

## Author's Voice

Everyone who writes is an author. When you write, you use your author's voice. **Author's voice** means the special way you use words to share your message. It is the vocabulary you like to use, the types of sentences you like to write, and the ideas you like to focus on. Your author's voice is unique!

You can use your author's voice to make a simple sentence sound better. Changing words or adding descriptions can make your writing sound like a real person is saying the words.

We may start writing with a simple sentence:

- Pollution affects people and the environment.

Author's voice changes that sentence into more unique ones:

- *People and their environments can be hurt by pollution.*
- *Pollution is a big problem affecting people and the environment.*
- *Pollution causes issues for environments and people who live there.*

The sentences above use different authors' voices. They all share the same main idea, but they use unique words and styles.

You have your own author's voice! Rewrite the following sentences in your voice.

**1.** Dogs and cats need different things.

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**2.** The water cycle supports life on Earth.

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**3.** Greater heat energy increases temperatures.

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Reading your sentences out loud can help you listen for your author's voice. Does it sound natural when you read your sentences? If it doesn't, you may need to go back and try to add more of your author's voice.