

Topic: UX Writing

Apple iOS Writing for Apps

1. Key Principles:

- Define the app's voice and tone based on audience and context.
- Focus on simplicity, clarity, and accessibility.
- Match tone to user situations (e.g., celebratory vs. serious).
- Use active, action-oriented language.
- Maintain consistency in style (case, perspective, navigation terms).

2. Best Practices:

- Prioritize important information; structure text for readability.
- Tailor text for device-specific interactions (e.g., "Tap" vs. "Click").
- Provide clear error messages and guidance in empty states.
- Use straightforward labels and hints in text fields.
- Adapt writing for diverse devices while ensuring uniform tone.

Google Material Design UX Writing

1. Key Principles:

- Clearly explain consequences of user actions in neutral, direct language.
- Use scannable, structured text with sentence case formatting.
- Avoid abbreviations, jargon, and unnecessary punctuation.
- Use second-person pronouns ("you" and "your") for user-centric tone.
- Limit first-person pronouns and avoid personifying the organization.

2. Best Practices:

- Use contractions and serial commas for clarity.
- Limit exclamation points and ellipses to appropriate contexts.
- Avoid ampersands and unnecessary dashes in body text.
- Write device-specific text tailored to screen size and user interaction.
- Provide accessible, inclusive text that avoids confusion.

Similarities:

- **Clarity and Simplicity:** Avoiding jargon and unnecessary words.
- **Consistency:** Maintaining uniform tone and style across text elements.
- **User-Centric Focus:** Using second-person pronouns and tailoring content to user needs and contexts.
- **Accessibility:** Writing for diverse audiences with inclusivity in mind.
- **Device-Specific Adjustments:** Adapting text to fit screen sizes and user interactions.

The main differences lie in specific formatting preferences (e.g., Apple offers flexibility between sentence and title case, while Google insists on sentence case) and Google's additional focus on punctuation and style specifics like ellipses, exclamation points, and serial commas.

