

6 WAYS YOUR HOME PAGE COPY IS KILLING --- YOUR BUSINESS

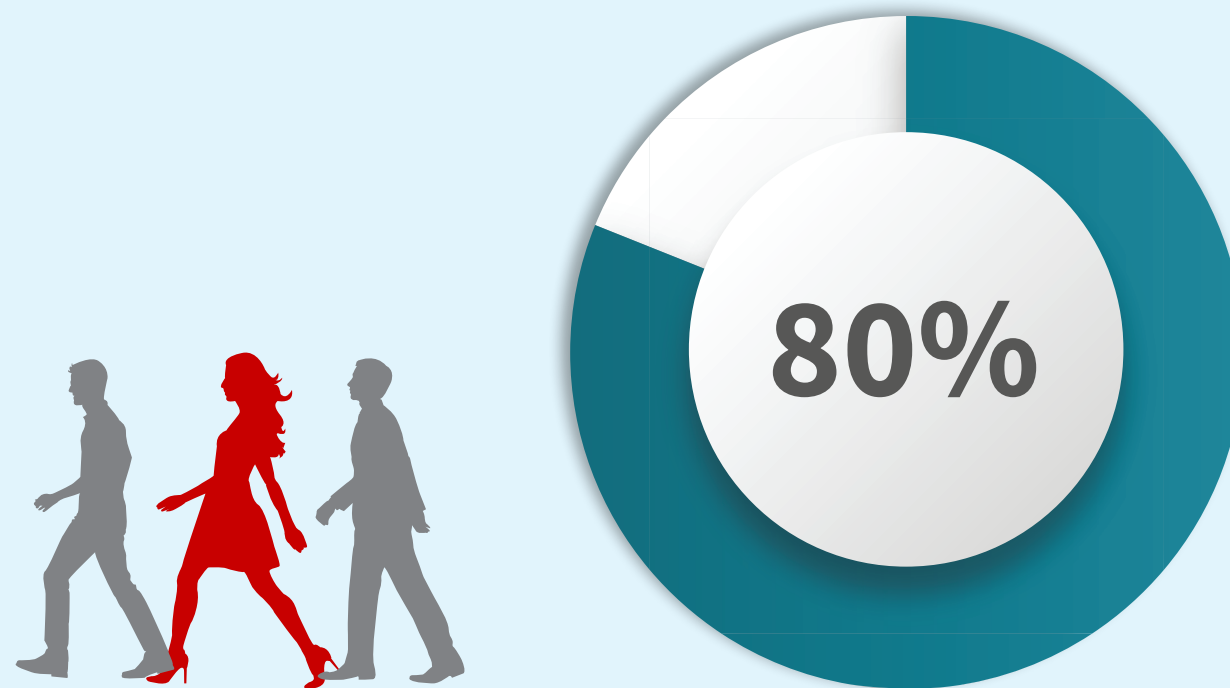
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IS YOUR WEBSITE UNDER PERFORMING?

Do you even know why?



**DO MORE THAN 80% OF YOUR VISITORS TO
YOUR SITE LEAVE AFTER PAGE 1?**



ARE THE WEB ANALYTICS STATS PROVING A HIGH BOUNCE RATE?



THE PROBLEM IS IN YOUR COPY

HERE'S

6 WAYS

YOUR COPY MAKES

WEB VISITORS

RUN AWAY

FROM YOUR SITE AND

YOUR BUSINESS

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR HOMEPAGE

WHAT'S THE STORY IT'S TELLING YOUR AUDIENCE?

1. Your content is full of facts about your business, product or service...but no solutions
 2. Everything is focused on what “we” do... not what we can do for you
 3. Your key business message matters to you, but does it matter to your *target audience*?
 4. Is your website filled with images that only reinforce and illustrate your facts?
 5. “I just can’t relate to you...” What’s the voice of your copy?
 6. Your information leads them nowhere.
- A phone number and a Contact Us page is not a call to action.

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YOU OVERWHELM YOUR WEB AUDIENCE WITH FACTS, FACTS AND MORE FACTS



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**Your copy talks about your business, and what it does,
and all the detail of how you do it.**

We do this, and that... and more of this...

And you use all the industry jargon as well.

**That's old-style marketing-trying to sell the
product or service, and its' features.**

**And businesses are finding out the hard way
that just doesn't work anymore.**

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Check it now.

**How much of your copy is solid, heavy fact
that offers no solutions?**

**Copy that is not balanced is hard to absorb
and difficult to read. You've lost them.**

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**How many times does your homepage
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**Take an audit.
Count and reverse engineer.**

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**YOUR KEY MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR
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**Your key message is the anchor point for not just your web,
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**What's the key point you're currently
making with your web content?**

Is it the No 1 priority for your clients?

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YOUR WEBSITE IS FILLED WITH IMAGES THAT REINFORCE AND ILLUSTRATE ONLY YOUR FACTS



**We've told you we do this, and that we do it well...
so now here's images showing you we do it:
here, and there, and over there...**

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**Count them —
how many of your images demonstrate a message
that just shows the actual product or service.**

**And how many show the same message —
just over, and over, and over?**

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**Who is your target audience?
Are you talking their language?**

What's the voice of your copy — what does it sound like?

