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# Asterisks for Footnotes

Asterisk comes from the Greek word asterisk which means “little star.” An asterisk is a small typography symbol that is shaped like a star (\*). One of its main uses is to call attention to a footnote. The asterisk should be placed immediately after the material to be footnoted.

## EXAMPLE:

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**DIRECTIONS:** As you prepare to type your essay, organize your footnotes using a chart like the one below. Add your footnotes to your typed paper.

What to Footnote	Content of Footnote

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\* The purpose of a footnote is to provide additional information or to cite the source of the footnoted information.

