



Write Tight

Did you know?

[Writing is the signature means of communication in the 21st century.](#) Writing helps convey ideas, solve problems and understand our changing world. And while today's [employers](#) are demanding clear and concise writing, students are not delivering the goods. [Regardless of your discipline](#), offering students easy and relevant writing tips can be incredibly valuable. One of the fundamental rules of writing, [omit needless words](#), is a quick and easy way to help students improve their writing. The fewer words used to express an idea, the more punch it has. Encourage your students to trim the extra verbiage with today's *Write Tight* exercise.

Do this...

- Ask them:
What kind of writing do you do?
What does someone's writing tell you about him/her?
How do you rate your writing skills?
- View video.
- Distribute [Write Tight](#) activity, review directions and complete.
Exercise from [Revise for Conciseness Sentences](#) by Dr. Mary Ellen Guffey.
Responses may vary but here are Dr. Guffey's.
- Compare and contrast students' responses.
- List things students plan to do to improve their writing.

Get Real!

Using [Classroom Assessment Techniques](#) like [The Minute Paper](#), [One-Sentence Summary](#), and [Directed Paraphrasing](#) will help measure learning in your classroom and give students writing practice.