### Writing for the web

# Top 9 tips for getting your online content right





#### Call to action -

give your audience a reason to read more

#### Use the right keywords-

know your searchable keywords



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Don't be afraid to be controversial be bold and

encourage debate

#### **NEVER** use clickbait just for the click-throughs

- quickest way to lose credibility with your audience





headline

### Invert that pyramid

## Put the most important information first

Summarise your content at the beginning of your article

NEVER tease your audience – they'll just lose interest



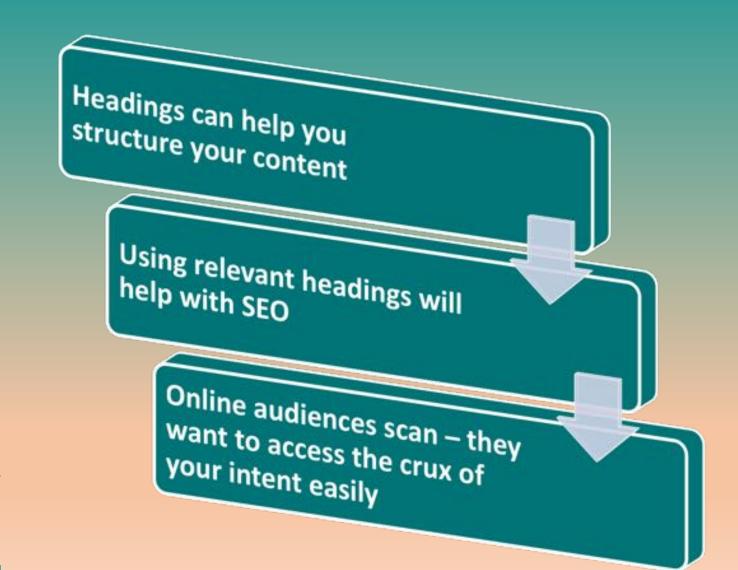
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### Break up your content with headings and lists







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What is your audience looking for? Research and use their terms

# Keep keywords and SEO in mind

The web is flooded with content – make yours stand out



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Create content so you can use keywords often



Don't make the mistake of trying to replicate print content – even formal content needs to be relatable



Take the time to identify a tone for your brand – most importantly, be consistent



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# Ensure your tone is consistent and relatable



### Use links effectively





Linking is the new referencing – it shows credibility and great research



Make your links accessible – accessible links have stronger SEO impact



Use links to connect to your previous work – show history and authority

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Use links to network – connect to others in your industry by nodding to them through links





**Be conscious of Length** 

- Online audiences want easy, quick, pithy content they can consume on the go
- Use length as a tool if your content is longer ensure there is a purpose behind it
- Cut your print copy by 40% for online



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You are the expert – your audience is not, remove technical language where possible



Online audiences are fickle – simplify and hook them



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## Research, write, review, repeat

- Research your audience, content and purpose before you begin ANY content
- Write engaging content
- Review, proofread and edit ALL your work – when in doubt ask for help
- Keep creating





