

Forum Rules

1. **NO SPAMMING** of any kind and this is not a dating site.
2. **Keep posts relevant** to the forum topics: the writing and photos presented here on this site. This is not the place for political rants or religious epiphanies unless directly tied to a piece of writing.
3. **Be respectful.** While it is easier to say hurtful or disrespectful things when not standing face-to-face, it is essential to consider the feelings of others and to respect opinions that differ from yours. If you wouldn't say what you are writing face-to-face, don't say it.
4. **Written communication is easy to misunderstand**, especially when strong or vulgar language and punctuation like a ! or all caps are used. Think about how you would feel if you received the message, you are writing and read it out loud before you send it.
5. **Humor and sarcasm are especially easy to misinterpret.** If you were speaking and you would be saying "just kidding," your reader is likely to take your comment seriously. Emoticons and smileys can help to keep your intent clear.
6. **Please write in English only.**
7. **How you express yourself, including grammar and spelling** create your image as much as the way you comb your hair the clothes you wear; proofread what you write.
8. **Credit your sources:** If you are posting something someone else wrote, make sure you say who said or wrote it.
9. **Remember that everything you put online is public**, so if you don't want your boss or your mother to see it, don't post it.

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