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# How to write clearly 

## By Edward T. Thompson

Editor-in-Chief. Reader's Digest


International Paper asked.Edward T. Thompsion to share some of what he has learned in nineteen years with Reader's Digest, a mayazine famous for making complicated subjects understandable to millions of readers.

If you are afraid to write, don't be.
If you think you've got to string together big fancy words and highflying phrases, forget it.

To write well, unless you aspire to be a professional poet or novelist, you only need to get your ideas across simply and clearly.

It's not easy. But it is easier than you might imagine.

There are only three basic requirements:

First, you must want to write clearly. And I believe you really do, if youve stayed this far with me.

Second, you must be willing to work hard. Thinking means workand that's what it takes to do anything well.

Third, you must know and follow some basic guidelines.

If, while youre writing for clarity, some lovely, dramatic or inspired phrases or sentences come to you, fine. Put them in.

But then with cold, objective eyes and mind ask yourself: "Do they detract from clarity?" If thes do, grit your teeth and cut the fills.

## Follow some basic guidelines

1 can't give you a complete list of
"dos and don'ts" for every writing problem you'll ever face.

But I can give you some fundamental guidelines that cover the most common problems.

## 1. Outline what you want to say.

I know that sounds gradeschoolish. But you can't write clearly until, before you start, you know where you will stop.

Ironically, that's even a problem in writing an outline (i.e., knowing the ending before you begin).

So try this method:

- On 3"x 5 "cards, write-one point to a card-all the points you need to make.
- Divide the cards into piles-one pile for each group of points closely related to each other. If you were describing an automobile, you'd put all the points about mileage in one pile, all the points about safety in another, and so on.)
- Arrange your piles of points in a sequence. Which are most important and should be given first or saved for last? Which must you present before others in order to make the othors understandable? - Now, within each pile, do the same thing-arrange the points in logical, understandable order.

There you have your outline, needing only an introduction and conciusion.

This is a practical way to outline. It's also flexible. You can add, delete or change the location of points easily.
2. Start where your readers are.

How much do they know about the subject? Don't write to a level higher than your readers' knowledge of it.

CAUTION: Forget that old-and wrongadvice about writing to a 12 -year-old mentality. That's insulting. But do
remember that your prime purpost is to explain something, not prove that you're smarter than your reade

## 3. Avoid jargon.

Don't use words, expressions, phrases known only to people wit specific knowledge or interests.

Example: A scientist, using sc entific jargon, wrote, "The biota exhibited a one hundred percent mortality response." He could hav written: "All the fish died."

## 4. Use familiar combinations of words.

A speech writer for President Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote, "We endeavoring to construct a more inclusive society." FD, R. changed it to, "We're going to make a cour in which no one is left out."

CAUTION: By familiar combinations of words, I do not mean incorrect grammar. That can be unclear. Example: John's father says he can't go out Friday. (Who can't go out? John or his father?)
5. Use "first-degree" words.

These words immediately bring an image to your mind. Other words must be "translated"
 before you see
"Outine for clarity. Wh your points on 3" $\times 5$ " cards-one poimt to a car Then you can easily add Then you can easily a poines-even delete some


"Grit your teeth and cut the frills. That's one of the suggestions I offer here to help you write clearly. They cover the most commoniproblems. And they're all easy to follow".
the image. Those are second/thirddegree words.
First-degree words Secont/thirn-degree wards
face-

| stay- | visage, countenance |
| :--- | :--- |
| book- | abide, remain, reside |

volume, tome, publication

First-degree words are usually the most precise words, too.
6. Stick to the point.

Your outline - which was more work in the beginning -now saves you work. Because now you can ask about any sentence you write: "Does it relate to a point in the outline? If it doesn't, should I add it to the outline? If not, I'm getting off the track." Then, full steam ahead-on the main line.

## 7. Be as brief as possible.

Whatever you write, shorten-ing-condensing-almost always makes it tighter, straighter, easier to read and understand.

Condensing, as Reader's Digest does it, is in large part artistry. But it involves techniques that anyone can learn and use.

- Present your points in logical $A B C$ order: Here again, your outline should save you work because, if you did it right, your points already stand in logical $A B C$ order $-A$ makes $B$ understandable, $B$ makes C understandable and so on. To write in a straight line is to say something clearly in the fewest possible words.
- Dort waste words telling people what they already know: Notice how we edited this: "Have you ever
wondered how banks rate you as a credit risk? Youknew of eornse; that it's-seme combination of facts about you income, you job, and soon-Butactuatty, Many banks have a scoring system...."
- Cut out excess evidence and unnecessary anecdotes: Usually, one fact or example (at most, two) will support a point. More just belabor it. And while writing about some-


Writing clearly means avoiding jargon. Why didn't he just say: "All che fish died!"
thing may remind you of a good story, ask yourself: "Does it really help to tell the story, or does it slow me down?"
(Many people think Reader's Digest articles are filled with anecdotes. Actually, we use them sparingly and usually for one of two reasons: either the subject is so dry it needs some "humanity" to give. it life; or the subject is so hard to grasp, it needs anecdotes to help readers understand. If the subject is both lively and easy to grasp, we move right along.)

- Look for the most common word wasters: windy phrases.

- Look for passive verbs you can make active: Invariably, this produce a shorter sentence. "The cherry tree was chopped down by George Washington." (Passive verb and nine words. ) "George Washington chopped down the cherry tree." (Active verb and seven words.)
- Look for positive/ negative sections from which you can cut the negative See how we did it here:"The ans does hot rest wish earelessness-or eompetence-It He largely int in av ing enough people to do the job.
- Finally, to write more clearly by saying it in fewer words: when you finished, stop.


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# How to enjoy poetry <br> by James Dickay 

International Paper asked James Dickey, pret-in-residence af the University of South Carolna, winner of the National Book Award for his collection of poems, "Buckdancer's Choice," and author of the noveh, "Deliverance," to tell you how to approach poetry so it can bring special pleasure and understanding to your life.

What is poetry? And why has it been around so long? Many have suspected that it was invented as a school subject, because you have to take exams on it. But that is not what poetry is or why it is still around. That's not what it feels like, either. When you really feel it, a new part of you happens, or an old part is renewed, with surprise and delight at being what it is.

## Where poetry is coming from

From the beginning, men have known that words and things, words and actions, words and feelings, go together, and that they can go together in thousands of different ways, according to who is using them. Some ways go shallow, and some go deep.

## Your connection with other imaginations

The first thing to understand about poetry is that it comes to you from outside you, in books or in words, but that for it to live, something from within you must come to it and meet it and complete it. Your response with your own mind and body and memory and emotions gives the poem its ability to work its magic; if you give to it, it will give to you, and give plenty.

When you read, don't let the poet write down to you; read up to him. Reach for him from your gut out, and the heart and muscles will come into it, too.

## Which sun? Whose stars?

The sun is new every day, the ancient philosopher Heraclitus said. The sun of poerry is new every day, too, because it is seen in different

"The things around us-like water, rrees, clouds, the ston-belong to us all. How you see them can enhance my way of seeing them. And just the other way around"
ways by different people who have lived under it, lived with it, responded to it. Their lives are different from yours, but by means of the special spell that poetry brings to the fact of the sun-everybody's sun; yours, too-
you can come into possession of many suns: as many as men and women have ever been able to imagine. Poetry makes possible the deepest kind of personal possessior of the world.

The most beautiful constellation in the winter sky is Orion, which ancient poets thought looked like a hunter, ap there, moving across heaven with his dog Sirius. What is this hunter made out of stars hunting for? What does he mean? Who owns him, if anybody? The poet Aldous Huxley felt that he did, and so, in Aldous Huxley's universe of personal emotion, he did.

Up from among the exblems of the wind into its heart of power.
The Huntsman climbs, and all his liwing stars
Are bright, and all are mine.

