BUILDING BETTER CONTENT

Al Snippets Checklist

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Content Research

Use Google Search for Questions

Start typing your target topic into Google and use the results to inform your content planning. These are real questions users are searching for and can guide your content focus.



• Make note of the autocomplete suggestions



Example: Type "Al snippets" and note questions like "What are Al snippets?" or "How to optimize for Al snippets?"

Identify Question-Based Keywords

Use tools like SemRush, Ubersuggest, or AnswerThePublic to find common questions your audience is asking.

•	Look for	"how-to"	queries



Look for "what is" queries



Look for "why" queries



Example: "How to optimize for AI snippets?"

Analyze Competitor Snippets

Research existing featured snippets for your target keywords. Note things like:

Format (list, paragraph, table)



Content style



Content Development

Base Subheadings on Google AI Overview

Use Google's Al-generated overviews to guide your content structure.

• Search your target keyword and review the suggested sections



Align your H2s and H3s with these to match Google's priorities



Example: If Google suggests "What are AI snippets?" and "How to optimize for AI snippets?" as sections, use those as your subheadings.

Answer the Query Clearly and Concisely

Place the most direct answer to the query in the first 50-60 words



Make sure the answer falls directly below the appropriate subhead



This formatting helps increase the chance of being pulled into a snippet.

Prioritize Human-Friendly Content

Google prioritizes content that is in-depth yet easy to read.

Write in a conversational tone



Break up long paragraphs



Use simple language to keep your content accessible



• Target a 7th- to 8th-grade reading level.



Tip: Use tools like Grammarly or Hemingway to check readability scores and make adjustments.

Formatting for Snippets

Structure for Readability

Make your content easy to skim. Google loves structured content for snippets.

Prioritize the use of appropriate sub-headings

- Incorporate bullet points, and numbered lists when possible

Incorporate Visuals and Examples

These can appear in rich snippets and provide Google with additional context to help place your articles.

• Add charts to showcase data and insights



• Add images and video into the body of the article



Don't ignore your alt. text and media descriptions



Test & Iterate

Tools like SEMRush can help you monitor and track the effectiveness of your snippet placements. Remember:

• Track the performance of your content over time



Make ongoing adjustments to optimize and improve performance



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