



What Can News Editors Let Go?

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more than vs. over

And other recent style “allowances,” if you will

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persuade/convince

anxious/eager

WHO/WHOM

**and other old grammar rules
that not everybody follows anymore**

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“close to” vs. “near”

and other tightening

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“says”

“says” vs. “said” consistency

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**said Jones
vs. Jones said**

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“But” vs. “However”

**beginning a sentence with
(some believe in never starting a sentence
with “But”; some believe starting one with
“However” slows it down)**

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**“following”
vs. “after”**

Ever taught this one?

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passive voice

always bad?

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“Dems”

“mull”

and other undesirable headline shorthand

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repeated words in headlines

**Time to
watch out
for turtles**

Plus, don't help
turtles across the street,
and other advice

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repeated words in stories

**such as in consecutive paragraphs
(some writers and editors just hate that)**



Number abbreviations in headlines

**Budget
calls for
\$53M in
tax hikes**

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Other abbreviations in headlines

Gov

Prez

Blago

Hill

Rahm

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Bad breaks in headlines

In 1-column heads

In multi-column heads

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Captions!

AP's damned captions
“captions for the blind”
repetition

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Bigger questions!



Ethical considerations

- **Domestic battery coverage**
 - **Victim identification**
- **Address usage (like of a dead person)**
 - **Story play**
- **Balance and fairness (say, elections, or wire stories involving the Trump administration)**

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Training and feedback for staff