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Fonts and Font Specimen Sheets

My first font is Times New Roman.  I chose it because it is a classic, and used to be the default font, if I remember correctly.  Part of what makes it look so classy is that it is a **serif**-type font.  The spacing between character pairs, or **kerning** is rather **condensed**, which gives one the ability to write more words on a page, yet not so condensed as to be illegible.  Times New Roman is good for writing college essays, because it has that "quality" feel to it; like a respect for tradition.  The "fi" kerning is very *smushed* together, but still easy to discern.  When I write essays, I like to write a lot, so this font helps me keep the number of pages I print down; thus saving the environment.  This font would also go well with traditional letters.  I rarely use snail mail, and when I do, it's always hand-written, but if I were to type something out to send as a letter, Times New Roman would be my font of choice.  Finally, another good use for this font would be an internal memo at a company, political campaign, or any type of organization, because it is able to convey more information per page than many other fonts.

My next choice is Courier New.  As the name suggests, there's a sort of newspaper-ish feel to this font.  The **kerning** is much more expanded with this font than Times New Roman, even though they are both **serif** fonts.  I taught English in China for ten years, and this font is pretty much the same as most kid's handwriting, because in the early years of learning English in China, they didn't know what to do.  A good example of that would be my fiancée's grandmother, who was a Russian teacher until they decided that everyone should suddenly learn English instead.  So she, like many others, became English teachers without ever learning English.  As a result, in China, students think they have to write letters just as they appear in the book (I am the same way with Chinese characters).  The **kerning** and **spacing** of this font are just too **expanded** to be of good use in a book, because it wastes too much space.  Obviously, the first and best place to use it is on an assignment that requires many pages and is due the next day.  This font is a procrastinator's dream come true.The clearness of this font also lends itself well to other media, such as blogs.  Finally, I could see myself using this font to email my mom.  Her sight isn't all that great nowadays, and especially when it's **bold**, this font is very easy to read, but has those nice traditional **serif** flourishes.

My last choice is Comic Sans MS.  As the name implies, it is a **sans-serif** font, and is made to look similar to comic book writing.  I grew up reading lots of old comics, especially Asterix (I'm half-French), and all the speech bubbles were hand-written.  This font comes close to that look.  Comic Sans MS is the font that makes me sigh wistfully as I scroll past it.  I'd love to use it, but for the most part I can't.  It's not at all appropriate for essays or reports.  It is appropriate, however, for websites.  I created a website when I lived in China to promote summer camps I would organize.  They made me lots of money, and got me new students.  Maybe there's an Asian quality to that "m", but it worked fine for promoting a service for younger children, because it's a fun font.  I could also see myself using this font for a blog.  It's very legible and quirky.  I don't like how the **bold** isn't as distinctly bold as other fonts, but I do like the spacing for this font much better than Courier New.  A third use for this font, besides blogs and promotional material would be emails and letters to friends.  It's a very laid-back, informal font, so it has its uses, but they perhaps are few.

**Times New Roman**

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

1234567890 !@#$%^&\*()

Times New Roman 36

Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.

**Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.**

*Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.*

Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.

~~Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.~~

***~~Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.~~***

Times New Roman 16

Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.

**Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.**

*Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.*

Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.

~~Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.~~

***~~Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.~~***

Times New Roman 28

Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.

**Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.**

*Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.*

Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.

~~Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.~~

***~~Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.~~***

Times New Roman 14

Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.

**Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.**

*Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.*

Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.

~~Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.~~

***~~Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.~~***

Times New Roman 12

Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.

**Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.**

*Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.*

Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.

~~Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.~~

***~~Vexed nymphs go for quick waltz job.~~***

**Courier** **New**

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

1234567890

Courier New 28

The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.

**The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.**

*The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.*

Courier New 16

The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.

**The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.**

*The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.*

Courier New 20

The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.

**The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.**

*The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.*

Courier New 12

The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.

**The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.**

*The quick onyx goblin jumps over the lazy dwarf.*

***Courier New***

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

**Comic Sans MS**

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

1234567890 (14 pt.)

Comic Sans 12

Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume.

**Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume.**

*Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume.*



Comic Sans 36

Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume.

**Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume.**

*Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume*

Comic Sans 20

Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume.

**Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume.**

*Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume.*