**Can they relate to what you are talking about,
and how you are talking about it?**

**Or are you just trying to convince them
of what you want to sell?**

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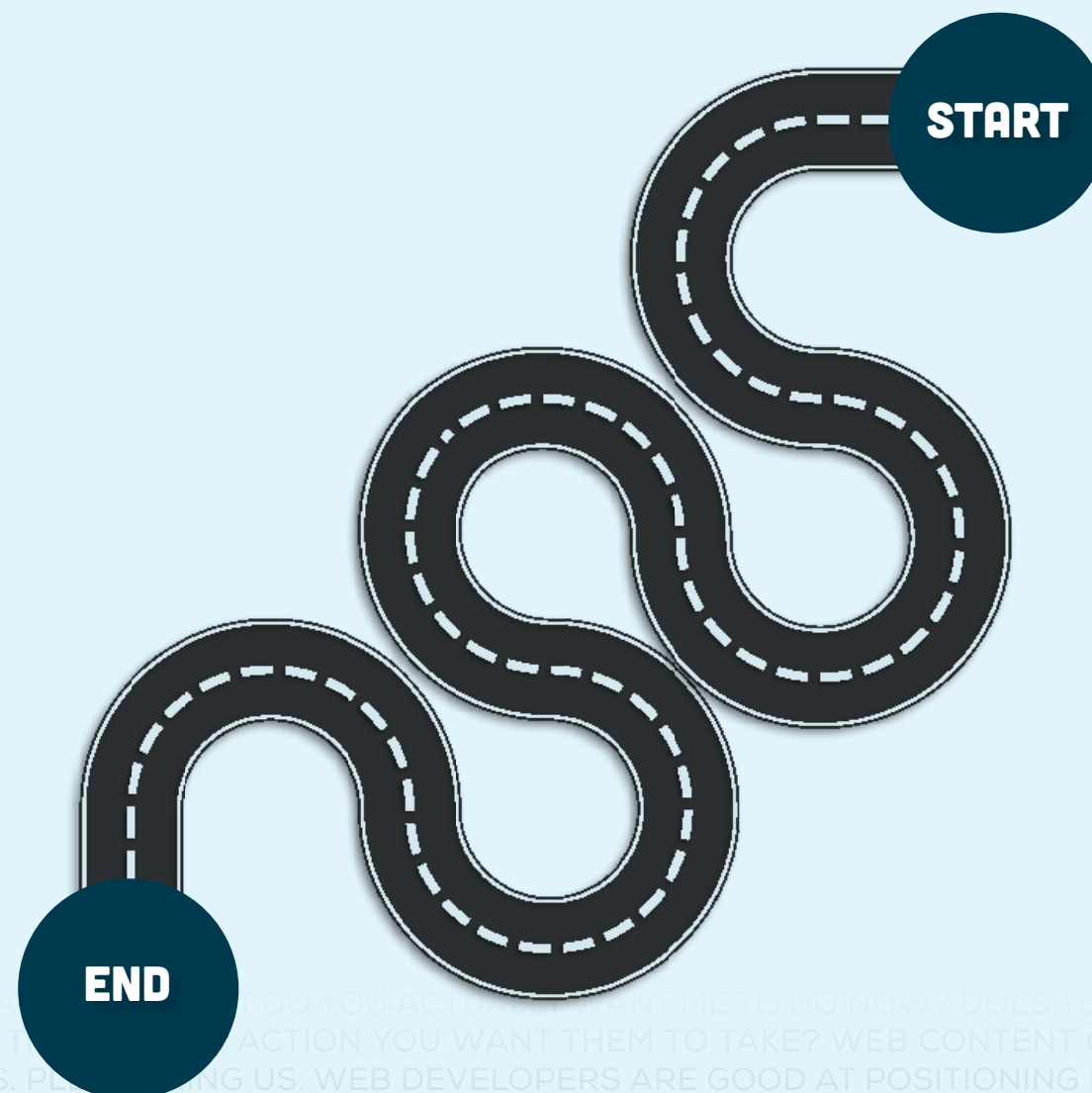
Marketers describe it as the “look and feel” of your site.

**What does your home page look and sound
like from the target audience point of view?**

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WHERE DOES ALL THIS INFORMATION LEAD YOUR AUDIENCE?



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Does your home page drive your viewers along?
Does each piece of content build your story?
Is your content *stackable*? Does it lead to an action?

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Other people think we're great, too.

Ring us.
Please ring us.

But a Contact Us page is not a *call* to action.

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WHAT NEXT STEP ARE YOU AFTER?

- Increasing volume of calls
- Increasing the number of qualified, informed callers
 - Sales
 - Generating leads
- Providing information for the relevant audience
- Increasing revenue from existing customers
- Positioning your business in your industry
 - Getting people in your door
 - Building credibility



ACTION

**Does your copy drive your audience
to the actions you want them to take?**

What was the original “action” intention of your website?

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Images- how many demonstrate the message <i>this is what we do</i> . And how many show the same message- over and over?	
Get a fresh perspective. What's the look and feel of your website from your clients' point of view?	
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UNLOCK YOUR CONTENT GEMS

Here's the link you've been missing.

When it comes to creating content, there's a link missing for many businesses.

Content is everything, but all too often the frustration is

Where do I start? What do I write about?

The triggers for great content often are frustratingly invisible when comes to actually writing something about your own business.

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