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Who This Book Is For

This book is for the reader who has never used this particular technology or software application. It is also for readers who want to expand their knowledge.

The Conventions in This Book

1 Steps

This book uses a step-by-step format to guide you easily through each task. Numbered steps are actions you must do; bulleted steps clarify a point, step, or optional feature; and indented steps give you the result.

2 Notes

Notes give additional information — special conditions that may occur during an operation, a situation that you want to avoid, or a cross reference to a related area of the book.

3 Icons and Buttons

Icons and buttons show you exactly what you need to click to perform a step.

4 Tips

Tips offer additional information, including warnings and shortcuts.

5 Bold

Bold type shows command names, options, and text or numbers you must type.

6 Italics

Italic type introduces and defines a new term.

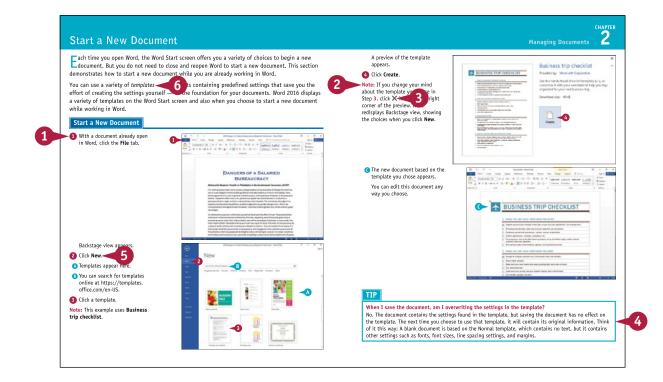
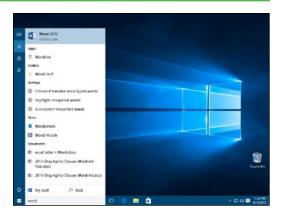


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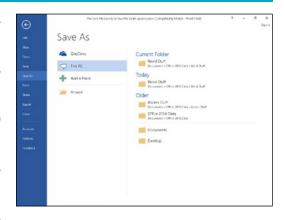
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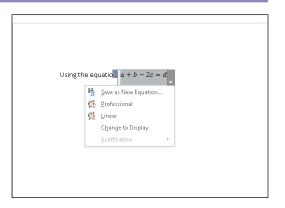
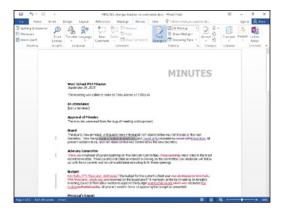


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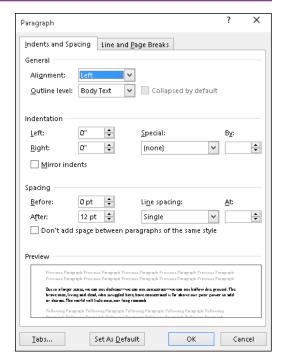
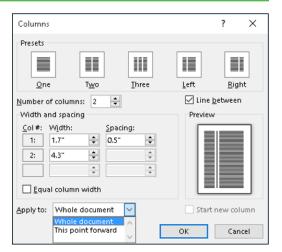


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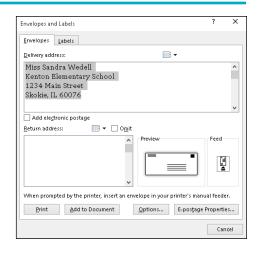
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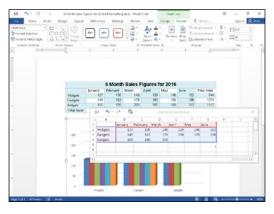
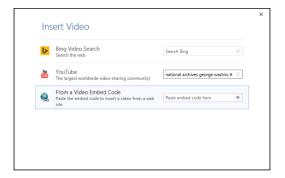


