

Rules for Writing Good

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- 1) Each pronoun agrees with their antecedent.
- 2) Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
- 3) Don't use no double negatives.
- 4) A writer mustn't shift your point of view.
- 5) Don't use a run-on sentence you got to punctuate it.
- 6) Avoid redundancy.
- 7) Don't repeatedly reiterate over and over.
- 8) About sentence fragments.
- 9) Don't use commas, that aren't necessary.
- 10) Don't abbrev.
- 11) Check to see if you any words out.
- 12) Eschew esoteric verbiage.
- 13) Computer spell Czechs are imperfect.
- 14) Never use a proposition to end a sentence with.
- 15) Use apostrophe's right.
- 16) When dangling, don't use participles.
- 17) Never leave a transitive verb just lay there without an object.
- 18) a sentence should begin with a capital and end with a period
- 19) Watch out for irregular verbs that have crept into our language.
- 20) Profanity sucks.
- 21) Be more or less specific.
- 22) Understatement may be better
- 23) Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
- 24) Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
- 25) Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
- 26) Even if a mixed metaphor sings like a canary it should be thrown out with the bath water.
- 27) Last but not least, a word to the wise, lay off cliches.