Microsoft Word Creating Tables using the Drawing Tools

Note: These instructions apply to desktop versions of Word only.

If you want more control over the shape of your table's columns and rows or something other than a basic grid, the **Draw Table** tool helps you draw exactly what you want.

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You can even draw diagonal lines and cells within cells.

- click Insert, Table, Draw Table (the mouse pointer changes to a pencil)
- draw a rectangle to make the table's borders
- position the cursor inside the rectangle and draw lines for columns and rows inside the rectangle
 - Note: If the lines look crooked it's not a problem, Word straightens them as you draw



To erase a line:

- click the Table Tools Layout tab (Word 2013, 2016)
- click the Table Tools Design tab (Word 2007, 2010)
- click the Eraser button and then click the line that you want to erase



To distribute all of the rows and columns evenly:

• On the Table Tools Layout tab, in the Cell Size group, click Distribute Rows or Distribute Columns



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