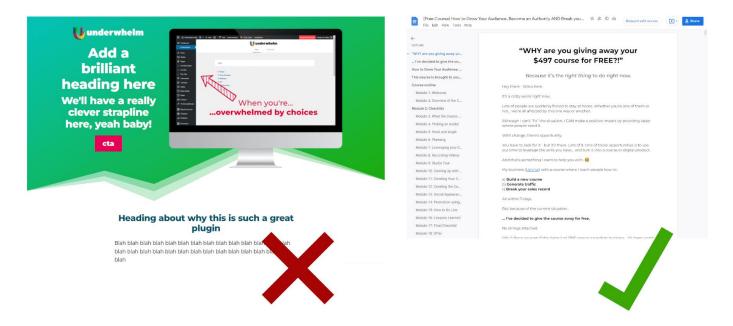




Do you look at your sales pages performance and think "meh". If you're not a sales page creating god or goddess, some of the pointers here may help you up your game and create better performing sales pages.

If the appearance of your sales pages is your highest priority, you might want to move along. Some of the points here will make your pages appear uglier and more boring.

Oh yes, I have no doubt some people will disagree with some of these, but each to their own.



You design the page first, write the copy last

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You choose form over function

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You select poorly designed, hard to read fonts

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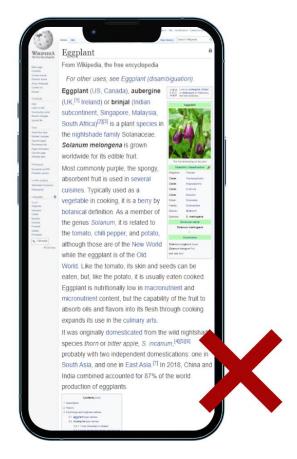
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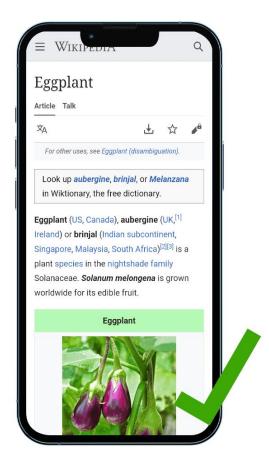


You have very long lines of text on desktop screens

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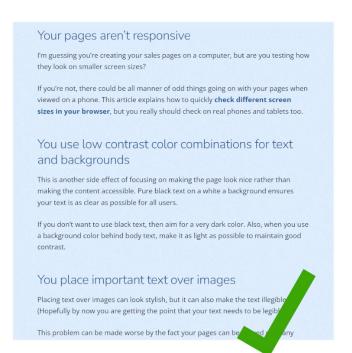




### Your pages aren't responsive

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You use low contrast color combinations for text and backgrounds https://unclechuckles.com/more-crappy-than-a-wood-full-of-bears#background



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### You place important text over images

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If you're focusing on what the page looks like, you're failing to focus on what the page is meant to be doing. Making readers realize that they need your product.

# Lose 20lbs by summer holiday time with my unique positive mind power program

Better still, with what I will teach you, you'll be abe to better manage all aspects of your health and wellbeing.

- Gain the power to stop taking the drugs you need to cope every day
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And yes I know all those fancy, scripty, hand drawn fonts on Creative Mark are very popular, but they make it very hard to scan a page quickly.

You use images for decoration

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This one really gets my goat. It is king, queen and prince of nobbing around with form over function.

Copywriters often advise that we should use headings that will convey the meaning of a page even if someone quickly scrolls down and reads none of the copy.

That's not easy to do at the best of times, but it's even harder if every heading has been animated to slide into position as the reader scrolls.

I've literally lost count of the number of pages where I've scrolled to the bottom of the page, and not at breakneck speed, without reading a single thing because elements only appeared after I scrolled past them.

A little animation might be an effective way to draw attention to something important, but if everything's animated, what's the point?

Incidentally, don't confuse this with lazy loading images that only load when they become visible to the reader to speed up page load times.



# You randomly scatter buy buttons through

A common piece of advice is to scatter multiple by button t long form sales pages so that a reader is always close to a button to get to

### You animate elements with no good reason

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You're probably not going to suddenly become rich from following this, but why wouldn't you?

**Buy Now** 

### You fight against reading gravity

We naturally read English text from left to right and top to bottom. The more we read, the more we scroll down the page. That's the natural reading flow.

You may think a single column from top to bottom is dreadfully boring, but it lets the reader's eye flow naturally.

Buy Now

You justify text

If you come from the world of print, perhaps publishing physical books, you are probably used to justifying text.

A downside of justifying text is that sometimes the increased form "rivers" of white space running down the page across multip . In print. this can be manually adjusted.

Buy Now

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The thought is that it presents a natural cue for readers to unconsciously ask themselves if they want to continue reading.

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**Buy Now** 

You randomly scatter buy buttons throughout the page

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You use harmonious colors for CTA buttons

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# You designed the page first, wrote the copy last.

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### You used a too small font for your body copy

You want your page to be classy and sophisticated like a sack full of French fashion designers. That's why you set your copy at 12px because it takes up little space and makes for an attractive block of dark gray to contrast with the abundant white space.

Makes it a bugger to read though, doesn't it? Who cares, you just want customers with 20/20 vision.

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