

01. Cut long sentences in two

02. Axe the adverbs

03. Stick to one voice

04. Remove extra punctuation

05. Replace negative with positive

06. Replace stuffy words

07. Remove redundancies

08. Reduce prepositions

09. Cut "in order to"

10. Don't use "start to"

11. Nix "that"

12. Replace "thing"

13. Spot "very" and "really"

14. Make your verbs stronger

15. Ditch the passive voice

16. Refer to people as "who"

17. Avoid "currently"

18. Cut "there is" or "there are"

19. Match up your bullet points

20. Use contractions

21. Steer clear of the "ing" trap

22. Check your commas

23. Use "more than," not "over"

24. Hyphenate modifiers

25. Identify your tells

Double check everything!

- Here are a few ways to strengthen your writing

- I often read from the end to the beginning so the paragraphs are stand-alone items

Receiving Feedback

- Use the feedback for other papers to develop better writing and research techniques
- Save a copy of your original work before editing
- Feedback, especially before you submit your final work, are much more important than the grade
- For this class, once your **final** paper is submitted, you cannot resubmit 😊
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