

Important Writing Tips:

- **Always have a strong opening sentence.**
- **Always end with a strong conclusion.**
- **Your “meat” should be specific yet concise.**
- **Avoid using “dead words” when possible and replace them with more engaging words.**

a lot	very	bad	ok/okay	small
good	stuff	kind-of	pretty	get/got
nice	thing	sort-of	lots	getting
said	like	awesome	big	a bunch

- **Make sure your pronouns are always clarified.**
- **Avoid sentence fragments and run-on sentences.**
- **Capitalize all proper nouns, and use appropriate punctuation (this includes end punctuation too)**



- **Learn to write without using 1st and 2nd pronouns unless you are writing a narrative or a story for Language arts. (Ex: Avoid phrases like “I believe”, “I feel”, “I think”, “In my opinion”, “I am going to tell you about”, etc.)**
- **Avoid phrases like “the reason why is because” and “as you can see”**
- **Avoid using contractions, don't abbreviate (or use the “&” sign) and spell out numbers under 10.**
- **Avoid using repetition unless it is necessary to the writing piece.**

➤ **Be sure to use commonly misused words correctly.**

- **Affect vs. Effect** (Affect is a verb, and effect is usually a noun.)
- **Advice vs. Advise** (Advice n.-helpful opinion and Advise (v.-to offer a suggestion)
- **Accept vs. Except** (Accept v.-to receive willingly and Except v.-to exclude or leave out)
- **Between vs. Among** (Between-one-to-one relationships; Among-a group or class of)
- **Altogether vs. All together** (Altogether-entirely or completely and All together-in a group)
- **Capital vs. Capitol** (Capitol refers to a government building, everything else is capital)
- **Their, There and They're** (their-shows possession, there-a place, they're-stands for they are)

➤ **Don't use "firstly", "secondly" and "thirdly". Simply say, "first", "second", or "third".**

➤ **Make sure your sentences are clear and easily understood.**

➤ **Make sure to check your spelling, so I don't see things like this:**



➤ **Be sure to vary your sentence structure. Do not overuse the simple sentence. It makes your paper very boring if you do!**

➤ **Have fun, and makes sure your writing reflects how smart you truly are and does not negatively reflect your intellect!**