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How Editors Protect Your Voice:

A Quick Reference Guide

Clarity Without Compromise

✦ 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

◆ **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**.

◆ **Want a Partner, Not a Corrector?**

- 👥 Plan the edit together.

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