

Rules for Communicating Effectively in English

1. Verbs HAS to agree with their subjects.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. And don't start a sentence with a conjunction.
4. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
5. Avoid cliches like the plague. (They're old hat)
6. Also, always avoid annoying alliteration.
7. Be more or less specific.
8. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are (usually) unnecessary.
9. Also too, never, ever use repetitive redundancies.
10. No sentence fragments.
11. Contractions aren't necessary and shouldn't be used.
12. When communicating in English, avoiding foreign words or phrases is *de rigueur*; and, *ceteris paribus*, be particularly wary of using Latin gratuitously.
13. Do not be redundant; do not use more words than necessary; repetition is extremely superfluous and highly unnecessary.
14. One should NEVER generalize.
15. Don't use no double negatives.
16. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
17. Systematize abstention from obfuscatory locution.
18. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
19. The passive voice is to be ignored.
20. Never use a big word when a diminutive one would suffice.
21. Use words correctly, irregardless of how others use them.
22. Understatement is always the absolute best way to put forth earth shaking ideas.
23. If you've heard it once, you've heard it a thousand times: Resist hyperbole, because not one writer in a million can use it correctly.
24. Puns are for children, not groan readers.
25. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
26. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
27. Who needs rhetorical questions?
28. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
29. Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.
30. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
31. Aimless alliteration actually accents absent aptitude.