## Where to start

The beginning of your true encounter with poetry should be simple. It should bypass all classrooms, all textbooks, courses, examinations, and libraries and go straight to the things that make your own existence exist: to your body and nerves and blood and muscles. Find your own way-a secret way that just maybe you don't know yet-to open yourself as wide as you can and as deep as you can to the moment, the now of your own existence and the endless mystery of it, and perhaps at the same time to one other thing that is not you, but is out there: a handful of gravel is a good place to start. So is an ice cube-what more mysterious and beautiful interior of something has there ever been?

As for me, I like the sum, the source of all living things, and on certain days very good-feeling, too. "Start with the sun," D.H. Lawrence said, "and everything will slowly, slowly happen." Good advice. And a lot will happen.

What is more fascinating than a rock, if you really feel it and look at it, or more interesting than a leaf?

Horses, I mean; butterflies, whales; Mosses, and stars; and gravelly
Rivers, and fruit.
Oceans, I mean; black valleys; com; Brambles, and diffs; rock, dirt, dust, ice...

Go back and read this list-it is quite a list, Mark Van Doren's list!item by item. Slowly. Let each of these things call up an image out of your own life.

Think and feel. What moss do you see? Which horse? Whar feld
of com? What brambles are your brambles? Which river is most yours?

## The poern's way of going

Part of the spell of poetry is in the rhythm of language, used by poets who understand how powerful a facror rhythm can be, how compelling and unforgettable. Almost anything put into rhythm and thyme is more memorable than the same thing said in prose. Why this is, no one knows completely, though the answer is surely rooted far down in the biology by means of which we exist; in the circulation of the blood that goes forth from the heart and comes back, and in the repetition of breathing. Croesus was a rich Greek king, back in the sixth century before Christ, but this tombstone was not his:

No Croesus lies in the grave you see;
I was a poor laborer, and this suits me.
That is plain-spoken and definitive. You believe it, and the rhyme helps you believe it and keep it.

## Some things you'll find out

Writing poetry is a lot like a contest with yourself, and if you like sports and games and competitions of all kinds, you might like to try writing some. Why not?

The possibilities of shyme are great. Some of the best fun is in making up your own limericks. There's no reason you can't invent limericks about anything that comes to your mind. No reason. Try it.

The problem is to find three words that thyme and fit into a meaning. "There was a young man from..." Where was he from? What

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## How toread faster

By Bill Cosby


International Paper asked Bill Cosby-who earned his doctorate in education and has heen imoolved in projects which heip people learn to read faster-to share what he's leamed about reading more in less time.

When I was a kid in Philadelphia, I must have read every comic book ever published. (There were fewer of them then than there are now.)

I zipped through all of them in a couple of days, then reread the good ones until the next issues antived.

Yes indeed, when I was a kid, the reading game was a snap.

Bur as 1 got older, my eyeballs must have slowed down or something! I mean, comic books started to pile up faster than my brother Russell and I could read them!

It wasn't until much later, when I was getting my doctorate, I realized it wasn't my eyeballs that were to blame. Thank goodness. They're still moving as well as ever.

The problem is, there's too much to read these days, and too little time to read every word of it. .

Now, mind you, I still read comic books. In addition to contracts, novels, and newspapers. Screenplays, tax returns and cortespondence. Even textbocks about how people read. And which techniques help people readmore in less time.

Ill let you in on aiitle secret. There are hundreds of techniques you could learn to telp you read
faster. But I know of 3 that are especially good.

And if I can learn them, so can you-and you can put them to use immediately.

They are commonsense, practical ways to get the meaning from printed words quickly and efficiently. So youll have time to enjoy your comic books, have a good laugh with Mark Twain or a good cry with War and Peace. Ready?

Okay. The first two ways can help you get through tons of reading material-fast-without reading every word.

They'll give you the overall meaning of what youre reading. And let you cut out an awful lot of unnecessary reading.

## 1. Preview-lifits long and hard

Previewing is especially useful for getting a general idea of heavy reading like long magazine or newspaper articles, business reports, and nonfiction books.

It can give you as much as half the comprehension in as little as one tenth the time, For example, you should be able to preview eight or ten 100 -page reports in an hour. After previewing, youll be able to decide which reports (or which pars of which reports) are worth a closer look.

Here's how to preview: Read the entire first two paragraphs of whatever you've chosen. Next read only the first sentence of

"Learn to read faster and you'll have zime for a good langh with Mark Twain-and a good cry with War and Perace.'

Then read the entire laśt two paragraphs.

Previewing doesn't give you all the details. But it does keep yot from spending time on things you don't really want-or need- to read

Notice that previewing gives you a quick, overall view of long, unfamiliar material: For short, ligh reading, there's a better technique

## 2. Skim-iff's short and simple

Skimming is a good way to get a general idea of light reading-like popular magazines or the sports and entertainment sections of the paper.

You should be able to skim a weekly popular magazine or the second section of your daily pape in less than half the time ir takes you to read it now.

Skimming is also a great way review material you've read befor

Here's how to skim: Think of your eyes as magnets. Force them to move fast. Sweep them across each and every line of type. Pick up only a few key werds in each line

Everybody skims differently
You and I may not pick up exactly the same words when we skim the same piece, but well bo get a pretty similar idea of what it's all about.

To show you how it wor I circled the words I picked out when I skimmed the following story. Try it. It shouldn? take you more than 10 seconds.
My brother Russel thinks monsters (Iive in ourbedroor (loset at night, Bu: I told himphe is cra
"Goand Chec (theny he said. d didn't wandto.
Russell said was chicken)
(Am not') I said.
"Are so, he said.
So (Itld him the monsters were going tocat him atmidnight. He started to cry. My Dad came in) and told the monsters to beat it. Then he told us to go to sleep.
(IIf Iheat any more about monsters," he said, PIl spank you.)

We went to (sleep fast) And you (know something) They (never did) come back.

Skimming can give you a very good idea of this story in about half


Read wish a good light-and with as fow friends as possible to hely you out. No TV, no music Iril help you concentrate better-and read faster:
the words-and in less than half the time it'd take to read every word.

So far, you've seen that previewing and skimming can give you a general idea about content--fast. But neither technique can promise more than 50 percent comprehension, because you aren't reading all the words. (Nobody gets something for nothing in the reading game.)

To read faster and understand most-if not all-of what you read, you need to know a third technique.

## 3. Cluster-lo imcnease speed and comprehension

Most of us leamed to read by looking at each word in a sentenceine at a time.

Like this:
My-brother-Russeil-thinksmonsters...

You probably still read this way sometimes, especially when the words are difficult. Or when the words have an extra-special mean-ing-as in a poem, a Shakespearean
play or a contract. And that's O.K.
But word-by-word reading is a roten way ro read faster. It actually cuts down on your speed.

Clustering trains you to look at groups of words instead of one at a time-to increase your speed enormously For most of us, clustering is a totally different way of seeing what we read.

Here's how to cluster: Train your eyes to see all the words in clusters of up to 3 or 4 words at a glance.

Here's how Id cluster the story we just skimmed:
My brother Russellthinks monsters) (live in) our bedroom close tat night. But l fold himhe is crazy.
"Go and check then Whe said.
I didn't want to Russell said. 1 was chickens
(Am not il said.
"Aresonthe said
So 1 tald himethe monsters) were going toreat himbat midnight. (He started to cn) My Dad came in and rold the monsters 1 a beat it. Then he told usto gofo sleep.
"If I hearany more aboui) (monsters," he said, 11 spank you.)
(We went) so sleep fast. And you) know something ( They never did Come back

Learning to read clusters is not something your eyes do naturally. It takes constant practice.

Here's how to go about it: Pick something light to read. Read it as fast as you can. Concentrate on seeing 3 to 4 words at once rather than one word at a time. Then reread

Presiceat skim, and curtar to read faster-except the thangs you cexm to read word for word.'
the piece at your normal speed to see what you missed the first time

Try a second piece. First clust then reread to see what you misse in this one.

When you can read in cluster without missing much the first time, your speed has increased. Practice 15 minutes every day and you might pick up the technique in a week or so. (But don't be disat pointed if it takes longer. Clustering everything takes time and practice.)

