

# HOW to FIX the top 3 resume mistakes

**Length:** Resumes for young professionals should not exceed one page. PERIOD. You do not have enough experience and education to justify two pages. If you find yourself exceeding the page limit, remove all irrelevant fluff, keep bullet points to one line, and adjust margins and font sizes.

**Word Choice:** The difference between an average resume and a stellar resume comes down to word choice. Each bullet point **MUST** begin with a power verb. Example verbs are: implemented, executed, converted, researched, managed, facilitated, increased, designed, created, reduced, etc...

**Objective Statement:** A statement of purpose, or an objective statement, at the top of a resume has become obsolete. If you need to fill up a thin resume, use this space for a branding statement or professional summary. Describe your unique attributes honestly and concisely.

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