

## What is plain language?

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- [The Plain Language Association International](#)
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- [Writer's Handbook](#) — University of Wisconsin-Madison
- [The Elements of Style, Strunk and White](#)
- The Gregg Reference Manual, William A. Sabin — Manual of style, grammar, usage, and formatting
- [Letting Go of the Words: Writing Web Content that Works](#), Ginny Redish Ph.D. — guidelines for web layout

## Government writing

- [Plain Language.gov](#) – Federal government writing resources
- [Plain Language – U.S. Department of Labor](#)

## Grant writing

- [Non-profit guides](#)

## Technical writing

- [Society for Technical Communication](#)
- [Technical Writing for IT Security Policies](#)
- [Five Tips to Improve Your Technical Writing](#)
- [Legal Writing in Plain English](#), Bryan A. Garner

## Writing for the web

- [Applying Writing Guidelines to Web Pages](#)
- [Concise, SCANNABLE, and Objective: How to Write for the Web](#)
- [Writing for the Web - Articles & Videos](#)
- [Plain Language Web Writing Tips](#)

## Accessibility

- [Accessibility Fundamentals](#)
- [Understandable content](#)
- [Acrobat accessibility training resources for versions 8 and 9](#)
- [Creating Accessible PDF files](#)
- [Web Accessibility in Mind: PDF Accessibility](#)
- [Less is more: Writing in Plain Language](#)
- [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines & Plain Language](#)

## Usability

- <https://digital.gov/>
- [SEO and Usability](#)
- [113 Design Guidelines for Homepage Usability](#)
- [Plain Language is for Everyone, Even Experts \(video\)](#)
- [Usability Testing](#)

## Who else is using or teaching plain language?

- [Plainlanguage.gov](#)
- [CDC Gateway to Health Communication](#)
- [New York City: Easy-to-Read NYC \(PDF\)](#)
- [US Department of Veterans Affairs Plain Language](#)
- [Plain Language Association International](#)
- [LinkedIn Learning Plain Language course](#)
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