

# 20 tips for ‘proper’ English

- 1** A preposition is a terrible word to end a sentence with. Never do it.
- 2** Remember to never split an infinitive.
- 3** Don’t use no double negatives.
- 4** Don’t ever use contractions.
- 5** And never start a sentence with a conjunction.
- 6** Write ‘i’ before ‘e’ except after ‘c’. I’m relieved to receive this anciently weird rule.
- 7** Foreign words and phrases are not chic.
- 8** The passive voice is to be avoided wherever possible.
- 9** Who needs rhetorical questions?
- 10** Reserve the apostrophe for its proper use and omit it when its not necessary.
- 11** Use ‘fewer’ with number and ‘less’ with quantity. Less and less people do.
- 12** Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.
- 13** Me and John are careful to use subject pronouns correctly.
- 14** Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
- 15** You’ve done good to use adverbs correctly.
- 16** If any word is incorrect at the end of a sentence, an auxiliary verb is.
- 17** Steer clear of incorrect verb forms that have snuck into the language.



- 18** Take the bull by the hand and avoid mixing your idioms.
- 19** Tell the rule about 'whom' to who you like.
- 20** At the end of the day, avoid clichés like the plague.