

## Government Plain Language Extra Reading and Resources

### Blogs and online articles

- Wikipedia article, “Jargon”: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jargon>
- Article on [tone](#)
- Research: [How Emotions Inform Judgment and Regulate Thought](#)
- Article: [Avoid Negative Words and Double Negatives to Strengthen Your Writing](#)
- blog post on organizing information: <https://able.ac/blog/organizing-information/>
- Technical Writing: introduction to plain language:  
<https://resources.ascented.com/ascent-blog/technical-writing-introduction-to-using-plain-language>

### Style guides

- Government of Canada: <https://design.canada.ca/style-guide/>
- US Plain Language Act 2010:  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-111publ274/pdf/PLAW-111publ274.pdf>
- UK Government Website Writing Guide:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/content-design/writing-for-gov-uk>
- UK government style articles (526 articles):  
<https://www.gov.uk/search/all?keywords=style+guide&order=relevance&page=1>
- UK Government legislative drafting style guide:  
<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/660407d091a320001a82b06b/2024.03.19.Drafting-guidance.pdf>
- Content Design London: <https://readabilityguidelines.co.uk/>
- Google: <https://developers.google.com/style>
- Microsoft: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/style-guide/welcome/>
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities:  
<https://data.fcm.ca/documents/tools/guides/style-guide.pdf>
- Institute for Local Government (California): Writing tips  
[https://www.ca-ilg.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/writing\\_tips\\_for\\_local\\_agency\\_writers\\_11-8\\_0.pdf?1412367191](https://www.ca-ilg.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/writing_tips_for_local_agency_writers_11-8_0.pdf?1412367191)

### Results of changing to plain language

- <https://www.plainlanguage.gov/resources/articles/its-effect-on-organizational-performance/>
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