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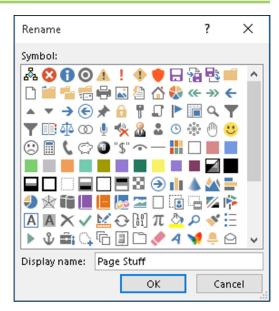
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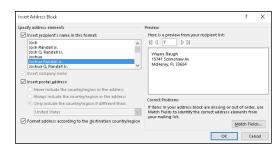
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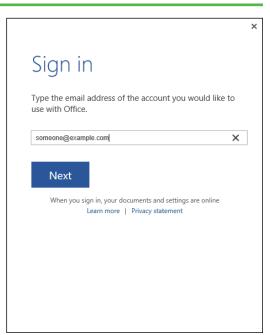


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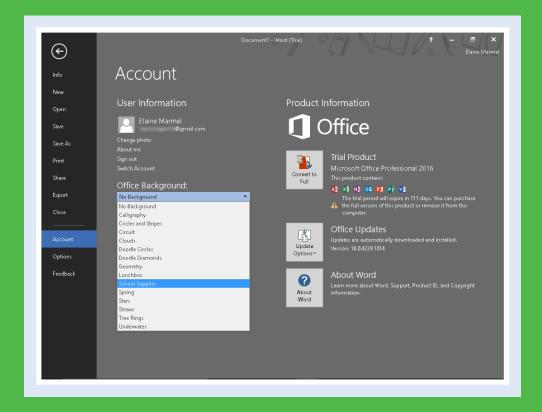
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Getting Familiar with Word

Are you ready to get started in Word? In this chapter, you become familiar with the Word working environment, including the Word Start screen and Backstage view, and you learn basic ways to navigate and to enter text using both the keyboard and the mouse. You also learn some basics for using Word on a tablet PC.



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Open Word

Office 2016 runs on a 1 gigahertz (GHz) or faster x86- or x64-bit processor with 1 or 2 gigabytes (GB) of RAM, based on your processor speed, and your system must be running Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10, Windows Server 2008 R2, or Windows Server 2012.

This section demonstrates how to open Word from Windows 10. After Word opens, the Word Start screen appears, helping you to find a document on which you recently worked or starting a new document. For other ways to open or start a new document, see Chapter 2.

Open Word

Click in the search box.



Note: The Search menu displays popular news items from Bing, Microsoft's search engine. You can use the buttons on the left side of the Search menu to, for example, establish search settings for Cortana, the Windows Search assistant.





- Start typing the name of the program; for this example, type word.
- B A list of choices appears that match the letters you typed.
- 3 Click the choice matching the program you want to open.

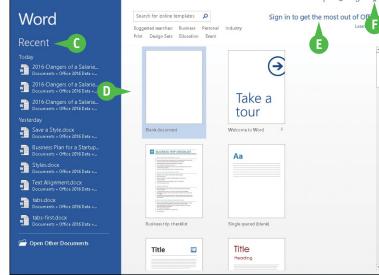
The program opens and displays its Start screen, which helps you open new or existing documents; see Chapter 2 for other ways to open documents.

- © You can use this panel to open an existing document.
- You can click a thumbnail in this area to start a new document.
- This area indicates whether you have signed in to your Office 365 subscription, which enables you to work on your documents from anywhere.

Note: See Chapter 13 for details about signing in to Office 365.

To exit from the program, you can click the **Close** button (X).





TIP

Can I create a shortcut to open an Office application?

You can, but pinning the program to the Windows taskbar or Start menu is easier. Follow Steps 1 and 2 in this section. Then, right-click the program name in the list. From the menu that appears, click **Pin to taskbar** or **Pin to Start**. Windows 10 pins the program to the Windows taskbar or the Start menu. To open the program, click the program's button on the taskbar or Start menu. Programs pinned to the Start menu appear on the right side of the menu as tiles.



Explore the Word Window

All Office programs share a common appearance and many features, and Word is no different. These features include a Ribbon and a Quick Access Toolbar (QAT). The Ribbon contains most commands available in Word, and the QAT contains frequently used commands.

A Quick Access Toolbar (QAT)

Contains buttons that perform common actions. To customize the QAT, see Chapter 11.

B Ribbon

Contains buttons organized in tabs, groups, and commands.

