

THE ESSENTIAL COPYWRITING GUIDE



About

Hello fellow digital marketers!

Welcome to your copywriting guide. This E-book provides insights on copywriting and how to write copy to successfully connect with your audience.

Copywriting is an art. Just as every brush stroke on a painting contributes to the impact of the final piece, compelling copy sets the scene for irresistible intrigue. Every sentence is influential in capturing attention to determine if someone will read further.

Once you understand how your readers think, you can start crafting copy that will resonate with their needs, expectations and pain points and grab their attention every time.

If you're looking for a guide on the best way to reach your

audience with copywriting, this guide will help set you up for success. Thanks to our friends at Ubersuggest for the content.

We hope you enjoy the guide.



Ngā mihi (thanks)

Hamish Lowry | Founder

Introduction

Not quite sure what makes a good copywriter? Maybe this isn't a big surprise, since there's a lot of misunderstanding about copywriting. The goal of copywriting is to get users to take a specific action. For example, you might want the reader to sign up for your newsletter, click to find out more about a product, or move them through a sales funnel. Copywriting is precise, effective, and requires a lot of creative problem-solving.

Why Is Copywriting Important?

Quality copy is critical for making sales.

Good copy should:

- Inform
- Inspire
- Persuade people to act
- Develop your brand voice
- Drive sales

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Types of Copywriting

There are many different examples of copywriting. Let's look at some examples:

Brand Copywriting

Brand copywriters go beyond the typical tactics and aim to create strong emotional responses. Creative copywriting is less about proving a brand is better than the competition and more about creating a memorable experience.

Social Media Copywriting

Your goal when crafting copy for **social media** is to engage audiences through posts and ads. The challenge with this style is adapting your brand messaging into various unique formats. For example, the copy you write for a post on Facebook may not be as suitable for your **Instagram**, **LinkedIn** or **YouTube** posts.

Tips for social media copywriting:

- Be helpful and sound human
- Make your headlines eye-catching
- Use strong verbs and active language to help engagement
- Keep it brief. That's what social media is all about
- Write in a friendly, conversational tone.
- Use short sentences and try not to sound too formal or stuffy
- Mix it up. Don't just try and sell to people. Engage, entertain, educate, and interact with your followers to build relationships.
- Finish with a call-to-action so your customer knows what you want them to do
- Add hashtags



Types of Copywriting continued...

SEO Copywriting

SEO is all about getting your content to rank highly on the search engine result pages To rank highly, your content must deliver genuine value to users while mixing a healthy number of keywords and phrases. Essentially, you're breathing life into copy that needs to meet certain keyword criteria.

Here are a few tips for SEO copywriting:

- Use keywords in your title and throughout your article, avoid keyword stuffing.
- Make sure your article is well-written and informative. The better it is, the more likely people are to share it.
- Include links to other related articles on your site. This helps improve your site's ranking and increase traffic.
- Add images and videos whenever possible. They not only make your content more engaging but using media also helps with SEO.
- Optimise your content for both readability and search engines.

Write catchy headlines that grab attention.

- Use strong call-to-actions to encourage, so people know what to do next.



Types of Copywriting continued...

Insight Copywriting

At its core, insight copywriting is about establishing your brand as an industry authority. As a copywriter, you achieve this by producing high-value educational content. Some audiences just want simple, detailed solutions to their key pain points. For brands with a more experienced audience, **thought leadership can be particularly valuable**.

You could present your thought leadership content in multiple ways, such as stories, expert interviews, blogs, or a magazine.

Email Copywriting

Writing a **compelling email** is a unique challenge, specifically because its presentation is so unusual. Nail your copy, though, and it can have a big impact: the average ROI for email marketing is \$38 per \$1 spent.

To be successful with email copywriting, follow these tips. Balancing these goals is tricky but learning how to copywrite helps you craft your message:

- Write engaging email headlines that readers can't ignore
- Keep copy clear but ensure it still offers value
- Create strong call-to-actions to get readers to act
- Ask for a small commitment that doesn't alienate your audience



How to Copywrite: Copywriting Strategies

We've answered the question 'what is copywriting?', and highlighted some tools available to take your content to the next level, but what about strategies? What are some steps you can use to ensure your words inspire people to act?

1. Before You Start, Get to Know Your Audience

It's important to understand your target audience: when you know exactly who you're writing for, you can adapt your approach to meet their preferences, and needs.

That all seems simple enough, but how do you go about understanding your audience? By creating a buyer persona. This outlines who your audience is, including demographics, job title, location, age, and income level.

2. Use the Right Tone

Writing well is about more than choosing the right words. Tone, or the attitude you use, gives your writing far more context than your word choice. It tells prospective customers whether you are fun-loving, serious, quirky, or highly professional.

The tone makes the copy unique; it makes you listen. There's nothing fancy about the words, but the way they're used draws you in.

