7), or with the top toolbar menu (step 5).

11. How to add a List block

You can add the third heading block with the /blockname function (step 3), the blocks menu within the post (7), or with the top toolbar menu (step 5).

12. How to add an Image block with the top toolbar

To add an Image block with the top toolbar, see step 5.

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13. How to add an image from URL

To add an image from URL, do this:

- 1. Add the Image block to the post.
- In the image block, click the Insert from URL button.
 An input field appears (Image 9).
- 3. Paste the Image address in the input field.
- 4. Click the Apply button (Image 9).

The image is added to the post.

	Save Draft
Dogs are	
 Man's best friend Loyal Fun Attentive Caring 	
Upload an image file, pick one from your medial library, or add one with a URL.	
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Image 9: Adding the image URL

14. How to add a fourth Paragraph block to the post

See steps 2, 4, and 8.

15. How to transform a Paragraph block into a Heading block

 In the Paragraph block toolbar, click on the Change block type or style button (Image 10).
 A menu appears (Image 11).



Image 10: The Change block style or type button

2. Select the Heading block from the menu.

The block is transformed.



Image 11: The Heading block

16. How to Add a button block below the heading and add

a text to it

To add the button block, follow steps 3, 7 or 5. Once the block is in your post, you can type in the button text in the field within the block (Image 12).



Image 12: Typing in the button text in the colored field

17. How to Group the Button block and the Heading block

1. Click on the first (or the last) block you want to add to a Group block to select it.

In this case, click on the Button or the Heading block.

- 2. Press and hold the Shift key on your keyboard.
- **3.** Click on the second block you want to add to the Group. You will see the blocks will get a blue-ish background (Image 13).



Image 13: Selecting the blocks

4. In the toolbar, click on the three vertical dots.

A drop-down menu appears (Image 15).



Image 14: The dropdown menu

5. Select the Group option from the drop-down menu.

The blocks are now grouped.

18. How to add the Group block to Reusable blocks

1. Select the Group block.

You need to click on the sides, a little outside the individual blocks to select the whole group.

2. In the toolbar, click on the three vertical dots.

A drop-down menu appears (Image 15).



Image 15: The drop-down menu

3. Select the option Add to Reusable Blocks for the dropdown

menu.

You will see a new input field above the Group block (Image 16).



Image 16: Saving a Reusable block

4. In the input field, add a name for the Reusable block

5. Click Save

The block is now saved as a Reusable block.

The result of this exercise should look like this in your backend:



Image 17: What your blog post should look like after this assignment