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# PROCESSES

## First Control Process

- It is checked whether the instructions given in the preparation section are followed.
- It is checked if the article has been prepared according to the template presented in the preparation section.
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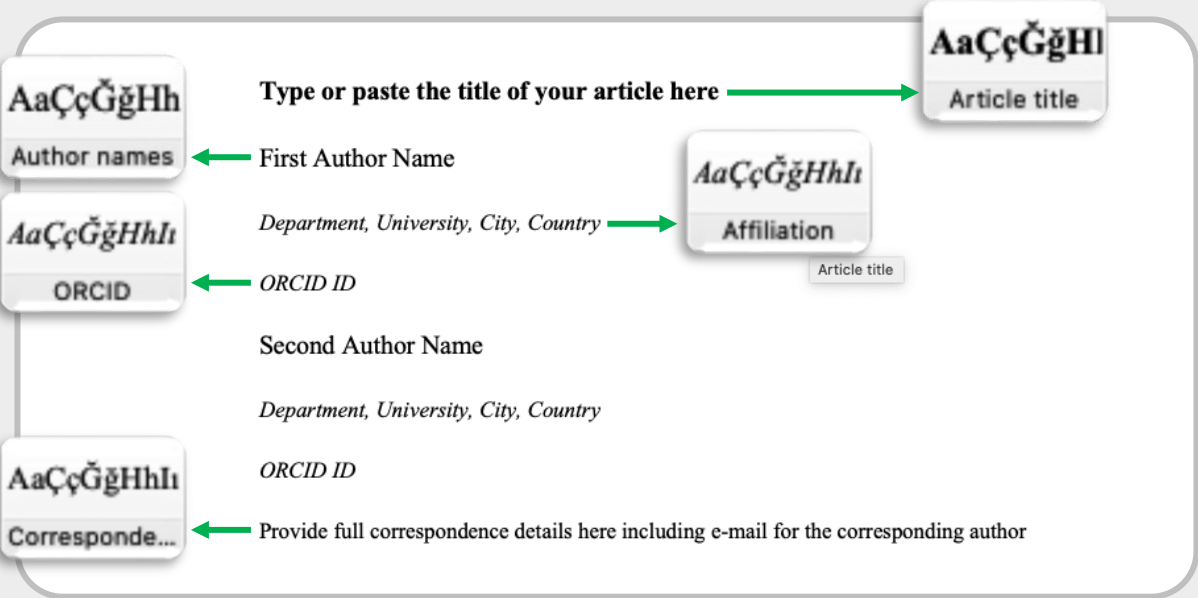
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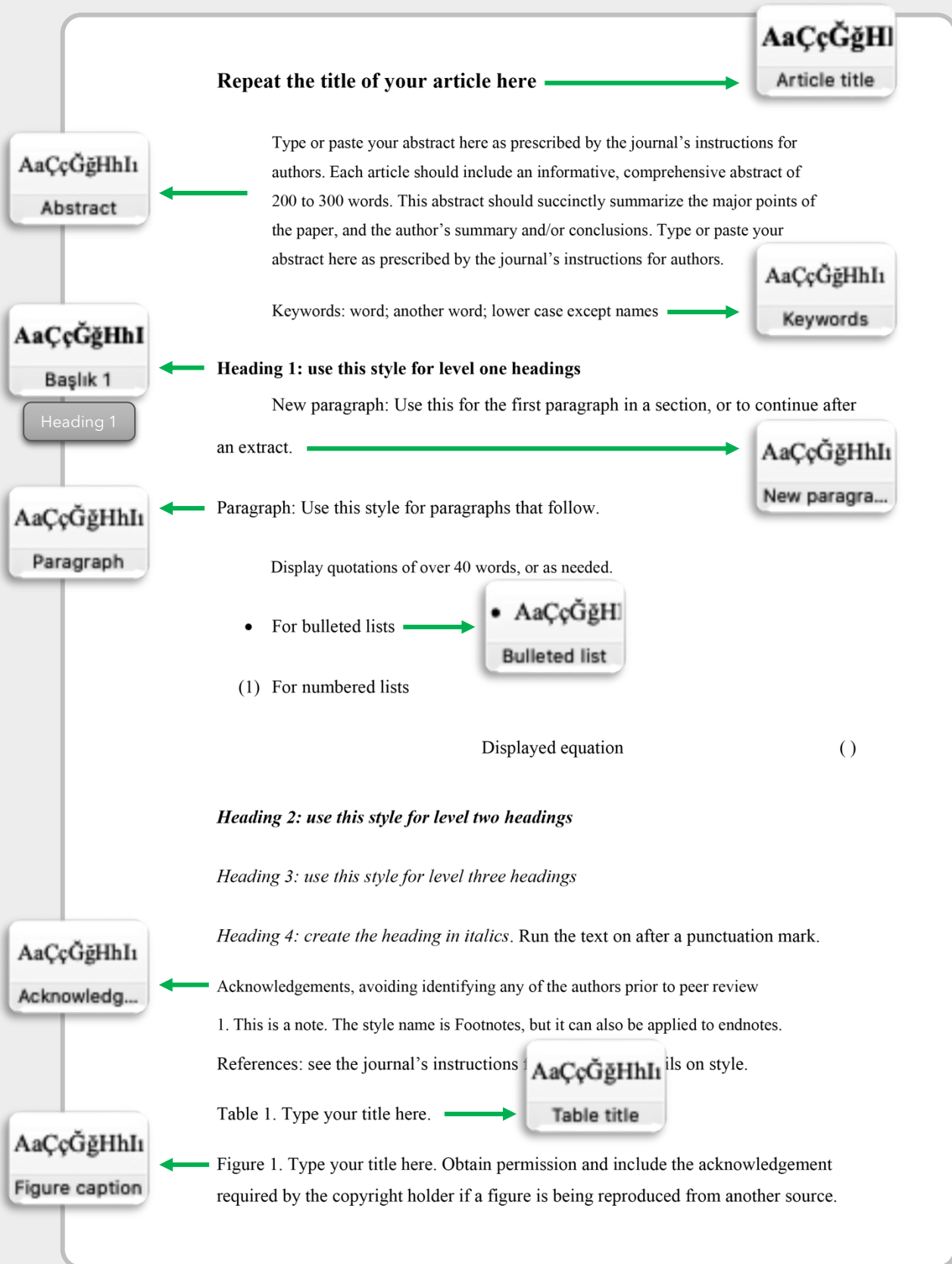