So now you have 3 ways to help you read faster. Preview to Cl down on unnecessary heavy read ing. Skim to get a quick, general idea of light reading. And cluster to increase your speed and comprehension.

With enough practice, youll be able to handle more reading at school or work-and at home-in less time. You should even have enough time to read your favorite comic books-and War and Peace


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# How to write business letter 

Some thoughts from Malcolm Forbes
resident and Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Magazine


International Paper asked Makolom Fortes to hare some things he'sleamed about suriting a good business letter. One rube, "Be cosstal clear."

A good business letter can get you a job interview.

Get you off the hook.
Or get you money.
It's totally asinine to blow your chances of getting whatever you want-with a business letter that urns people off instead of tuming them on.

The best place to learn to write is in school. If you're still there, pick your teachers' brains.

If not, big deal. Heamed to ride a motorcycle at 50 and fly balloons it 52 . It's never too late to learn.

Over 10,000 business letters wme across my desk every year. They seem to fall into three cate vries: stultifying if not stupid, nundane (most of them), and first ate (rare). Here's the apprach

I've found that separates the winners from the losers (most of it's just good common sense)-it starts before you write your letter:

## Know what you want

If you don't, write it down - in one sentence. "I want to get an interview within the next two weeks." That simple. List the major points you want to get across-itll keep you on course.

If youre answering a letter, check the points that need answering and keep the letter in front of you while you write. This way you won't forget anything - that would cause another round of letters.

And for goodness' sake, answer promptly if you're going to answer at all. Don't sit on a letter-that invites the person on the other end to sit on whatever you want from him.

## puange right in

Call him by name-not "Dear
Sir, Madarn, or Ms." "Dear Mr.
Chrisanchopoulos"-and be sure to spell it right. That'll get him (thus, you) off to a good start. (Usually, you can get his name just by phoning his company-or from a business directory in your nearest library.)

Tell what your letter is about in the first paragraph. One or two sentences. Don't keep your reader guessing or he might fle your letter away-- even before he finishes it.

In the round file.
If you're answering a letter, refer to the date


Be natural. Tmagine him sitting in front of you - what would you say to him?"
it was written. So the reader won't waste time hunting for it.

People who read business letter are as human as thee and me. Read ing a letter shouldn't be a chorereuard the reader for the time he gives you.

## Write so hell onjoy it

Write the entire letter from his point of view - what's in it for him? Beat him to the draw-surprise hin by answering the questions and objections he might have.

Be positive- he'll be more reces tive to what you have to say.

Be nice. Contrary to the cliche genuinely nice guys most often finish first or very near it. I admit it's not easy when youve got a gripe. To be agreeable while disagreeingthat's an art.

Be natural-write the way you talk Imagine him sitting in front of you-what would you say to him?

Business jargon too often is cold, stiff, unnatural.

Suppose I came up to you and said, "I acknowledge receipt of your letter and I beg to thank you." You'd think, "Huh? You're putting me on."

The acid test-read your letter out lond when you're done. You might get a shock - but you'll know for sure if it sounds natural.

Don't be cute or flippant. The reader won's take you seriously. This doesn't mean you've got to be dull. You prefer your letter to knock 'em dead rather than bore 'em to death.

Three points to remember:

## Have a sense of

 humor. That's refreshing anywhere - a nice surprisein a business letrer.
Be specific. If I tell you there's a new fuel that could save gasoline, you might not believe me. But suppose I tell you this:
"Gasohol"-10\% alcohol, $90 \%$ gasoline-works as well as straight gasoline. Since you can make alcohol from grain or corn stalks, wood or wood waste, coal even garbage, it's worth some real follow-through.
Now you've got something to sink your teeth into.

Lean heavier on nouns and verbs, lighter on adjectives. Use the active voice instead of the passive. Your writing will have more guts.

Which of these is stronger? Active voice: "I kicked out my money manager." Or, passive voice: "My money manager was kicked out by me." (By the way, neither is true. My son, Malcolm Jr, manages most Forbes money - he's a brilliant moneyman.)

"I learned to ride a motorcycte at 50 and fly balloons at 52 . I's never too late tolearn anything,"

## Give it the best you've got

When you don't want something enough to make the effort, making an effort is a waste.

Make your letter look appetizing -or youll strike out before you even get to bat Type it-on good-quality $81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ x $11^{\prime \prime}$ stationery. Keep it neat. And use paragraphing that makes it easier to read.

Keep your letter short - to one page, if possible. Keep your paragraphs shor. After all, who's going to beneft if your letter is quick and easy to read?

> You.

For emphasis, underline impor-
tant words. And sometimes indent sentences as well as paragraphs.

Like this. See how well it works? (But save it for something special.)
Make it perfect. No typos, no misspelings, no factual errors. If you're sloppy and let mistakes slip by, the person reading your letter will think you don't know better or don't care. Do you?

Be crystal clear. You won't get what you're after if your reader doesn't get the message.

Use good English. If youre still in school, take all the English and writing courses you can. The way you write and speak can really help -or hure.

If youre not in school (even if you are), get the little 71-page gem by Strunk \& White, Elements of Stole. It's in paperback. It's fun to read and loaded with tips on good English and good writing.

Don't put on airs.
Pretense invariably impresses only the pretender.

Don't exaggerate. Even once. Your reader will suspect everything else you write.

Distinguish opinions from facts. Your opinions may be the best in the world. But they're not gospel. You owe it to your reader to let him know which is which. He'll appreciate it and hell admire you. The dumbest people I know are those who Know It All.

Be honest. It'll get you further in the long run. If youre not, you won't rest easy until you're
found out. The latter, not speakis from experience.)

Edit ruthlessly Somebody has said that words are like infla money - the more oflemethat y . use, the less each one of the is worth. Righteres Go through you entire letter just as many times as ir takes. Sasichousod Annihilat all unnecessary words end sen-tences-even entise paragraphs.

"Don't exaggerate. Even once Your reader a' ? suspect everything else you write."

## Sum it up and get out

The last paragraph should tell th reader exactly what you want hi to do-or what you're going to $d$ Short and sweet. "May I have an appointment? Next Monday, the 16th, Ill call your secretary to ses when it'll be most convenient f you."

Close with something simp like, "Sincerely" And for heave sake sign legibly. The biggest eg trip I know is a completely illeg signature.

## Good luck.

I hope you get what you're a
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## low to write with style

## Kur Vonnegut


zumal Paper asked Kurt Vemnegut, author nowels as "Slaughterheruse-Five," "Jaibidd" Cat's Cridle," to tell you how to put your ad personality into everything you write.
spaper reporters and technical ers are trained to reveal almost aing about themselves in $r$ writings. This makes them «s in the world of writers, since ist all of the other ink-stained ches in that world reveal a lot it themselves to readers. We hese revelations, accidenta! intentional, elements of style. These revelations tell us as ers what sort of person it is whom we are spending time. the writer sound ignorant or med, stupid or bright, crooked nest, humorless or playful - ? on and on.
Why should you examine your ag style with the idea of imng it? Do so as a mark of refor your readers, whatever e writing. If you scribble your thts any which way, your rs will surely feel that you care ng about them. They will you down as an egomaniac howderhead - or, worse, they iop reading you.
he most damning revelation in make about yourself is that o not know what is interand what is not. Don't you lf like or dislike writers
mainly for what they choose to show you or make you think about? Did you ever admire an emptyheaded writer for his or her mastery of the language? No.

So your own winning style must begin with ideas in your head.

## 1. Find a subject you care about

Find a subject you care about and which you in your heart feel others should care about. It is this genuine caring, and not your games with language, which will be the most compelling and seductive element in your style.

I am not urging you to write a novel, by the way - although I would not be sorry if you wrote one, provided you genuinely cared about something. A petition to the mayor about a pothole in front of your house or a love letter to the girl next door will do.

## 2. Do not ramble, though

I won't ramble on about that.