© Dialog Box Launcher

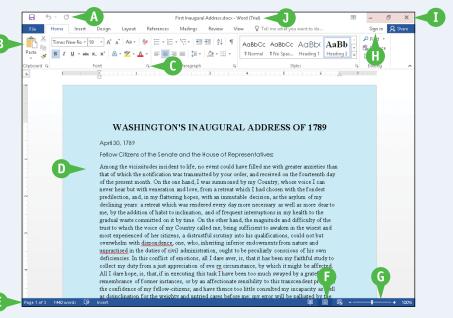
Appears in the lower right corner of many groups on the Ribbon. Clicking this button () opens a dialog box or task pane that provides more options.

D Document Area

The area where you type. The flashing vertical bar, called the *insertion point*, represents the location where text will appear when you type.

3 Status Bar

Displays document information and the location of the insertion point. From left to right, this bar contains the number of the page on which the insertion point currently appears, the total number of pages and words in the document, and the Proofing Errors button (II).



View Shortcuts

Contains buttons to switch to a different view of your document.

G Zoom Controls

Changes the magnification of a document.

(II) Office 365 Indicator

If your name appears, you are signed in to your Office 365 subscription. You can click to display a menu that enables you to manage your Microsoft account settings. If you are not signed in, this area shows a Sign In link. See Chapter 13 for details about signing in to Office 365.

1 Program Window Controls

These buttons enable you to control the appearance of the program window. You can minimize the Ribbon, and you can minimize, maximize, restore, or close the program window.

1 Title Bar

Shows the document and program titles.

Work with Backstage View

You can click the **File** tab to display Backstage view. Backstage is the place to go when you need to manage documents or change program behavior. In Backstage view, you find a list of actions that you can use to open, save, print, remove sensitive information, and distribute documents as well as set Word program behavior options. You can also use Backstage to manage the places on your computer hard drive, in your network, or in your OneDrive space that you use to store documents.

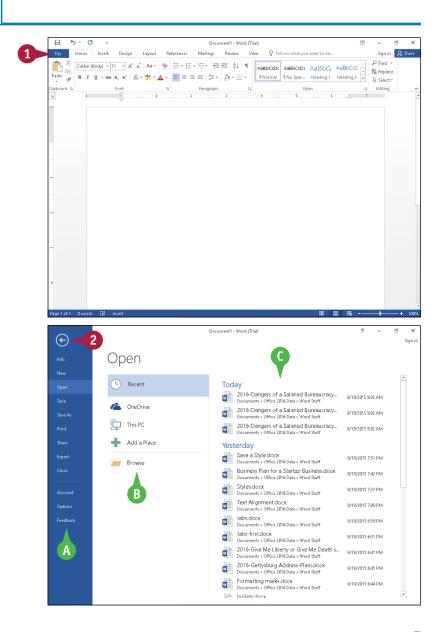
Work with Backstage View

1 Click the **File** tab to display Backstage view.

- A Commonly used file and program management commands appear here.
- B Buttons representing places you commonly use to open documents appear here.
- © Information related to the button you click appears here. Each time you click a button in the Open column, the information shown to the right changes.

Note: The New, Close, and Options commands behave differently; when you click any of them, Word takes the action you chose. For example, clicking **Close** closes the current document.

Click the Back button (to redisplay the open document.



Change the Color Scheme

You can use Office themes and background patterns to change the appearance of the program screen. Themes control the color scheme the program uses, and background patterns can add interest to the screen while you work. Color schemes can improve your ability to clearly see the screen, but be aware that background patterns might be distracting.

Office themes are available even if you are not signed in to Office 365, but to use background patterns, you must sign in to Office 365. For details on how to sign in and out of Office 365, see Chapter 13.

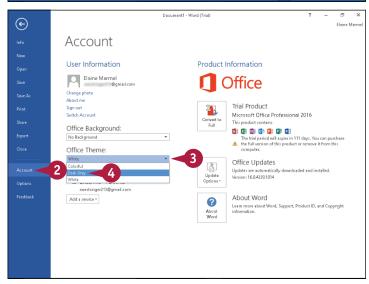
Change the Color Scheme

Note: Make sure you are signed in to Office 365. See Chapter 13 for details.