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Grade	Girls		Boys	
	With	Without	With	Without
Wave 1				
3	280 <sup>a</sup>	240 <sup>b</sup>	281	232
4	297	251	290	264
5	301	260	306	221
Total	878	751	877	717
Wave 2				
3	201	189	210	199
4	214	194	236	210
5	221	216	239	213
Total	636	599	685 <sup>a</sup>	622

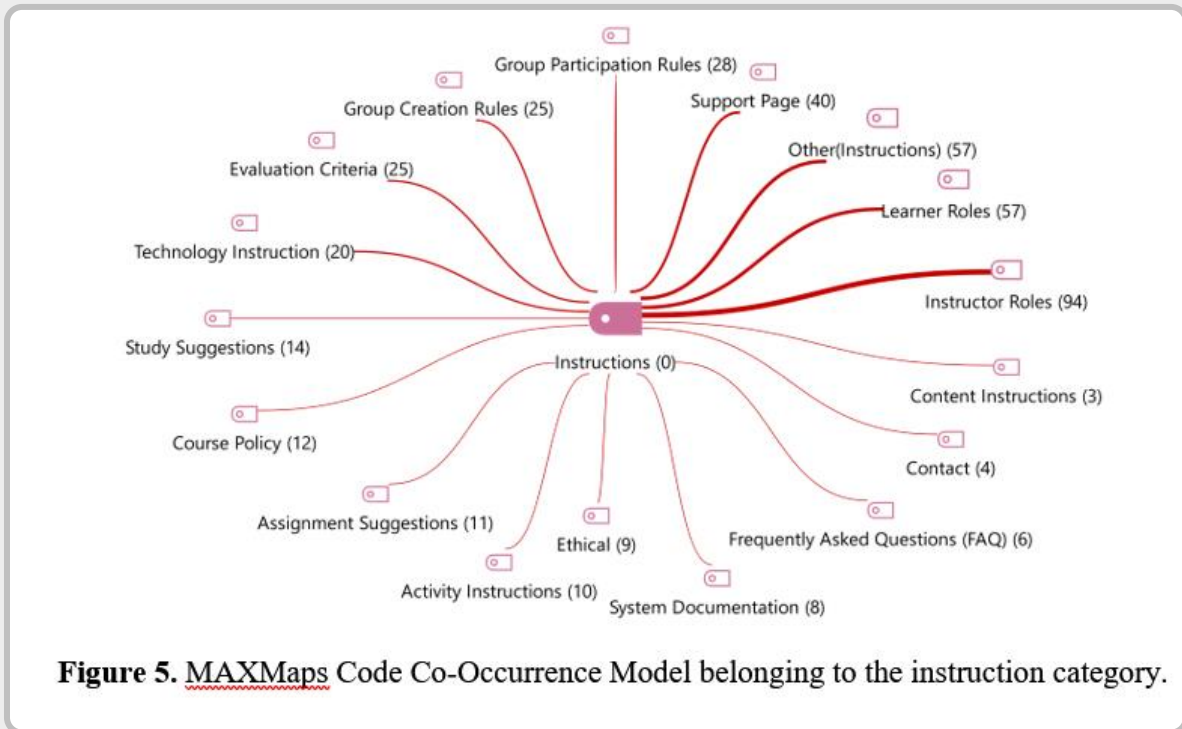
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