## 3. Keep is simple

As for your use of language: Remember that two great masters of language, William Shakespeare and James Joyce, wrote sentences which were almost childlike when their subjects were most profound. "To be or not to be?" asks Shakespeare's Hamlet. The longest word is three letters long. Joyce, when he was frisky, could put together a sentence as intricate and as glittering as a necklace for Cleopatra, but my favorite sentence in his short story "Eveline" is this one: "She was tired." At that point in the story, no other words could break the heart of a reader as those three words do.

Simplicity of language is not only reputable, but perhaps even sacred. The Bible opens with a sentence well within the writing skills of a lively fourteen-year-old: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

## 4. Have the guts to cut

It may be that you, too, are capable of making necklaces for Cleopatra, so to speak. But your eloquence should be the servant of the ideas in your head. Your rule might be this: If a sentence, no matter how excellent, does not illuminate your subject in some new and useful way, scratch it out.

## 5. Sound like yourself

The writing style which is most natural for you is bound to echo the speech you heard when a child. English was the novelist Joseph Conrad's third language, and much that seems piquant in his use of English was no doubt colored by his first language, which was Polish. And lucky indeed is the writer who has grown up in Ireland, for the English spoken there is so amusing and musical. I myself grew up in Indianapolis, where common speech sounds


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Qe werchess om yourself. If a sentence does not illuminate vour subject in some new and useful way, scratch if out."
meant them to say. My teachers wished me to write accurately, always selecting the most effective words, and relating the words to one another unambiguously, rigidly, like parts of a machine. The teachers did not want to turn me into an Englishman after all. They boped that I would become understandable - and therefore understood. And there went my dream of doing with words what Pablo Picasso did with paint or what any number of jazz idols did with music. If I broke all the rules of punctuation, had
and employs a vocabulary as unornamental as a monkey wrench.

In some of the more remote hollows of Appalachia, children still grow up hearing songs and locutions of Elizabethan times. Yes, and many Americans grow up hearing a language other than English, or an English dialect a majority of Americans cannot understand.

All these varieties of speech are beautiful, just as the varieties of butterflies are beautiful. No matter what your first language, you hould treasure is all your life. If it appens not to be standard Enlish, and if it shows itself when you write standard English, the result is usually delightful, like a very pretty girl with one eye that is green and one that is blue.

I myself find that I trust my own writing most, and others seem to trust it most, too, when I sound most like a person from Indianapolis, which is what 1 am. What alcematives do I have? The one most vehemently recommended by teachers has no doubt been pressed on you, as well: to write like cultivated Englishmen of a century or more ago.

## 6. Say what you mean to say

I used to be exasperated by such teachers, but am no more. I understand now that all those antique essays and stories with which I was to compare my own work were not magnificent for their datcdness or foreignness, but for sayng precisely what their authors

So this discussion must finally acknowledge that our stylistic options as writers are neither numerous nor glamorous, since our readers are bound to be such imperfect artists. Our audience requires us to be sympathetic and patient teachers, ever willing to simplify and clarify - whereas we would rather soar high above the crowd, singing like nightingales.

That is the bad news. The good news is that we Americans are governed under a unique Constitution, which allows us to write whatever we please without fear of punishment. So the most meaningful aspect of our styles, which is what we choose to write about, is utterly unlimited.

## 8. For really detailed advice

For a discussion of literary style in a narrower sense, in a more technical sense, I commend toyour attention The Elements of Style,
by William Strunk, Jr., and E.B.
White (Macmillan, 1979).

## E.B. White is, of

 course, one of the most admirable litr erary stylists this country has so far produced.You should realize, too, chat no one would care how well or badly Mr. White expressed himself, if he did not have perfectly enchanting things to say.

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## How to write a resume

by Herrold G. Simon, Exid. Harvand ${ }^{\text {Winsiness }}$ School


International Paper asked Jerrold G . Simon, Ed D., psychologist and career development specidist at Harvard Business Schoo, who has counseled over a thousand people in their search for jobs, to tell you how to go after the job you really want.

If you are about to launch a search for a job, the suggestions I offer here can help you whether or not you have a high school or college diploma, whether you are just starting out or changing your job or career in midstream.

## "What do I want to do?"

Before you try to find a job opening, you have to answer the hardest question of your working life: "What do I want to do?" Here's a good way.

Sit down with a piece of paper and don't get up till you've listed all the things youre proud to have accomplished. Your list might include being head of a fund-raising campaign, or acting a juicy role in the senior play.

Study the list. You'll see a pattem emerge of the things you do best and like to do best. You might discover that you're happiest working with people, or maybe with numbers, or words, or well, youll see it.

Once you've decided what job area to go after, read
" "Who am I? What do I want to do?' Writing your resume forces you to think about yourself.
more about it in the reference section of your library, "Talk shop" with any people you know in that field. Then start to get your resume together.

There are many good books that offer sample resumes and describe widely used formats. The one that is still most popular, the reverse chromolugical, emphasizes where you worked and when, and the jobs and titles you held.

## How to organize it

Your name and address go at the top. Also phone number.

What job do you want? That's what a prospective employer looks for first. If yout know exactly, list that next under Job Objective. Otherwise, save it for your cover letter (I describe that later), when you're writing for a specific job to a specific person. In any case, make sure your resume focuses on the kind of work you can do and want to do. Now comes Work Experience. Here's where you list your qualifications. Lead with your most important credentials. If you've had a distinguished work history in an area related to the job youre seeking, lead
off with that. If your education $w$ impress the prospective employer more, start with that.

Begin with your most recent experience first and work backwards. Include your titles or posi tions held. And list the years.

## Figures don't brag

The most qualifed people don't always get the job. It goes the person who presents himsel most persuasively in person and on paper.

So don't just list where yous were and what you did. This is your chance to tell how well yon did. Were you the best salesman? Did you cut operating costs? Giv numbers, statistics, percentages, increases in sales or profits.

## No job experience?

In that case, list your summer jobs,extracurricular school activities,
 honors, awards. Choose the activ ties that will enhance your qualif cations for the job.

Next list your Educationunless you chose to start with th This should also be in reverse chronological order. List your hi school only if you didn't go on t college. Include college degree, postgraduate degrees, dates conferred, major and minor courses you took that help qualify you fo the job you want.

Also, did you pay your own way? Earn scholarships or fellowships? Those are impressive accomplishments.

## No diplomas or degrees?

Then tell abour your education: special training programs or courses that can qualify you. Describe outside activities that -reveal your talents and abilities. Did you sell the most tickets to the annual charity musical? Did you take your motorcycle engine apart and put it back together so it works? These can help you.
Next, list any Miliury Service. This could lead off your resume if it is your only work experience. Stress skills learned, promotions eamed, leadership shown.

Now comes Persmal Data. This is your chance to let the reader get a glimpse of the personal you, and to further the image youve worked to project in the preceding sections. For example, if you're after a job in computer programming, and you mjoy playing chess,
mention it.

"Talk about a hobby if it'll help get the job. Want to be an autumotive engineer? Tell how you built your own hot rod."

Chess playing requires the ability to think through a problem.

Include foreign languages spoken, extensive travel, particular interests or professional memberships, if they advance your cause.

Keep your writing style simple.
Be brief. Start sentences with communicate better.
impressive action verbs: "Created," "Designed," "Achieved," "Caused."

## No typos, please

Make sure your grammar and spelling are correct. And no typos!

Use $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 11^{\prime \prime}$ bond paperwhite or off-white for easy reading. Don't cram things together.

Make sure your original is clean and readable. Then have it professionally duplicated. No carbons.

## Get it into the right hands

Now that your resume is ready, start to track down job openings. How? Look up business friends, personal friends, neighbors, your minister, your college alumni association, professional services. Keep up with trade publications, and read help-wanted ads.

And start your own "direct mail" campaign. First, find out about the companies you are inter-- ested in-their size, location, what they make, their competition, their advertising, their prospects. Get their annual report-and read it.

