

# 1. INTRODUCTION TO HTML

HTML stands for 'hypertext markup language'.

In other words, this is one way that we speak to the programmes on our computer, and the computer turns it into a pretty presentation on our computer (or ugly depending on what instructions you gave it :-)

HTML sends information to your computer in 'instruction brackets' called tags. Tags tell your computer HOW to display the information that you want, but the tags themselves cannot be seen.

This to remember:

1. ALL HTML instructions are written inside tags  
**<code written here>**
2. MOST HTML tags work in pairs.  
The first one is called the opening tag  
The ending one is called the closing tag and has a /  
**<code >information that will be seen</code>**
3. Tags work like a sandwich
  - if you open the tag first, you must close it last (like the bread)
  - if you open it second, you must close it second to last (like the butter.
  - etc

What does an HTML file look like?

<b>&lt;HTML&gt;</b>	This tells your browser that it is going to start working in HTML
<b>&lt;BODY&gt;</b>	Tells your browser that information from here will be show on the screen (.e it will be the 'body' of your work)
Put some writing here	
<b>&lt;/BODY&gt;</b>	Tells your browser that we are finishing what will be on the screen
<b>&lt;/HTML&gt;</b>	Tells your browser that it should finish 'talking HTML'

## NOW YOU TRY:

OPEN Notepad, and make an HTML document.

REMEMBER: To save it as an HTML document (with .html at the end of the name.)

VIEW it in your browser.