SIMPLE WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR WRITING:

* **USE STRONG VERBS**

***Go, went, (have) gone, going***

* ***Get, got, (have) gotten***
* ***Walk, walked, (have) walked***
* ***Look, looked, (have) looked***

***See, saw, (have) seen***

**These verbs show no emotion and give weak and vague action. Say NO to them!**

“Has been there for me” - **So cliché**

Starting sentences with *it* or *there* and a *to be* verb - **these are wasted words that say nothing**.

Avoid overuse of *to be* verbs (*am, is, are, was, were*) **as the main verb in a sentence/phrase.**

* **OTHER RULES TO FOLLOW:**

Second Person: *you* (except in dialogue); **NEVER talk to the reader except to give instructions**

Starting too many sentences with *I* and beginning any two consecutive sentences with the same word.

**REMEMBER -ONLY *YOU* CAN PREVENT DULL WRITING THAT TELLS INSTEAD OF SHOWS!**