

Writing Style

1. Avoid intentional fragments. Right?

2. Avoid big words when more utilitarian words would suffice.

3. I have shown that you should delete references to your own writing.

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4. Generally be sort of specific in your writing.

5. Avoid using very interesting, nice words that contribute little to a sentence.

6. Prepositions are not good to end sentences with.

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7. It is a mistake to ever split an infinitive.

8. Avoid using very interesting, nice words for things.

9. But do not start sentences with a coordinating conjunction.

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10. Always avoid attention-getting alliteration.

11. In my opinion, using “I think” or “I believe” is unnecessary.

12. Writers should always avoid using generalizations.

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13. In this day and age, using clichés is not a necessary evil

14. Parenthetical remarks should (usually) be avoided.

15. Always avoid repetitious verbs and avoid repetitious verb phrases always.

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16. Even if a metaphor hits a homerun, it can be over-played.

17. The passive voice is to be avoided if it can be helped.

18. What use are rhetorical questions?

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19. Avoid using exaggeration; it only works once in a million years.

20. Absolutely avoid overstating ideas.

21. There are good reasons to avoid starting sentences with *There* and *Here*.

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22. Avoid formulaic phrases in this day and age.

23. Never write no double negatives.

24. Keep pronoun references close to subjects in long sentences to make them clear.