## No "Dear Sir" letters

Send your resume, along with a cover letter, to a specific person in the company, not to "Centlemen" or "Dear Sir," The person should be the top person in the area where you want to work. Spell his name properly! The cover letter should appeal to your What's in it for him?

Quickly explain why you are approaching his company (their product line, their superior train ing program) and what you can bring to the party. Back up your claims with facts. Then refer him to your enclosed resume and ask for an interview.

## Oh, boy! An interview!

And now youve got an interview! Be sure to call the day befo to confirm it. Meantime, prepare yourself. Research the company and the job by reading books and business journals in the library.

On the big day, arrive 15 mis utes early. Act calm, even thougl if youre normal, you're trembling inside at 6.5 on the Richter scale. At every chance, let your interviewer see that your personal skil and qualifications relate to the jo at hand. If it's a sales position, for example, go all out to show how articulate and persuasive you are

Afterwards, follow through with a brief thank-you note. This is a fine opportunity to restate yo qualifications and add any impor tant points you didn't get a chan. to bring up during the interview.

## Keep good records

Keep a list of prospects. List the dates you contacted them, when they replied, what was said

And remember, someone ou there is looking for someone just like you. It takes hard work and sometimes luck to find that person. Keep at it and you'll succeed.

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# How to improve your Vocabulary 

## By Tony Randell



Intenationd Paper asked Tomy Randall who is on The American Heritage Dictionary Usage Panel, and lwes words almost as much as acting-to tell how he has acquired his enormous shcabuiary:
Words can make us laugh, cry, go to war, fall in love.

Rudyard Kipling called words the most powerful drug of mankind. If they are, I'm a hopeless addictand I hope to get you hooked, too!

Whether you're still in school or you head up a corporation, the better command you have of words, the better chance you have of saying exactly what you mean, of understanding what others mean - and of getting what you want in the world.

English is the richest language - with the largest vocabulary on earth. Over $1,000,000$ words!

You can express shades of meaning that aren't even possible in other languages. (For example, you can differentiate between "sky" and "heaven." The French, Italians and Spanish cannot.)

Yet, the average adult has a vocabulary of only 30,000 to 60,000 words. Imagine what we're missing!

Here are five pointers that help me learn-- and rememberwhole families of words at a time.

They may not look easy - and
won't be ar first. But if you stick with them you'll find they work!

What's the first thing to do when you see a word you don't know?

## 1. "ry to guress the meaning athe word from the way H"s $^{3}$ ssed

You can often ger at least part of a word's meaning-just from how in's used in a sentence.

That's why it's so important to read as much as you candifferent kinds of things: magazines, books, newspapers you don't normally read. The more you expose yourself to new words, the more words you'll pick upjust by seeing how they're used.

For instance, say you run across the word "manacle":
"The manacles had been on John's wrists for 30 years. Only one person had a key-his wife."
You have a goodidea of what "manacles" are-just from the context of the sentence.

But let's find out exactly what the word means and where it comes from. The only way to do this, and to build an extensive vocabulary fast, is to go to the dictionary. (How lucky, you canShakespeare couldn't. There wasn't an English dictionary in his day!)

So you go to the dictionary. (NOTE: Don't let dictionary abbreviations put you off. The front tells you what they mean, and even has a guide to pronunciation.)

## 2. Look 號 ap

Here's the definition for "manacle" in The American Heritage

Dictionary of the English Langu man-a-cle (man'o-ksl)n. Usually plur 1. A device for confining the hands, use consisting of two metal rings that are fas about the wrists and joined by a metal ch handruff. 2. Anything thar confines or restrains,--tr. 4 manacled, -cling, -cles 1. To restrain with manacles. 2. To con or restrain as if with manacles; shackle; [Middle English manicle, from Old Frens from Latin maricula, lietle hand, handls diminutive of manus, hand. See man- ${ }^{2}$ Appendix. $]$

The first definition fits hers A device for confining the han usually consisting of two metal rings that are fastened about th wrists and joined by a metal chain; a handcuff.

Well, that's what you thous meant. But what's the ideabel the word? What are its roots? really understand a word, you need to know.

Here's where the derectivs work - and the fun-begins.

## 3. Dig the meaning out by the roots

The root is the basic part of the word-its heritage, its origin. (Most of our roots come from

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Latin and Greek words at least 2,000 years old which come from even earlier indo-European tongues!

Learning the roots: 1) Helps us remember words.
2) Gives us a deeper under. standing of the words we already know. And 3) allows us to pick
"Emancipate' has a Latin root. Lear it and you'll know other words at a glance." up whole families of new words at a time. That's why leaning the root is the most important part of going to the dictionary.

Notice the root of "manacle" is manus (Latin) meaning "hand"

Well, that makes sense. Now, other words with this root, man, start to make sense, too.

Take manual - something done "by hand" (manual labor) or a "handbook." And manage - to "handle" something (as a manager). When you emancipate someone, you're taking him "from the hands of" someone else.

When you manufacture something, you "make it by hand" (in its original meaning).

And when you finish your first novel, your publisher will see your -originally "handwritten" manuscript.

Imagine! A whole new world of words opens up -just from one simple root

The root gives the basic clue to the meaning of a word. But there's another important clue that runs a close second - the prefix.


## 4. Get the powerful prefixes under your bath

 A prefix is the part that's sometimes attached to the front of a word. Like -well, prefix! There aren't many less than 100 major prefixesand you'll learn them in no time at all just by becoming more aware of the meanings of words you already know. Here are a few. (Some of the "How-to" vocabulary buildingbooks will give you the others.)


Now, see how the prefix (along with the context) helps you get the meaning of the italicized words:

* "If you're going to be my witness, your story must corroborate my story." (The literal meaning of corroborate is "strength together.")
- "You told me one thing now you tell me another. Don't contradict yourself." (The literal meaning of contradict is "say against:")
- "Oh, that snake's not poisononus. It's a completely innocuous little garden snake." (The literal meaning of innocuous is "not harmful:)

Now, you've got some new words. What are you going to do with them?

## 5. Put your new words to wort at once

Use them several times the first day you learn them. Say them out loud! Write them in sentences.

Should you "use" them on friends? Careful -you don't want them to think you're a stuffed shirt. (It depends on the situation. You know when a word sounds natural - and when it sounds stuffy.)

How about your enemies? You have my blessing. Ask one of them
if he's read that article on pneuma noultramicroscopicsilicovol canoconiosis. (You really can find it in the dictionary.) Now, you're one up on him.

So what do you do to improve your vocabulary?

Remember: 1) Try to guess th meaning of the word from the was it's used. 2) Look it up. 3) Dig th meaning out by the roots. 4) Get the powerful prefixes under your belt. 5) Put your new words to work at once.

That's all there is to it - you off on your treasure hunt.

Now, do you see why I love words so much?

Aristophanes said, "By words the mind is excited and the spirit elated." It's as true today as it was

"The mane wends you knew, the more you can What does 'corroborate' really mean? See the when he said it in Athens -2 , years aga!

I hope you're now like mehooked on words forever.


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## How to use a lllorary

## By lames A. Michener



International Paper usked Pulizer Prize-uinning novelist fames A. Michener, author of "Tales of the South Pacific," "Hawaii, " "Centennial" and "Chesapeake," to tell how you can benefis from the most helpful service in your community.

Youre driving your car home from work or school. And something goes wrong. The engine stalls out at lights, holds back as you go to pass.

It needs a tune-up-and soon. Where do you go? The library.

You can take out an auto repair manual that tells step-by-step how to tune up your make and model.

Of your tennis game has fallen off. You've lost your touch at the net. Where do you go?

The library-for a few books on improving your tennis form.
"The library!" you say "That's where my teacher sends me to do -ugh-homework."

Unfortunately, I've found that's exactly the way many people feel. If you're among them, you're denying yourself the easiest way to improve yourself, enjoy yourself and even cope with life.

It's hard for me to imagine what I would be doing today if I had not fallen in love, at the ripe old age of seven, with the Melinda Cox Library in my hometown of Doylestown, Pennsylvania. At our house, we just could not afford books. The books in that free library would change my life dramatically.


