**Oral Communication**

Environment: Given and received in a relatively stable, controlled environment.

Feedback:

* Immediate feedback
* Adaptable message
* Benefit of social cues

Context:

* Allows for showing, not just telling
* Easier to give context

Style:

* Simpler
* Shorter sentences
* More universal word choice
* Repetition/Summarization

**Written Communication**

Environment: While written in a controlled environment … it may be read in an unpredictable environment

Feedback:

* Delayed feedback
* Permanent message
* Lack of social cues

Context:

* Relies solely on description (telling)
* More difficult to provide context

Style:

* More complex
* Professional community-specific jargon
* Grammatical correctness
* Longer sentences/paragraphs