

# GRAMMAR RULES FOR THE UNENLIGHTENED

*Or: How to Write Good*

- Don't use no double negatives. We Scorpions don't believe in astrology.

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- Don't never use no triple negatives. When dangling, watch your participles.

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- No sentence fragments Why no, Ossifer, I'm not under the alcofluence of incohol.

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- Corollary: Complete sentences: important. Never go off on tangents, which are lines that intersect a curve at only one point and were discovered by Euclid, who lived in the sixth century, which was an era dominated by the Goths, who lived in what we now know as Poland...

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- Stamp out and eliminate redundancy. Always do what is right, even if it's wrong.

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- Avoid cliches like the plague. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "I hate quotations."

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- All generalizations are bad. Excessive use of exclamation points can be disastrous!!!!

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- Corollary: All statements must be specific. Remember to end each sentence with a period

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- Never listen to advice. Don't use commas, which aren't necessary.

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- Take care that your verb and subject is in agreement. Don't use question marks inappropriately?

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- A preposition is a bad thing to end a sentence with. Don't be terse.

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- Anarchy should be the law. Don't obfuscate your theses with extraneous verbiage.

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- Corollary: I will establish democracy by dictatorial decree. Never use that totally cool, radically groovy out-of-date slang.

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- Everyone should be a non-conformist. Stop calling me immature or I'll tell on you.

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- People who insult others are jerks. Avoid tumbling off the cliff of triteness into the black abyss of overused metaphors.

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- Always be sincere, even if you don't mean it. Keep your ear to the grindstone, your nose to the ground, take the bull by the horns of a dilemma, and stop mixing your metaphors.

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- Death to intolerance. We will fight to the death for our pacifist aims.

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- Down with categorical imperatives. Avoid those abysmally horrible, outrageously repellent exaggerations.

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- Avoid those run-on sentences that just go on, and on, and on, they never stop, they just keep rambling, and you really wish the person would just shut up, but no, they just keep going, they're worse than the Energizer Bunny, they babble incessantly, and these sentences, they just never stop, they go on forever...if you get my drift...

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- Nobody has a right to his opinion. Avoid any awful anachronistic aggravating antediluvian alliterations.

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- Never contradict yourself always. Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

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- Good people like I are never self-righteous.

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- You should never use the second person.

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- The passive voice should never be used.

## Word Search

Find the following European countries in the grid. Words can go diagonally forwards and backwards

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 N A I G R O E G R G R U O B M E X U L Y  
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 D I E Y O E H Q I B Y G G S D A A R S L  
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 O A D N N A L E O T H R T R S I R A N T  
 C A L B A N I A A C W D I O L C G R E L  
 I K R N S L C N F Y A U N P O A E R D A  
 L B U L G A R I A A I N U A V N N O E M  
 B D K R A M N E D U I C O U A C E D W K  
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 E H U N G A R Y U R I G I M A Y O S B J  
 R U D Z E S T O N I A W U L R N M N O N  
 A I B R E S B E L A R U S S I A D O E B

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| Andorra                | Estonia       | Luxembourg            | Serbia         |
| Armenia                | Finland       | Malta                 | Slovakia       |
| Austria                | France        | Moldova               | Slovenia       |
| Azerbaijan             | Georgia       | Monaco                | Spain          |
| Belarus                | Germany       | Montenegro            | Sweden         |
| Belgium                | Greece        | Netherlands           | Switzerland    |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Hungary       | Norway                | Turkey         |
| Bulgaria               | Iceland       | Poland                | Ukraine        |
| Croatia                | Ireland       | Portugal              | United Kingdom |
| Cyprus                 | Italy         | Republic of Macedonia | Vatican City   |
| Czech Republic         | Kazakhstan    | Romania               |                |
|                        | Latvia        | Russia                |                |
|                        | Liechtenstein |                       |                |

When a singer sings, he stirs up the air and makes it hit any passing eardrums. But if he is good, he knows how to keep it from hurting.

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