

# Rules of Writing for the Ear

1. Write how you talk
2. Write in the active voice
3. Each sentence is one thought
4. Use present tense verbs
5. Round off numbers; use whole numbers
6. Use everyday words
7. Do not use clichés
8. Be descriptive
9. Read what you write out loud. If you cannot say it, rewrite it
10. Write as if you are telling the story in person