Who knows what your library can open up for you?

My first suggestion for making the most of your library is to do what I did: read and read and read. For pleasure--and for understanding.

## How to kick the TV habit

If it's TV that keeps you from cultivating this delicious habit, I can offer a sure remedy. Take home from the library a stack of books that might look interesting.

Pile them on the TV set Next time you are tempted to turn on a program you really don't want to see, reach for a book instead.

Over the years, some people collect a mental list of books they mean to read. If you don't have such a list, here is a suggestion. Take from the library some of the books you might have enjoyed dramatized on TV, like Remarque's "All Quiet on the Western Front," Clavells "Shōgun," Tolkien's "The Hobbit", or Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables."

If you like what you read, you can follow up with other satisfying books by the same authors.

Some people in their reading limit themselves to current talked-about best sellers. Oh, what they miss! The library is
full of yesterday's best sellers; and they still make compelling readin today. Some that I've enjoyed: A. Guthries's "The Big Sky," Carl Van Doren's "Benjamin Frankin," Mar Sandoz's "Old Jules," and Normar Mailer's "The Naked and the Dee

How do you find these or any other books youre looking for? It easy-with the card catalog.

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these often turn our to be the very ones I need. You will find the same thing happening to you when you start to browse in the stacks. "A leaned mind is the end product of browsing."

notes when using the latter.
Many libraries today provide a reprographic machine that can quickly copy pages you need from. magazines and books. Ask about it

If you are working on a project of some size which will require repeated library visits, keep a small notebook in which you record the identification numbers of the books you will be using frequently. This will save you valuable time, because you wont have to consult the card catalog or search aimlessly through the stacks each time you visit for material you seek.

CAUTION: If you take a book from the stacks to your work desk, do not try to return it to its proper place. That's work for the experts. If you replace it incorrectly the next seeker wont be able to find it.

## Learn to know

the reference librarian
Some of the brightest and best informed men and women in Amerinca are the librarians who specialize in providing reference help.

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CAUTION: Don't waste the time of this expert by asking silly questions you ought to solve yourself. Save the reference librarian for the really big ones.

## Lam to use The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

This green-bound index is one of the most useful items in any library. It indexes all the articles in the major magazines, including newspaper magazine supplements.

Thus it provides a guide to the very latest expert information on any subject that interests you.

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## Four personal hints

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Some of the very best books in any library are the reference books, which may not be taken home. Learn what topics they cover and how best to use them, for these books are wonderful repositories of human knowledge.

## Your business and legal advisor

Your library can give you help on any subject. It can even be your business and legal advisor.

How many times have you scratched your head over how to get a tax rebate on your summer job? Youll find answers in tax guides at the library. Thinking of buying or renting a house? Youll find guides to that. Want to defend yourself in traffic court? Find out how in legal books at the library.

## Library projects

 can be fun-and rewardingHere are a few ideas:

1. What are your roots? Trace your ancestors. Many libraries specialize in genealogy


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# How to make a speech <br> y Ceorge Pimpton 



Intemational Paper asked George Plimpton, who writes books about facing the sports pros (Whe "Paper lion" and "Shadow Box"), and who's in demand to speak about it, to tell vou how to face the fear of making a speech

One of life's terrors for the uninitiated is to be asked to make a speech.
"Why me?" will probably be pour first reaction. "I don't have anything to say." It should be reassuring (though it rarely is) that since you were asked, somebody must think you do. The fact is that each one of us has a store of material which hould be of interest to others. There is no reason why it should not be dapted to a speech.

## Why know how to speak?

Scary as it is, it's important for myone to be able to speak in front fothers, whether twenty around a onference table or a hall filled with - thousand faces.

Being able to speak can mean better grades in any class. It can mean talking the town council out of increasing your property taxes. It can mean talking top management into buying your plan.

## How to pick a topic

You were probably asked to peak in the first place in the hope hat you would be able to articulate topic that you know something bout. Still, it helps to find out about our audience first. Who are they? Why are they there? What are they
interested in? How much do they already know about your subject? One kind of talk would be appropriate for the Women's Club of Columbus, Ohio, and quite another for the guests at the Vince Lombardi dinner.

## How to plan what to say

Here is where you must do your homework.

The more you sweat in advance, the less you'll have to sweat once you appear on stage. Research your topic thoroughly. Check the library for facts, quotes, books and timely magazine and newspaper articles on your subject. Get in touch with experts. Write to them, make phone calls, get interviews to help round out your material.

In short, gather--and learn-far more than you'll ever use. You can't imag. ine how much confidence that knowledge will inspire.

Now start organizing and writing. Most authorities suggest that a good speech breaks down ințo three basic parts-an introduction, the body of the speech, and the summation.

Introduction: An audience makes'up its mind very quickly. Once the mood of an audience is set, it is difficult to change it, which is why introduc tions are important. If the speech is to be lighthearted in tone, the speaker can start off by relling a good natured story about the subject or himself.

But be careful of jokes, especially the shaggy-dog
'What am I doing wrong! Taking refuge behind the lectem, loolang scared to death shuffing pages, and reading my sprech Relax Come out in the open. gevture, talk to your oudience!"
variety. For some teason, the joke that convulses guests in a living room tends to suffer as it emerges through the amplifying system into a public gathering place.

Main body: There are four main intents in the body of the well-made speech. These are 1) to entertain, which is probably the hardest; 2) to instruct, which is the easiest if the speaker has done the research and knows the subject; 3) to persuade, which one does at a sales presentation, a political rally, or a town meeting; and finally, 4) to inspire, which is what the speaker emphasizes at a sales meeting, in a sermon, or at a pep rally.
(Hurry-Up Yost, the onetime Michigan football cuach, gave such an inspiration-fille half-time talk that he got carried away and at the final exhortation led his team on the nu: through the wrong locker-room door into the swimming pool Summation:
This is where you should "ask for the order." An ending should probably incorporate a sentence or two which sounds like an ending-a short summary of the main points of the speech, perhaps, or the repeat of a phrase that most embodies what the speaker has hoped to convey. It is valuable to think of the last sentence or two as something which might produce applause. Phrases which are perfectly appropriate to signal this are: "In closing..." or "I have one last thing to say..."

Once done-fully written, or the main
points set down on $3^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}$ index cards-the next problem is the actual presentation of the speech. Ideally a speech should not be read. At least it should never appear or sound as if you are reading it. An audience is dismayed to see a speaker peering down at a thick sheaf of papers on the lectern, wetting his thumb to turn to the next page.

How to sound spontaneous
The best speakers are those who make their words sound spontaneous even if memorized. Tve found it's best to leam a speech point by point, not word for word. Careful preparation and a great deal of practicing are required ro make it come together smoothly and easily. Mark Twain once said, "It takes three weeks to prepare a good ad-lib speech."

Don't be fooled when you rehearse. It takes longer to deliver a speech than to read it. Most speakers peg along at about 100 words a minute.

## Breviry is an asset

A sensible plan, if you have been asked to speak to an exact limit, is to talk your speech into a mirror and stop at your allotted time; then cut the speech accordingly. The more familiar you become with your speech, the more confidently you can deliver it.

As anyone who listens to speeches knows, brevity is an asset. Twenty minutes are ideal. An hour is the limit an audience can listen comfortably.

In mentioning brevity, it is worth mentioning that the shortest inaugural address was George Washington's-just 135 words. The longest was William Henry Harrison's in 1841. He delivered a twohour 9,000-word speech into the teeth of a freezing northeast wind. He came down with a cold the
following day, and a month later he died of pneumonia.

## Check your grammar

Consult a dictionary for proper meanings and pronunciations. Your audience won't know if youte a bad speller, but they will know if you use or pronounce a word improperly. In my first remarks on the dais, I used to thank people for their "fulsome introduction," until I discovered to my dismay that "fulsome" means offensive and insincere.
"Why shonid you make a speech" There are fow big reasons (left to right): to inspire, to persuade, to entertain, to instrice I'I tell you how to organize what you say."
tirement, say, but a technical talk or an informative speech can be enlivened with a question period.

