

## Clear writing resources

1. CLEO's Better Legal Information Handbook:

<https://cleoconnect.ca/tcodownloads/better-legal-information-handbook>

2. Resources on developing legal information on CLEO Connect:

<https://cleoconnect.ca/tools-tips/creating-good-legal-information>

3. Community Literacy of Ontario's Literacy: Why It Matters (2018):

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/>

4. [Conference Board of Canada](#) statistics:

- Nearly every Canadian adult has finished high school — 92%.
- Most adults (25–64) in Canada have not completed university — 69%.
- 50% of Canadian adults have inadequate literacy skills and are unable to “engage with written texts to participate in society”.
- 55% of Canadian adults have inadequate numeracy skills.
- Just over 31% of Canadian 15-year-olds “have such a limited scientific knowledge that it can only be applied to a few, familiar situations. Their science skills leave them poorly prepared to participate effectively and productively in Canada’s advanced economy.”
- A person's ability to deal with complex texts drops the longer they have been out of school. So, an academic tone would miss a lot more of the market because people don't maintain their level of education over the years. And adults' willingness to read difficult text diminishes greatly without the external motivators of course marks or salaries.

5. Summary of Christopher Trudeau's research about the overwhelming preference for plain language across education levels:

<https://skritswap.com/plain-language-wanted-by-public/>

Research paper – The Public Speaks, Again: An International Study of Legal Communication: <https://lawrepository.ualr.edu/lawreview/vol40/iss2/3/>

6. Questions to ask yourself before you write:

<https://www.poynter.org/reporting-editing/2020/20-questions-toward-achieving-civic-clarity-in-your-writing/>

7. let's be clear blog: <https://letsbeclear.ca/blog>

8. Book review – Communicating with Older People: Writing in plain English by Sarah Carr: <https://letsbeclear.ca/blogs/book-review-communicating-older-people-writing-plain-english-sarah-carr>

9. Plain language training, based on criminal procedure in Ireland, with an opportunity to test your skills:

<https://elearning.helsinki.hu/mod/scorm/view.php?id=12>

10. PLAIN – an international association for plain language supporters and practitioners: <https://plainlanguagenetwork.org/>

11. Center for Plain Language – tips for clear writing and before and after examples: [www.centerforplainlanguage.org/learning-training](http://www.centerforplainlanguage.org/learning-training)

12. Letting Go of the Words: Writing web content that works by Ginny Redish: <https://redish.net/>

- other resources available on her website