1 Click File to open Backstage view.

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- 2 Click Account.
- 3 Click the Office Theme .
- Click an Office theme.



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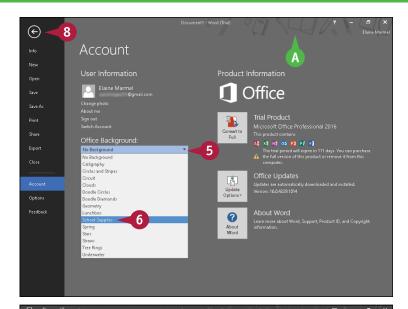
The colors of your program change.

Note: Some theme changes are more subtle than others.

- $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{5}}$ Click the **Office Background** $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{ iny}}$.
- 6 Point the mouse () at a choice in the menu to highlight that choice.
 - A background pattern appears at the top of the window. The pattern remains as you work on documents.
- Click the pattern you want to use or click **No Background**.
- 8 Click the **Back** button (**(G)**) to return to your document.

The Office theme and background you selected appear.

B The background appears in the title bar and the tabs of the Ribbon.





TIP

What happens if I select an Office background and then sign out of Office 365?

The background no longer appears in the program, but will reappear when you next sign in to Office 365. Similarly, theme changes you make while signed in to Office 365 might disappear when you sign out of Office 365. With themes, however, you do not need to be signed in to Office 365 to make a selection. Just complete Steps 1 to 4.

Find a Ribbon Command

When you need to take an action that you do not take on a regular basis, you can use Word 2016's new feature, the Tell Me What You Want To Do search feature helps you find commands on the Ribbon.

You can still use the Ribbon directly, as described in the next section, "Select Commands." The Tell Me What You Want To Do search feature is most useful when you are not sure where on the Ribbon to find the command you need.

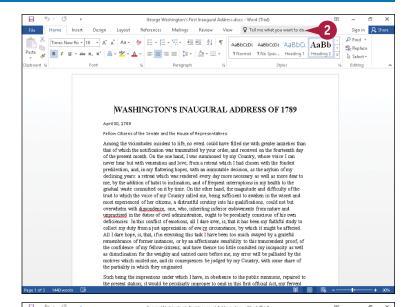
Find a Ribbon Command

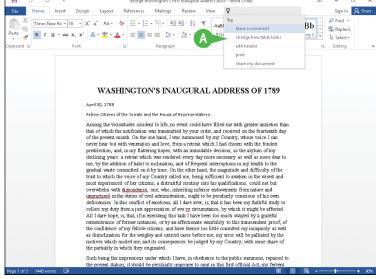
1 Open a document.

Note: See Chapter 2 for details on opening documents.

Click here.

A list of commonly requested actions appears.

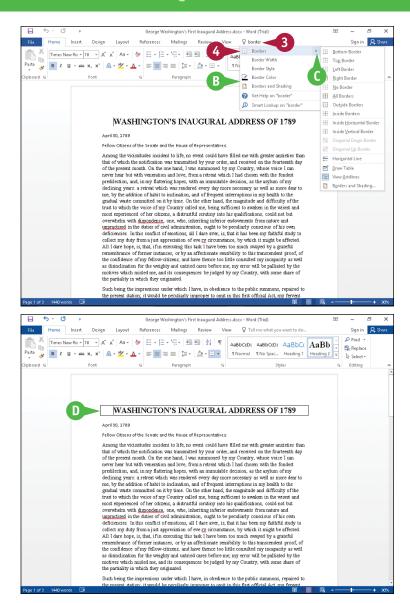




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- 3 Type a brief description of the action you want to take.
- B The program lists possible commands you can use to complete your task.
- Click a command to use it.
- If you click a command that displays this arrow (▶), additional options appear.

The program performs the action you selected; in this example, Word places a border around the first paragraph of the document.



