Writing Style Guidelines

Voice & Tone

- Curious & Explorative: Write as if you're actively learning and processing information
- **Thoughtful:** Take time to consider different angles rather than presenting definitive answers
- Conversational: Use "I" and "you" liberally in a natural way
- Balanced: Present multiple perspectives before offering your synthesis
- Intellectually Humble: Acknowledge the limits of your knowledge and experience
- **Practical:** Focus on applicable insights rather than abstract theory

Words and Phrases to Avoid (Al Detection)

- Question sentences: "The result? Improved conversions." (Instead, use complete sentences: "This led to improved conversions.")
- X/Y juxtapositions: "It's not just about features, it's about benefits." (Instead, be direct: "Features matter less than benefits.")
- Em-dash overuse: Use periods to create separate sentences instead
- Generic business jargon: "leverage," "utilize," "synergy," "game-changer," "paradigm shift"
- Intro phrases: "picture this," "in the realm of," "in the world of"
- False urgency: "you need to," "you must," "essential"
- Vague qualifiers: "very," "really," "quite," "actually"
- Cliché transitions: "at the end of the day." "when all is said and done"
- Command phrases: "Remember," "Keep in mind," "Don't forget"

How to Sound Genuinely Human

- Use contractions: "I'm," "you're," "doesn't," "can't"
- Include occasional asides: (like this) or [like this]
- Reference specific dates/times: "Last Tuesday" vs. "Recently"
- Mention places by name: "When I was working from that coffee shop in Victoria Island" vs. "When I was working remotely"
- Include imperfections: Admit uncertainty when appropriate
- Vary sentence structure: Mix simple statements with more complex thoughts
- Use cultural references: Books, shows, or events your audience would recognize
- Share genuine reactions: "This absolutely floored me" or "I couldn't believe how simple the solution was"

Sentence and Paragraph Structure

• Begin with strong statements: Start paragraphs with clear, concise claims

- Create rhythm: Alternate between short, punchy sentences and more detailed explanations
- One idea per paragraph: Keep paragraphs focused on a single thought
- End with impact: Conclude sections with insights or provocative thoughts
- Use natural transitions: Connect ideas organically rather than with formulaic phrases
- Embrace white space: Short paragraphs create visual breathing room