

# Wordcount Example

Example with 136 words

## Heading

Words can be inserted by using the `{wordcount}` doohickey. It's not a shortcode, since those have inner arrows. It is something, maybe a placeholder.

There are 136 words.<sup>1</sup>

We can add cites too, such as Donald Ervin Knuth and Duane Bibby (n.d.). Then we can count the total words, including references, as 143 using `{wordcountref}`.

## Words by section

The number of words by section will be logged to the Quarto terminal.

## Lower-level headings

Of course, low level headings can be used too.

## Behavior of Inline Code

There are two YAML parameters that control how code is counted:

- `count-code-blocks` – includes or excludes fenced/indented code blocks (`CodeBlock` elements).
- `count-inline-code` – includes or excludes inline code spans (``like this``).

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<sup>1</sup>Works with general footnotes too: total of 136 words.

Both default to `true` for backward compatibility.

When `count-inline-code` is enabled, inline code counts each non-space token inside backticks.

For example, ``r 2+2`` adds **2** words, while ``r 2 + 2`` adds **4**.

Setting `count-inline-code: false` prevents inline code from affecting the total word count.

## References

Donald Ervin Knuth, and Duane Bibby. n.d. *The TeXBook*.