TIPS

Will I need to type a description of the action I want to take if it is the same action I have previously taken?

No. The Tell Me What You Want To Do search box remembers your previous searches and displays them on the menu that appears when you perform Step 2.

If I no longer want my previous searches to appear, can I clear them from the list?

No. The Tell Me What You Want To Do feature retains your searches in the Recently Used section of the menu that appears when you click in the search box.

Select Commands

You can keep your hands on your keyboard and select commands from the Ribbon or the Quick Access Toolbar (QAT), or you can use the mouse.

The Ribbon contains buttons organized in tabs, groups, and commands. Tabs appear across the top of the Ribbon and contain groups of related commands. Groups organize related commands; the group name appears below the group. Commands appear within each group. The QAT appears above the Ribbon and by default contains the Save, Undo, and Redo commands. To customize the Ribbon or the QAT, see Chapter 11.

Select Commands

Select Commands with the Keyboard

- 1 If appropriate for the command you intend to use, place the insertion point in the proper word or paragraph.
- 2 Press Alt on the keyboard.
- A Shortcut letters and numbers appear on the Ribbon.

Note: The numbers control commands on the Quick Access Toolbar.

3 Press a letter to select a tab on the Ribbon.

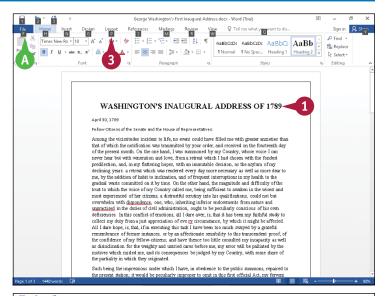
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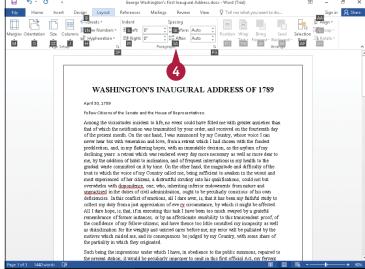
Word displays the appropriate tab and letters for each command on that tab.

4 Press a letter or letters to select a command.

If appropriate, Word displays options for the command you selected. Press a letter or use the arrow keys on the keyboard to select an option.

Word performs the command you selected, applying the option you chose.





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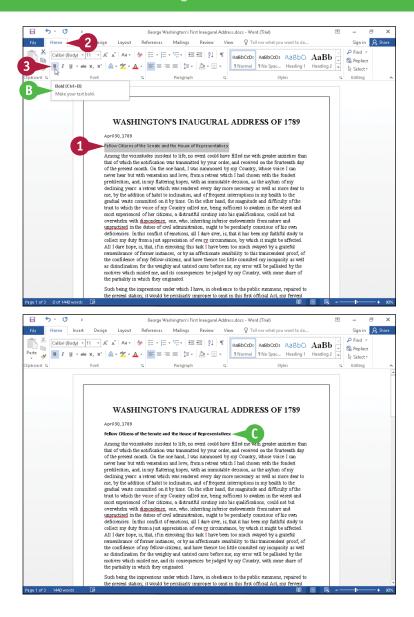
Select Commands with the Mouse

 Click in the text or paragraph you want to modify.

Note: If appropriate, select the text; see Chapter 3 for details.

- Click the tab containing the command you want to use.
- 3 Point to the command you want to use.
- B Word displays a ScreenTip describing the function of the button at which the mouse (▷) points.
- 4 Click the command.
- Word performs the command you selected.

Note: If you selected text, click anywhere outside the text to continue working.



TIPS

Can I toggle between the document and the Ribbon using the keyboard?

Yes. Each time you press **F6**, Word changes the focus of the program, switching between the document, the status bar, and the Ribbon, in that order.

What do the small down arrows below or beside buttons mean?

The small arrow (\bullet) on a button means several choices are available. Click the button directly to apply a default choice. Click \bullet to view additional options. As you move the mouse (\triangleright) over the two parts of the button, Word highlights one or the other to alert you that you have more choices.

