

Small Scale Analysis

Writing a proper sentence in English

Principle 1: Correct sentence structure

Principle 2: Arrange your words with care

Principle 3: Write short, clear sentences with no wasted words

Principle 1: Proper Sentence Construction

Sentences focus on three key elements:

The actor

The action

The object

“Who is doing what to whom?”

Place the actor at the beginning of the sentence, followed by the verb, and then the object.

Principle 2: Arrange your words with care

1. Avoid wide gaps between the subject, verb, and object;
2. Put exceptions and conditions where they are easy and clear to understand;
3. Put modifying words close to what they modify;
4. When clustered make a list.

Principle 3 : Write short clear sentences with no wasted words

1. Use base verbs not nominalization;
2. Use active vs. passive tense;
3. Use more working words, which carry the meaning of the sentence, and less glue words;
4. Avoid compound constructions;
5. Limit redundant phrases.