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## Writing Practices You Must Stop Doing Now

As with other habits, poor writing practices are easy to form but hard to break. If you want to become a better writer, it's time to stop them and heed these tips instead.

### 1 Lack of an outline

It's always tempting to dive right into your work without first making an outline. Yet, without it, you'll lose your thought, write too much on one part, and fail to build your point. Although you hate outlining, spend enough time on it, so it won't slow you in the later stages of your writing.



### 2 Use of nominalizations

Nominalization occurs when you use a weak noun though an adjective replacement or a stronger verb is available. While the ability to form nouns from verbs, by adding a suffix, contributes to the amazing flexibility of English, remember to nominalize in moderation for easy-to-understand sentences.



### 3 Presence of lengthy paragraphs

Since everyone's in a hurry on the Internet, make it easy for readers to skim through your article. Paragraphs must not be longer than four sentences. Include shorter paragraphs, too, with only one or two sentences to mark great concepts.



### 4 Absence of a procedure

Don't edit without finishing your draft first. It's easier to fix both micro and macro problems when you know how the entire piece looks. Likewise, you'll finish your writing faster, giving you more time for editing.



### 5 Use of slang words

Instead of using slang words, communicate with your audience in strong terms. Besides, use a language everyone will understand. If you put slang words often, it'll be difficult for you to find your own voice.



### 6 Addition of a vague opening

You only have a few seconds to draw readers to your content, and you must do it at the start of your article. If you miss this chance, you'll lose them. They'll either click the back button or move to another website.



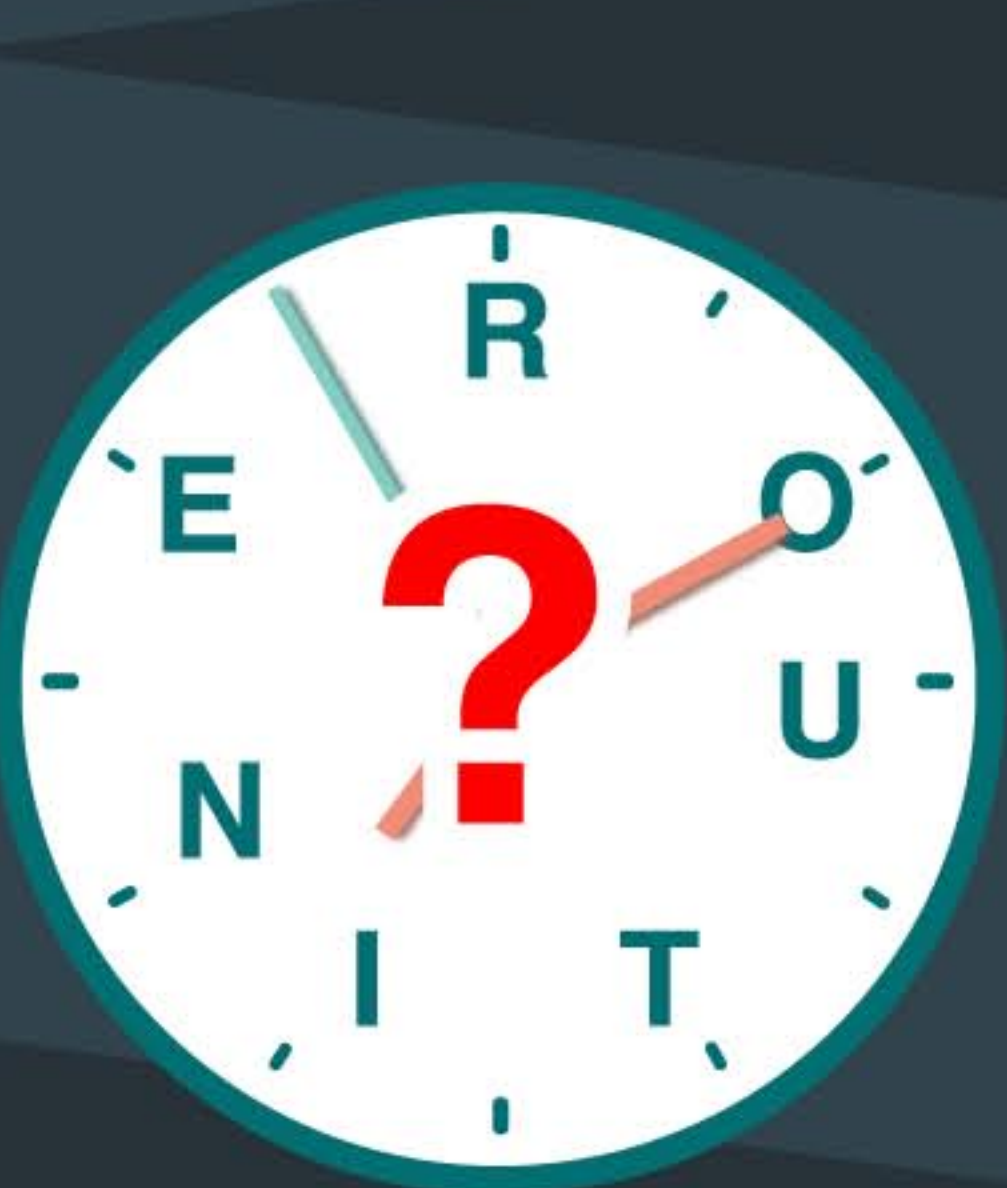
### 7 Use of exclamation points

Don't put exclamation points all over your article to convince people it's exciting. Punctuations won't help. Instead, include a few exciting information, so your readers will enjoy your article.



### 8 Absence of a routine

In setting a routine, you can shift from everyday life to a creative mood, and stop yourself from delaying writing or letting other obligations interfere.



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