Using Word on a Tablet PC

Using Word 2016 on a tablet offers a different experience than using the program on a computer with a keyboard and mouse. This section shows you how to open Word on a touch device and how to switch between Touch and Mouse modes.

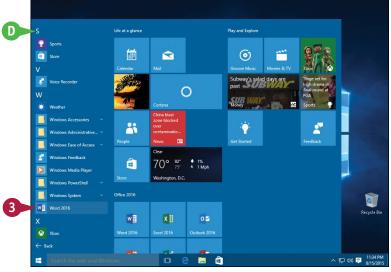
Enhancements for tablets are limited primarily to enlarging buttons on the status bar, the Quick Access Toolbar, and the Ribbon to make selecting commands easier. For a friendlier touch experience, consider using the universal Word app for various mobile devices, which, although not as powerful as Word 2016, were written specifically for touch devices. You can share documents across platforms.

Using Word on a Tablet PC

Start a Program

- 1 Tap the Windows Start button (Ⅲ).
- ⚠ The Windows 10 Start menu appears.
- B Program tiles appear on the right side.
- If the program you want to open appears in the Most Used list, you can tap it to open it. Or you can scroll through the program tiles on the right to find and tap the program you want to open.
- Tap All apps.
- An alphabetical list of programs installed on your computer appears.
- 3 Scroll through the list and tap
 Word 2016 to open Word to the
 Word Start screen.





Getting Familiar with Word

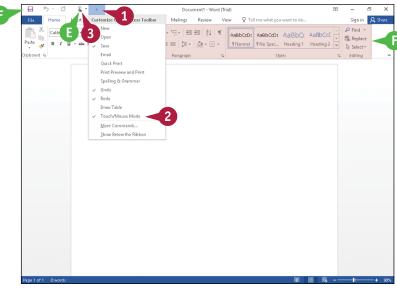
Using Touch/Mouse Mode

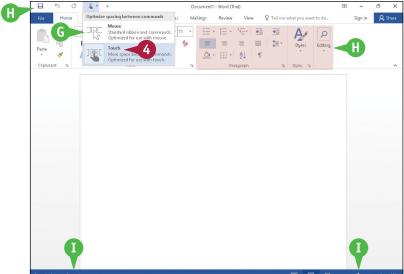
- 1 Tap the Customize Quick Access Toolbar

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- Tap Touch/Mouse Mode.
- Word adds the Touch/Mouse Mode button to the Quick Access Toolbar.

Note: By default, each Office program displays the screen in Mouse mode.

- In Mouse mode, buttons on the Quick Access Toolbar and the Ribbon are smaller.
- Tap Touch/Mouse Mode.
- G A drop-down menu appears.
- Tap Touch.
- The program enlarges the size of buttons on the Quick Access Toolbar and the Ribbon, grouping Ribbon buttons as needed.
- The status bar, view buttons, and zoom slider also appear larger.





TIP

Are there any other features in Word 2016 that make the program easier to use on touch devices?

Yes, Word's Read Mode contains buttons on the left and right sides of the screen (and) () that you can tap to change pages. See Chapter 4 for details. For a more touch-friendly experience, consider using the universal app Word, available in the Microsoft Store, on an iPad or Android device.

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Work with the Mini Toolbar and Context Menus

Most of the formatting commands appear on the Home tab in Word, but you have alternatives to format text. Without switching to the Home tab, you can format text using the Mini Toolbar, which contains a combination of commands available primarily in the Font and the Paragraph groups on the Home tab.

You also can use the context menu to format text without switching to the Home tab or the Review tab. The context menu contains the Mini Toolbar and a combination of commands available primarily in the Font group and the Paragraph group on the Home tab and on the Review tab.

Work with the Mini Toolbar and Context Menus

Work with the Mini Toolbar

- Select text.
- A The Mini Toolbar appears.

Note: If you slowly slide the mouse () away from the selected text, the Mini Toolbar becomes transparent and then disappears.

- 2 Click any command or button to perform the actions associated with the command or button.
- Word performs the action on the selected text, leaving the Mini Toolbar visible so that you can use it again if you want.