## The crowd

The larger the crowd, the easier it is to speak, because, the response is multiplied and increased. Most people do not believe this. They peek out from behind the curtain and if the auditorium is filled to the rafters they begin to moan softly in the back of their throats.

## What about stage fright?

Very few speakers escape the so-called "butterflies." There does not seem to be any cure for them, except to realize that they are beneficial rather than harmful, and never fatal. The tension usually means that the speaker, being keyed up, will do a better job. Edward R. Murrow called stage fright "the sweat of perfection." Mark Twain once comforted a frightfrozen friend about to

## On the podium

It helps one's nerves to pick out three or four people in the audiencepreferably in different sectors so that the speaker is apparently giving his attention to the entire room-on whom to focus. Pick out people who seem to be having a good time.

## How questions help

A question period at the end of a speech is a good notion. One would not ask questions following a rribute to the company treasurer on his re-
speak: "Just remember they don't. expect much." My own feeling is thar with thought, preparation and faith in your ideas, you can go out there and expect a pleasant surprise.
'And what a sensation it is - to heat applause. Invariably after it dies away, the speaker searches out the program chairman -just to make it known that he's available for next month's meeting.

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# How to enjoy the classics 

## By Steve Allers



International Paper asked Steqe Allen, television comedian, composer, writer of the television series "Meeting of Minds," author of 22 books and lover of the classics, to tell how you can appreciate man's greatest written works.

Why is it? In school we learn one of the most amazing and difficuit feats man has ever accomplishedhow to read - and at the same time we learn to hate to read the things worth reading most!

It's happened to us all-with assignment reading! It happened to me. The teacher assigned Moby Dick. I didn't want to read it. Sol fought it. I disliked it. I thought I won.

But I lost. My struggle to keep at arm's length from Moby Dick cost me all the good things that can come from learning to come to terms with those special few books we call the "classics."

I've come back to Moby Dick on my own since. I like it. And I've discovered a new level of pleasure from it with each reading.

What is a classic? A classic is a book that gives you that exhilarating feeling, if only for a moment, that you've finally uncovered parte of the meaning of life.

A classic is a book that's stood the test of time, a book that men and women all over the world keep reaching for throughout the ages for its special enlightenment.

Not many books can survive such a test. Considering all the volumes that have been produced since man first put chisel to stone,
classics account for an infinitesimal share of the total-less than . 001 percent. That's just a few thousand books. Of those, under 100 make up the solid core.

Why should you tackle the classics? Why try to enjoy them?

I suggest three good reasons:

1. Classics open up your mind.
2. Classics help you grow.
3. Classics help you understand your life, your world, yourself.

That last one is the big one. A classic can give you insights into yourself that you will get nowhere else. Sure, you can get pleasure out of almost any book. But a classic, once you penetrate it, lifts you up high! Aeschylus's Oresteia was written nearly 2,500 years ago - and it still knocks me out!

But I can hear you saying, "I've tried reading classics. They are hard to understand. I can't get into them."

Let me offer some suggestions that will help you open up this wondrous world. Pick up a classic you've always promised to try. Then take Dr'. Allen's advice.

## know what you're reading

Is it a novel, drama, biography, history? To find out, check the table of contents, read the book cover, the preface, or look up the title or author in The Reader's Encyclopedia.

## Don'tread in bed

Classics can be tough going; I'll admit it. You need to be alert, with your senses sharp. When you read in bed you're courting sleep-and you'll blame it on the book when you start nodding off.

## Don'tlet a lot

 of characters throw youDostoevsky tosses fifty major characters at you in The Brothers

Karamazow. In the very first chapte of War and Peace, Tolstoy bombard you with twenty-two names-long, complicated ones like Anna Pavlovna Scherer, Anatole and Prince Bolkonski. Don't scurry for cover. Stick with it. The characters will gradually sort themselves out and you'll feel as comfortable with them as you do with your ow dear friends who were strangers, too, when you met them.

## Give the author a chance

Don't say "I don't get it!" too soon. Keep reading right to the end Sometimes, though, you may not be ready for the book you're trying to get into. I tackled Plato Republic three times before it finalls opened up to me. And man, was it worth it! So if you really can't make a go of the book in your lap put it aside for another day, or ye: and take on another one.

Read in big bites Don't read is short nibb How can you expect get your he? into anythins that way? The longer you stay with it, the more you get into the rhythm and moodand the more pleas you get from it.

When you read Zorba the Greek try pu ting bouzouki music on the record player; Proust, a little Debus Shakespeare, Elizabethan theater music

## Read what

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To better understa where the author is
"Moby Dick' escaped me whe was assigned reading. I've lant since and lowed it. Dom't ler ass reading spori the classics for you
oming from, as we say, read the ooks he once read and that npressed him. Shakespeare, for xample, dipped into North's transation of Plutarch's lives for the lots of Julius Caesar, Antony and leopatra and A Midsummer Night's ream. It's fun to know you're ading what he read.

## Read about the author's time

You are the product of your me. Any author is the product of is time. Knowing the history f that time, the problems at he and others faced, neir attitudes -will help you nderstand the author's oint of view. Imporme point: You may ot agree with the thor. No probm. At least he's ade you think!

## Read about the author's life

The more you know oout an author's own speriences, the more u'll understand why e wrote what he wrote. u'll begin to see the nobiographical odds idends that are hidden in his work. A writer can't help but reveal imself. Most of our surmises about hakespeare's life come from clues und in his plays.

## Read the book again

All classics bear rereading. If ter you finish the book you're trigued but still confused, reread then and there. It'll open up the more to you.

If you did read a classic a few ars back and loved it, read it ain. The book will have so many wo things to say to you, you'll adly believe it's the same one.

## A few classics to enjoy

You can find excellent lists of e basic classics compiled by helplexperts, like Clifton Fadiman's fetime Reading Plan, the Harvard assics and Mortimer ]. Adler's reat Books. Look into them.
But before you do, I'd like to sgest a few classics that can light your life. Even though some ight have been spoiled for you by
the required reading stigma, try them. Try them. And try them.

1. Homer: Iliad and Odyssey The Adam and Eve of Western literature. Read a good recent translation. My favorite is by Robert Fitzgerald.
2. Rabelais: Gargantua and Pontagnel. A Gargantuan romp. 1 recommend the Samuel Putnam $1 \rightarrow$ translation
speare tumed out 37 plays. Some are flops, some make him the greatest writer ever. All offer gold. His best: "Hamlet," "Macbeth" and "Romeo and Juliet." (See them on the stage, too.)
3. Charles Dickens: Pickurick Papers. No one can breathe life into characters the way Dickens can. Especially the inimitable Samuel Pickwick, Esq.
4. Mark Twain: Huckeberry Finn. Maybe you had to read this in school. Well, climb back on that raft with Huck and Jim. You'll find new meaning this time. Of course, these few suggestions hardly scratch the surface.

Don't just dip your toe into the deep waters of the classics. Plunge in! Like generations of bright human beings before you, you'll find yourself invigorated to the marrow by thoughts and observations of the most gifted writers in history.

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3. Geoffrey Chaucer: Canterbury Tales. Thirty folks on a four-day pilgrimage swapping whoppers.
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The sexual revolution may have officially ended this year, a victim of its own success. Back in 1964, when the incipient rebellion made the cover of Time, it seemed an irresistible force largely because of two developments: the Pill and penicillin. For the first time in history, casual sex appeared free of side effects. "While suience has reduced fear of long-dreaded earthly dangers, such as pregnancy and V1), skepticism has diminished lear of divine punishmem," Time reporled, wamning that the younger generation was "adrift in a sea of permissiveness" in which "self-denial is increasingly seen as forlishmess rather than virtue."

