Tips to improve your writing

- 1. Avoid alliteration. Always.
- 2. Never use a long word when a diminutive one will do.
- 3. Employ the vernacular.
- 4. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
- 5. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary.
- 6. Remember to never split an infinitive.
- 7. Contractions aren't necessary.
- 8. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
- 9. One should never generalize.
- 10. Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."
- 11. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
- 12. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
- 13. Be more or less specific.
- 14. Understatement is always best.
- 15. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
- 16. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
- 17. The passive voice is to be avoided.
- 18. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
- 19. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
- 20. Who needs rhetorical questions?

- 21. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
- 22. Don't never use a double negation.
- 23. capitalize every sentence and remember always end it with point
- 24. Do not put statements in the negative form.
- 25. Verbs have to agree with their subjects.
- 26. Proofread carefully to see if you words out.
- 27. If you reread your work, you can find on rereading a great deal of repetition can be avoided by rereading and editing.
- 28. A writer must not shift your point of view.
- 29. And don't start a sentence with a conjunction. (Remember, too, a preposition is a terrible word to end a sentence with.)
- 30. Don't overuse exclamation marks!!
- 31. Place pronouns as close as possible, especially in long sentences, as of 10 or more words, to their antecedents.
- 32. Writing carefully, dangling participles must be avoided.
- 33. If any word is improper at the end of a sentence, a linking verb is.
- 34. Take the bull by the hand and avoid mixing metaphors.
- 35. Avoid trendy locutions that sound flaky.
- 36. Everyone should be careful to use a singular pronoun with singular nouns in their writing.
- 37. Always pick on the correct idiom.
- 38. The adverb always follows the verb.

39. Last but not least, avoid cliches like the plague; They're old hat; seek viable alternatives.