

A QUICK GUIDE TO COPYWRITING BRIEFINGS



WHO?

We'd love to get to know you better

– What does your company do?

What's your main line of business? B2B / B2C / non-profits or public authorities?

- How does your company position itself?

What are your core values? Your mission and vision?

– Do you have a set tone of voice?

Formal/informal?

Do you use contracted verb forms (we are/we're, is not/isn't)?



Tell us more about the assignment

– What's the text about?

What is its main message?

– Which channel/medium will you use to disseminate the text?

Online/offline, website, social media, blog, brochure, magazine, annual report, campaign, ...

- What's the envisaged deadline?

When would you like us to send you the final version?



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FOR WHOM?

Introduce your target audience

– Who is your main target audience?

Who will be reading the text, or whom do you hope to reach?

– How do you want your target audience to react?

What's the goal of the text? Any call to action? What result(s) are you hoping to achieve?

- What does your company offer its target audience?

What are your USPs (Unique Selling Points) and ESPs (Emotional Selling Points)? What sets you apart from the competition?



HOW?

Any material we should take a look at?

- Reference material, including recent copy
- Similar communication by competitors/partners of interest

Documentation

Websites, manuals, research, testimonials, images, keywords...

Specific info

Technical jargon/list of terms to be used, do's & don'ts, ...