This spring the federal govermment made a major contribution to the case for self-denial. The Centers tor Disease Gontrol amounced that genitat hempes has become an epidemic in the l inted States. Now the countrys most prevalem venereal disease, it's estimated to aflict between five million and 20 million people. spreading to perhaps as many as 600,000 new wictims a yeat: The disease in most cases isnt neaty as dangerous as syphilis or gomorrhea, but it has the unformate distinction of being incurable. Although one promising new doug for trating herpes was approved for use fhis spring, so fat the vinus has mands batfled rescarchers.

Herpes viruses have possibly been around for humdreds of thousands of years. The first recorded diagnosis was made 2,000 vears ago in Rome, where the Emperor liberius tried to stop an epidemic of oral berpes by banning kissing at public ceremonies. Ioday it's estimated hat at least 50 million Americans occasionally suffer from orat herpes, which produces cold sores around the lips or on the face. (Canker sores inside the mouth arent caused by herpes.) Both oral and gental herpes are caused by herpes simplex viruses, which can be transmitted to either part of the body during oral or genital sex.

After causing sores, the virus retreats to nerve cells in the spine, where it remains permanently. Sometimes the

by John Tierney
vinus remains latent forever-perhaps a thind of people infected with genital herpes sulfer one attack and are never bothered again. But in oher victims the vinus reactivates occasionally, taveling from the spine back to the origithal site on the skin to cause more sores. These recurremes can be separated bo weeks, momhs, or vears, ( eminal recurrences are somet imes painful, and thes an kill an infant if the re presem in a wonan giving binth, but they are ustally mild and hast only at few davs.
"Compared to what other renereal diseases can do wo the bods, herpes symptoms are just a minor nusatuce." says Richard Hamilton, de dertor in San Francises and the atulnor of The the tres Book. "But the emonionat impact can be tremendous. People overreat and suddenly feet that they cant hate sex with anyone." Hamilton atfives his patients to cary on mommal sex lives except during recurrences, when the vinus shed from sores can infed parsners. It's unlikely for a person to spread the virus at other times. and many dectors think that any risk during these periods of latenc can be minimized if a man wears a condom and a woman uses a spermicide. (The chemicals in spermicides have been shown to kill the virus in the laboratory, although their effectiveness in the body hasn't been established.) There is a problem, though. Studies have shown that in a small percentage of cases, virus can be shed even when there are no noticeable symptoms. In fact, there are "silent carriers" who have never noticed any symptoms, don't realize they
have the disease, vet shed the virus.
The best way of hat the epidemic, of course, would be 10 destroy the latent viruses in the spine. Another would be to develop a vaccine protecting the uninfected. Or it might be possible to copy the body's matural defense against herpes: some people, after all. are immune to the virus, and ohers can pro. vent recurrences by avoiding stress. None of these approaches shows any clear promise at the moment. "The problem is that we simply doni understand the behavios of the virus," savs Bermad Roizman, a microbiologist at the Cniversily of Chicago. "And if we continue suting researh fonds. I dont know when well lind out." His concent is shared by the American Social Heath Association in Pato Aho. Califorma, "Here we have an epidemis going on and the fevel of flunding for herpes reseath isn' even keeping up with inflation." says ASHAs Wends Werthemer: "Aud the Reagan administration has actually out money from publie heah h progtams that contoot tenereal disease. It makes no sense."

The most encouraging development so far is acylovis, the omtment whose use was approved in Mach by the Feod and Drug Administration. Ahhough it doesnt affed latem viruses in the spine, it does stop active viroses from replicating. Duting patients first attacks of herpes, which are usually the longest and most painfut, applving ointment to the sores has been shown to speed bealing. But it remains to be seen whether the ointment or a capsule of the drug being tested can help quash recumences of herpes. And there are potenial problems-miforeseen side effects. for instance, or the emergence of herpes siruses that resist the drug. Many researchers think that at ruly effective weatment is years, perhap more than a decade, away In the meantime, the only absolute prevention absolute abstention, which no one is ad vising. Herpes is not that serious a disease. But no one is demying the counter revolutionary motion abous virtus having certan rewards.

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Ice Crean Sandwich........ 20


(Coke, Grape, Orange, Sprite
Root Beer)

## ELECTRICAL ITEMS

Manual Typewriter.........9. 19.00


Teleytaton................115.00
(To purchase the above items an order slip must be obtained from the commissary. Headset is included)

GREETING CARDS

Thinking of You. .................. 90
Birthday Card............... 50
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YOUR WEEKLY COMMISSARY CHIT
MUST HAVE YOUR FULL NAME, JAIL NUMBER \& CELL NUMBER. IF ALL THESE DO NOT APPEAR IT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. (MAKE A COPY OF YOUR LTST: CHECK YOUR BAG AT THE COMMYS SARY, ONCE YOU LEAVE THE ARE NO ITEMS ILL BE REPIACED!



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The Connecticut Prison Association may be able to either assist you in obtaining your release on a Promise to Appear，or assist you in contact－ ing your family or friends to help you post you bond．If you want to apply for our help，fill out an inmate request form and place it in the L．A．P．mailboz in the corridor．We will get a bond questionaire to you for you to complete．

Conn．Prison Association
340 Capitol Ave．
Hartford，Conn． 06106

## 米养荅 $* * * * * *$

## TO ALL INMATES

Income Tax Forms are availible．If you need one send a request form to Mr．Felletier．

## TO ALL COURT RETURNEES

You are not allowed to return to the Correctional Center with anything you did not leave with，this especially pertains to money．All items are subject to confiscation and a disciplinary report．

Dept．Warden Horn

## TO ALL INMATES

We are aware that certain cells are drafty because of the windows．In order to correct this problem the following procedure should be followe

1）If you feel your cell is drafty，you must notify your unit officer of such．

2）The officer will inturn submit your cell number to the maintenance department．

3）A staff member will inspect your cell to verify the condition．

4）The maintenance staff will correct the problem．
With the window fixed there will no longer be any need for the windows to be covered．Effective January 31， 1983 the occupants of any cell found with any type of covering on their winduws will．recieve a discip－ Iinary report．

> F. Crose / Deputy Warden $1 / 21 / 83$

The Connecticut Prison Association quizás te puede asistir para que puedas salir en Promise to Appear (Promesa de Presentarce, 0 asistirte poniendose en contácto con tus familiares o amigos para ayudarte a salir bajo fianza. Si deseas ap licar por nuestra ayuda, llena un peticionario (request) y envialo a L.A.P. poniendolo el buzón del pasillo. Nosotros te enviaremos un cuestionario de fianza para que lo llenes.

Conn. Prison Association
340 Canitol Ave.
Hartford, Connecticut 06106
A TODOS LOS RECLITSOS
Los Formularios de Income Tax estarán disponibles. Si necesitas uno envia un peticionario (request) a Mr. Pelletier.

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## A TODCS LOS UE REGRECEN DE IA CORTE

Usted no sera permitido a redresar al Centro Correcibnal con nada que no se llevo cuando salio, esto especialmente se refiere al dinero. Todos los articulos estarán sujetos a ser confiscados y recibir un reporte diciplinario. Dept. Warden Horn

A TODOS LOS RECLUSOS
Estamos concientes que algunas celdas squ frias debído a las ventanas. Para poder corregir este prohlera los siguientes procedimientos deberán ser seguidos:

1) Si tu sientes que tu celda esta fria,debés notificar az oficial de tu unidad sobre eso.
2) El oficial sumitira tu numero de celda al devartamento de mantenimiento.
3) Un miembro de la junta impeccionara tu celda para verjficar la condición de ésta.
4) Mantenimiento corregira este problema.

Estando las ventanas arregladas no habrá motivo para tenerlas tapadas. Será efectivo en Enero 31,1983, que los ocupantes de las celdas que sean encontradas con cubiertas en las ventanas de cualquier clase de materiar, recibira un reporte diciplinario.
F. Crose $/ /$ Deputy Warden 1/21/83

## SPRING AND SUMMER CYCLE* 3





[^0]:    "Keep it simple. Shakespeare did, with Hamet's famous soiloquy.

[^1]:    "Your main clue to remembering a word is is mot-its origin."

