

Improving Writing

- 1) Quote the quotable - Quotes should be rare in technical writing and should only be used from prominent authorities.
- 2) Which, That, Then do not begin sentences.
- 3) prepositions do not end sentences.
- 4) Avoid "be", "being".
- 5) Reduce when possible "is", "are"

6) Nothing is "simple" or "obvious"

7) Eliminate junk phrase, "due to"
has "the ability to", "the fact is".

8) No I, we, us, them.

9) Beware the human-centric
"The theory believed"

10) Words have meanings; if you are
using an uncommon word, check its meaning.

The electron procured energy

Dfn procure - Obtain, esp. with care and effort.

⇒ No care and effort for an electron.

- 11) Read aloud.
- 12) No rules are hard and fast.
- 13) Can you write a shorter sentence that has the same meaning?
- 14) Plagiarism is dishonest, but trying to deceive an instructor about the amount of writing is also dishonest. So stop
 - a) Using monospace fonts
 - b) Playing with margins
 - c) Playing with line spacing
 - d) changing the font size of the period to adjust line spacing.

It makes us mad.