

## Bring life to your writing: avoid “It is” / “It was”

Do not begin sentences with “It is” or “It was.” These words sap vividness from your sentence.

### Examples

Instead of: It is important for nurses to recognize that not all clients will recover at the same rate.

Write: Nurses must recognize that not all clients will recover at the same rate.

Instead of: It is expected that the simulation practice will reduce the time on task.

Write: The simulation practice is expected to reduce the time on task.

Instead of: It is helpful to explore all avenues for job postings, to get a more comprehensive view of the market.

Write: Exploring all avenues for job postings will help you to get a more comprehensive view of the market.

Instead of: It was a dark and stormy night.

Write: Gritty rain and gusting winds walloped the house all night.



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