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# How Editors Protect Your Voice:

## A Quick Reference Guide

### Clarity Without Compromise

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#### ♦ The Promise of Voice-Preserving Editing

A good editor doesn't take over your work. She helps you **sound more like yourself**, not less.

Whether your draft is rough or polished, a voice-preserving editor offers:

- Clarity without erasure
- Corrections without control
- Refinements without rewriting

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#### ♦ 5 Ways Editors Support Your Voice

##### 1. **They ask first.**

Good editors clarify your goals and audience before suggesting changes.

##### 2. **They edit with a light touch.**

They smooth clunky phrases but never rewrite your ideas into theirs.

##### 3. **They preserve your rhythm.**

Sentence length, cadence, and transitions stay true to your tone.

##### 4. **They protect your authority.**

Word choices reflect *your* expertise, not theirs.

##### 5. **They flag, don't flatten.**

Awkward spots get flagged, not overwritten so you stay in control.

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## ◆ Warning Signs of Overwriting

- 🚫 Voice feels generic
- 🚫 Favorite phrases are gone
- 🚫 Tone has shifted to academic, corporate, or clinical
- 🚫 You feel erased or muted

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## ◆ You Deserve Better

A strong edit builds trust between you and your reader. That only works if it also builds trust between **you and your editor**.

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## ◆ Want a Partner, Not a Corrector?

- 👉 Plan the edit together.

A voice-preserving editor can bring clarity, ease, and confidence to your next draft.