

## A Glossary of Style

**clarity:** precision in expression

**clause:** structure with a subject and a predicate

**coherence:** the order or logical consistency throughout a text, typically part of clarity and decorum

**cohesion:** the connections between the various parts of a text, typically part of clarity and decorum

**concision:** brevity of expression, typically part of both clarity and decorum, though seemingly contradicted by ornament

**correctness:** suitable grammar, mechanics, and spelling

**decorum:** appropriateness in expression

**diction:** word choice, typically part of clarity

**figure of speech:** artful changes in the arrangement (addition, subtraction, substitution, amplification, or omission) of words; also known as schemes

**figure of thought:** artful changes in the arrangement of ideas; also known as schemes

**ornament:** stylistic variation, including figures and tropes

**paragraph:** sentence or group of sentences that address a common point

**phrase:** combination of words that makes up the basic unit of a sentence

**sentence:** word or group of words based on one or more clause patterns

**tone:** author's attitude toward the subject matter and the audience

**trope:** artful use of a word to mean something other than its ordinary meaning

**virtues of style:** according to the ancients, there are four aspects that good stylists followed: correctness, clarity, decorum, and ornament

**voice:** specifically the relationship between the subject and verb, as in active or passive voice; generally, a synonym for style