3. Stress Your Unique Sales Proposition

The internet and the rise of globalisation have given us more options than ever.

Having more options is a good thing. For businesses, however, an increase in consumer options means there are more competitors, which is why your copy needs to focus on what sets you apart (your USP).

4. Use Storytelling

Throughout history, **storytelling** has been a staple for helping to achieve many different goals, and it's an approach we use ourselves. Blogging is much more powerful if you tell you the story. Why is that?

- It's more entertaining
- Stories are easier to remember than facts
- They help put things into context
- We like telling stories to others, so we're more likely to pass the story on
- A good story is timeless

How to Copywrite: Copywriting Strategies continued...

5. Use Copywriting That Solves Pain Points

When you write copy, it's tempting to focus on the positives, like how awesome your product is or how much your customers love you. However, customers are looking for a solution to a problem. Those problems are pain points, and they should be the focus of your copy.

Customers face six main pain points:

- Ease and convenience
- Productivity and time
- Processes and journey
- Communication and support
- Risk and trust
- Financial

6. Leverage Social Proof

More consumers read online reviews than ever before. 77 percent of people always read reviews before choosing a business, so if your copy doesn't use social proof, it's missing a crucial element. Here's why it works: When we see that someone else has had a good experience with a product or service, we want to enjoy the same benefits.

Social proof can help make copywriting more powerful by increasing trust.

You can leverage social proof in copywriting by:

- Using social proof to inspire your copywriting: Reviews and customer surveys can help you understand what customers love about your product. Use social proof to determine which pain points to focus on and what benefits to highlight.
- Including social proof near copy: Add reviews and case studies to landing pages, homepages, and your website to strengthen your copy and show that other people like what you have to offer.

7. Use Crisp Language

Have you ever heard that the average human attention span is about 8 seconds? This stat is often quoted, and it's clear to see why: It's shocking.

However, the stat is a little bit misleading. Human attention spans are task dependent. When we're browsing the internet, though, we don't have a lot of tolerance for timewasting. We want quick access to important information and insights. The enemy of this is fluff. The key takeaway: don't get long-winded when writing.



How to Copywrite: Copywriting Strategies continued...

8. Test Your Copywriting

Copywriting is a process, and part of the process is figuring out what resonates with your prospective customers. No matter how much research you do or how many times you poll your audience, **you need to A/B test your copy**. However, there's one catch—don't test drastically different versions of your copy. Instead, test one or two element changes at most and see which drives the most conversions. Pick the most successful version, then test.

9. Use Engaging Facts and Stats

We all love **facts and statistics**. You can also use infographics to help the data jump off the page and immediately tell a story. Stats are extremely important in long content like this, so just think how important they are in copy where you've got to encourage action in limited words. Cold, hard stats can cut through the noise, and site visitors get the message immediately.


10. Repeat Key Information

According to experts, you've got to actively repeat your message at least 10 times for information to stick. You probably don't want to say the same thing over and over 10 times in your copy, but you do want to keep repeating key information. Otherwise, it's easily passed over and won't stand out as something important in the reader's mind.

11. Ask Readers' Questions in Your Copy

When we speak in real life, it's not normally a one-sided conversation; it's a collaboration. When you're trying to get people to act, you need their buy-in. The best copywriters often ask questions. Why? It makes the process more collaborative and encourages the reader to connect the dots. The first goal of amazing copy is to engage people. Breaking up your copy with a question is an ideal way to achieve this.



A close-up photograph of a white ceramic mug. The mug features two lines of text in a bold, black, typewriter-style font. The first line reads "WRITE WITHOUT FEAR." and the second line reads "EDIT WITHOUT MERCY." To the left of the mug, a portion of a green succulent plant with pointed leaves is visible, slightly out of focus. The background is a blurred, warm-toned surface.

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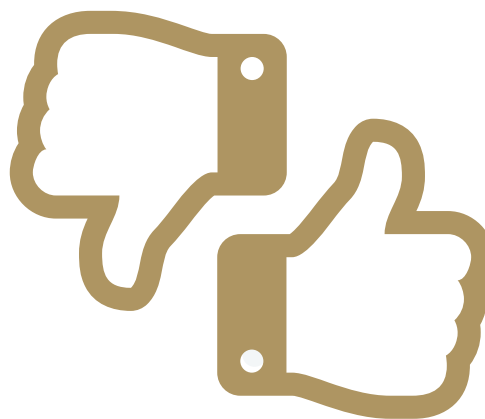
Conclusion

Copywriting is an essential part of marketing. If you can't convince people to take action, then you can't get clicks to your website, generate leads, or make sales.

Luckily, with the right focus, copywriting is something you can learn to do well, and these tips and tools should help. You can put this newfound skill to work for your own business.

As always, though, if you need any help with your digital marketing and your copywriting, then please don't hesitate to contact our friendly Quest team.

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