5 Tips to Organize Your Writing

- 1. Insist that every document get to the point within 50 words. Do not let someone read a document that doesn't get to the point right away.
- 2. Insist on using headings in reports, recommendations, and other messages to make information skimmable. Headings will force you to categorize information.
- 3. Allow just one main idea per paragraph. In disorganized messages, a mishmash of ideas packs each paragraph.
- 4. Allow just one idea per sentence. With just one idea in it, almost any sentence can get organized.
- 5.Limit the words per sentence--no more than 15 to 20 words on average. It's hard for short sentences to get out of hand.

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