The art of ***voice*** in application essays.



3 ways to truly sound like *yourself*



01. Study how you express yourself through writing when you're not trying to impress anyone.

Look through your notes app, text messages, journal entries, even writing from when you were a young child, etc.

How do you joke, tell stories, vent, list things, or express yourself? What words and phrases do you naturally use?



02. Pay attention to how you talk with people you're comfortable around.

How do you sound when you're telling your mom about a frustrating day? Or explaining something you're obsessed with to a friend? Try recording yourself telling a story out loud.



03. Notice what you have strong reactions to.

What makes you laugh, cringe, roll your eyes, or go on a tangent? Your opinions, observations, and reactions are part of your voice. Give them room in your writing.



The takeaway

You don't need to write your college essay exactly like a text message, nor should you.

But pay attention to your natural personality, rhythm, quirks, and ways of expressing yourself—including what you tend to talk about. These are often the very things we edit out when we're trying to sound impressive or professional.

Your voice isn't something you have to manufacture from scratch. Notice where it already shows up, and bring more of it into your writing!



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