

CHANGE



Can we, for a second, talk about how change is not always good? A lot of people might argue that change is needed and it brings new opportunities for us but I'd love to still be a freshman in university without a care in the world. Now, I'm in my senior year with more wrinkles on my face. As we grow older, we remain the kid we used to be but we get more responsibilities piled up on us. As our shoulders get heavier, we learn to accept things the way they are and grow stronger to bear the load. We also learn to accept that the state we're in, now, is the culmination of multiple changes in our lives. So is change always good? Not during the initial stages, but you get used to it and learn to embrace it. That's how it's both detrimental and beneficial for all of us.

– Shahrukh Ikhtear, Sub-Editor, SHOUT

THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

ARIES

I will be in your mind all day, don't mind me.



TAURUS

Time to break the rules and eat water.



GEMINI

Your headphones will listen to you and not the other way around.



CANCER

Do you leave behind a piece of yourself every time you buy a banana?



LEO

Tomorrow, you'll wake up to whispers saying "lemme smash".



VIRGO

You should learn how to swim on the streets.



LIBRA

A monkey a day, keeps the banana away.



SCORPIO

Too young to settle in; too tired to try new things.



SAGITTARIUS

Can we just appreciate our pyjamas?



CAPRICORN

We told you not to hear the music.



AQUARIUS

Tell your doctor you suffer from derptitis.

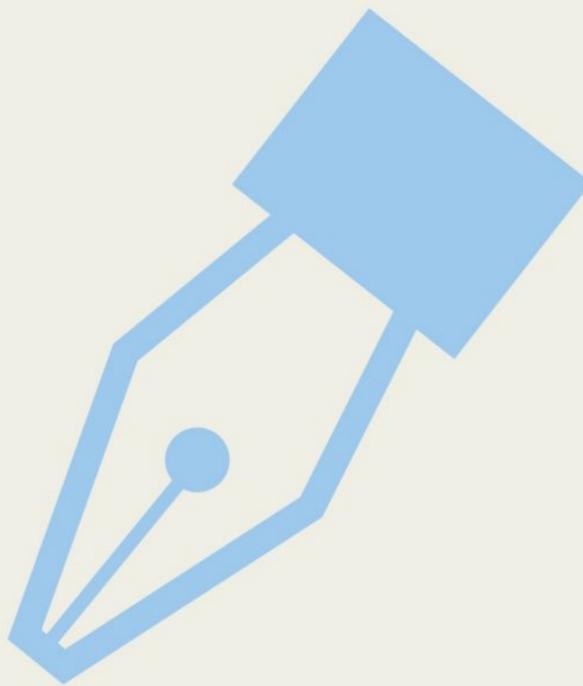


PISCES

I am not going to tell you this but you are a potato.



WRITE RIGHT



REDUNDANCY AND HOW IT'S REDUNDANT

One of the main issues that writers should seek to eliminate is redundancy. How many times have you written something like this?

"There seems to be a lot of people in this very crowded stadium."

See that, right there? It's redundancy. As redundant as how it's redundant to point out that the sentence is redundant. If you're still confused, let's break it down. You're already saying there are a lot of people in the stadium, so there's no use in saying "very crowded" again. A better way to rephrase the sentence would be:

"The stadium seems to be very crowded."

Not only did that sentence shorten your word count (which is a big plus if you're writing within a word limit), it also gets the point across. That should be your goal – conveying your messages to your reader in simple, short sentences. But sometimes redundancy can hide in plain sight.

"The army marched forward."

Logic dictates that an army doesn't march backward so you should not write the word "forward" in that sentence.

Be smart about what you're writing and try to look for such issues. Your writing will look more professional, concise, and you'll gain a lot of readers.



MIXTAPE

FRNDZ

FENSTER

Memories



THE BEATLES

With a Little Help from My Friend



TYRONE WELLS

Time of Our Lives



ARCTIC MONKEYS

Fluorescent Adolescent



FOSTER THE PEOPLE

I Love My Friends



RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS

My Friends