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Apparently on date 13 Dec 2004 15:28:58 -0800, "NeilJackman@gmail.com" <NeilJackman@gmail.com> said:

>Tedd;

>Sorry there, Im a total newby to this group malarky, not sure how to

>snip (or not), Ive just been going to the reply option at the bottom.

Hi Neil, a newsgroup is a sort of bulletin board where people can post messages, Google merely has a web-based interface into Usenet that isn't helping you post "correctly". Usenet is global and various organisations try to look like usenet (often, like Google, they import messages from usenet as a whole.)

It would be a lot easier to use a dedicated newsreader, e.g. Free Agent from www.forteinc.com and to post through your ISP's news server (I'm guessing news.gmail.com would be it but check on their home page.)

Netiquette, etc, looks like this:

<http://www.mindspring.com/~frites/repl.htm>

The essential thing is to quote something to give context for what you are replying to. As a silly example, were you to say "I agree", since this message will arrive out of order on non-threaded news servers many people seeing the reply will see it after some random statement by another poster, and might imagine you agree with that. (It may look ok to you on Google, but that's not how it looks for everyone else, for a variety of reasons.)

An example of a quote is at the start of this message (and on most of the messages in the group), this is added automatically on my newsreader but in Google you might have to copy, paste, insert ">" and so on to get it to look right, which would be time consuming to say the least.

<http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/cases/sa/SAIRC/1997/50.html>