



Style sheet for writing and editing GSA Explanatory Notes

Site coordinates	Do not use font reduction for initial two digits
Map names	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use upper case (i.e. no small capitals)• Specify map scale only when not a 1:100 000 sheet
SHRIMP	Acronym is allowed in text (and is explained at end of each report)
Format for citing unpublished and published geochron records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (GSA 123456, GSA preliminary data)• (GSA 123456, Wingate et al., 2013; GSA 678901, Kirkland et al., 2013)• (GSA 142852, Nelson, 1998b; Sheppard and Swager, 1999)
Format for citing WAROX sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (AXRJAC000145, Zone 50, MGA 123456E 6700430N)• Sites with different ID formats (e.g. WRO9123) must specifically be identified as being a 'WAROX site'
List of rock codes within brackets	Separate with commas and do not use 'and'; e.g. (A-mg-Y, A-og-YSC, A-sc-YMU)
Approximation	'~' is allowed when in brackets, i.e. (~15%); cf. usage for 'about' and 'approximately' in the spelling guide
Using hyphens with measurements and their units	Avoid unnecessary use of hyphens: i) A rhyolite, typically with 10–15 mm-long phenocrysts of feldspar set in a matrix of... <i>best rearranged as:</i> a) A rhyolite, typically with feldspar phenocrysts (10–15 mm long) set in a matrix of... b) A rhyolite with feldspar phenocrysts typically 10–15 mm long set in a matrix of... (Editors take care not to change the meaning.) ii) A rhyolite with feldspar phenocrysts up to 5 mm long. iii) During the program, 5 km traverses were completed. Means → Each traverse was 5 km long Avoid writing '5 km-long traverses' <i>Best rearranged as:</i> During the program, traverses 5 km in length were completed.
Directions and trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compass bearings always written in full (i.e. NNE is <u>not</u> acceptable)• Do not hyphenate simple directions (e.g. southeasterly, not south-easterly)• Examples with hyphens:



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