How inherited reader groups work

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When you set a reader group restriction on a category, all of the subcategories and articles within that category automatically **inherit** those same reader groups. We call these **Inherited Reader Groups**. You can think of these as "automatic" reader groups: you set the reader groups once at the category level and then you can kind of forget about those groups in subcategories or articles within the category.

Once a category has reader groups assigned to it, all subcategories or articles within that category **must** use at least one of those reader groups. But you can refine the subcategories or articles so that they only use a subset of the groups.

The information below varies based on whether you're using our 2026 new editor or old editor.

To figure out which instructions to follow:

1. Open any article for editing.
2. If the lefthand navigation is collapsed and there's a link near the top of the page to **Switch to old editor**, follow the **New editor** documentation.
3. If the lefthand navigation is expanded and the top of the editor and the righthand column have a heavier grey background, follow the **Old editor** documentation.

Here are side-by-side examples of the new editor and the old editor:



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New editor | Old editor

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