



How to Write Usefully

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01

**Though no doubt
correct, such
statements tell the
reader nothing.**

02

In the sciences, this is called publication bias, and is considered bad.

03

You need humility to measure novelty, because acknowledging the novelty of an idea means acknowledging your previous ignorance of it.

04

You might think that if you work sufficiently hard to ensure that an essay is correct, it will be invulnerable to attack.

05

**The other constraint
you can relax is a little
surprising: publication.**

06

**Although the essay is
an old form, it hasn't
been assiduously
cultivated.**



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