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Index

(French: Indice)

Indexes should be marked up using unordered lists, as the alphabetized order of the entries is not significant (i.e. an index can be reverse sorted without loss of information).

To facilitate navigating an index, use nested lists to enclose alphabetically- and numerically-related entries. Many indexes include the number or letter as a heading.

The use of lists is recommended as it simplifies navigation by users of assistive technologies. Not only does it speed up the movement through entries, but the position within the list can be announced, allowing the reader to quickly return to the same spot again later, if needed.

Page Numbering and Producer's Notes

If we do not keep the original print pagination (which is most always the case), page numbers in the index will not be accurate. In this case, we retain the print page numbers listed in the index but add a producer's note both at the beginning of the book as a Heading 1 and within the Index section using the **Prodnote - Optional (DAISY) style**.

Producer's Note section

Add a Producer's Note [heading 1] after the About this Digital Talking Book section with the following text:

Producer's Note [Heading 1]

This book includes an index with page numbers, which were kept for informational purposes only. Original page numbers have not been retained in this digital book. Please use the search function on your reading device to find terms of interest. If you need a version of this book with original page numbering and references, please contact NNELS Support directly.

Producer's Note in Index section

For the convenience of the reader, we also place a producer's note in the Index section, following the Index heading. Use the **Prodnote - Optional (DAISY) style**. See [in-text Producer's Note](#).

If requested by the user, NNELS will retain print pagination. If the correct page breaks are applied, then the page numbers in the index should be accurate.

For information on inserting original print page numbering, see: [Page numbers](#)

Tips

Double check that the index is in the correct order. Sometimes a two column index will turn into one column during the conversion process.

Q & A

Q: In an index with "see also" subheadings, should the "see also" entries be indented? If so, should this be done with a new Style like "normal + hanging indents"?

A: It depends on the original. If the original text uses an indent to separate "see also" entries, then we can follow their convention. In this case we would do exactly what you say - create a new style based on the Normal one with a hanging indent.

It's rare that we do create a new style, but when we do we can try to give the style a name that would be understandable to our reader, so that they can understand what this style is used for (Normal + Hanging indents works :).

Q: When editing Indexes should the letter headings of each section be set to Normal or Heading 2?

A: We set them to Normal. There's no real need to make the letters navigational points in the document since we don't link our indexes. You can make the letter headings stand out by applying the Strong style to it (you may need to modify the Strong style).

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