Write it Good¹

“What’s Sup,” a newsletter published by employees of the Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP), printed a list of suggestions for those who want to be good writers. The list wasn’t credited to anyone, but if it sounds vaguely familiar, it won’t hurt none to read it again.

1. Don’t use no double negatives.
2. Make each pronoun agree with their antecedent.
3. Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.
4. About them sentence fragments.
5. When dangling, watch your participles.
6. Verbs has to agree with their subject.
7. Just between you and I, case is important too.
8. Don’t write run-on sentences they are hard to read.
9. Don’t use commas, which aren’t necessary.
10. Try not to oversplit infinitives.
11. Its important to use your apostrophe’s correctly.
12. Proofread your writing to see if any words out.
13. Correct spelingg is essential.
14. Never use a preposition to end a sentence with.

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