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# THE SECRETS OF BEING A WRITER

Read, Write, Learn & Create

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## Why do you write?

To share my emotions and feelings about particular situations and events that occur in everyday life. Sometimes I just write to demonstrate a different perspective or different idea.

## Why do you find writing interesting?

I find writing interesting because there are more than one way to interpret every situation and idea. Each person can take each image, sound and smell in a completely different way and that is the beauty of writing.

## How do you beat procrastination?

Looking through old photos, standing outside and listening to different sounds that are made. Creativity can not be forced. It comes naturally.

## Where do you find the inspiration for your different ideas?

I find my inspiration when writing in my family, friends, the relationships around me and the places I travel. I find things when I go away and write short pieces on them as well. I find inspiration in unusual things as well like an ant or some grass (just something to give me a different perspective).



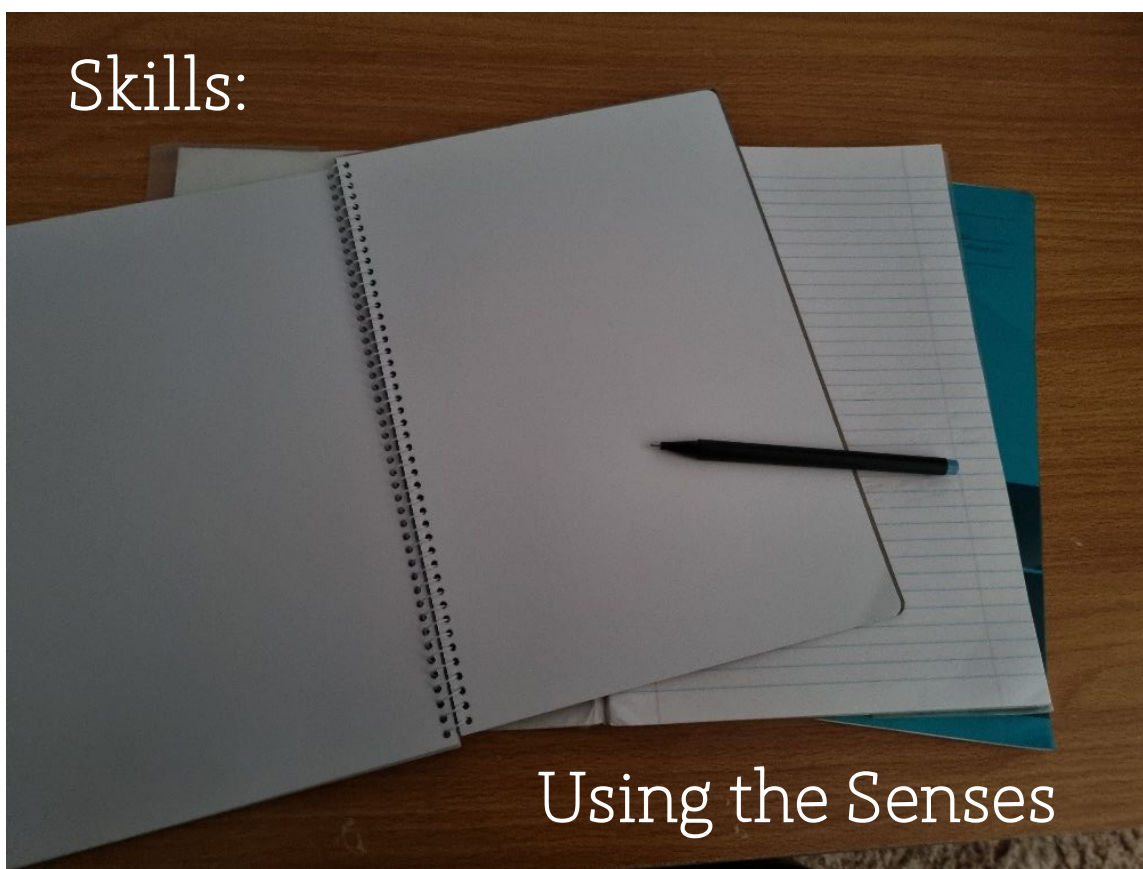


# Is there a certain way you write?

I am a journal writer, so I like to write about real life events, people and things. My preferred way to write is by hand. I try to write at least once a week, so that I keep new ideas coming. I write anywhere and when ever I feel an idea coming I sit down and write until I feel like I have exhausted the idea.



## Skills:



## Using the Senses



## Smell

When I write about a particular smell I either have the scent or imagine the smell and pick a few words to describe it.

### *Example:*

Like when describing the smell of freshly cut grass. I could pick the three words piercing, vivid and alive.

### *Your turn:*

Try describing a smell in your surroundings using three words or less.





## Taste

When I write about a taste I try the taste and then pick 2/3 words which describe the word best. Making a list of the different options is sometimes the best way to find the best possible 2 or 3 words when feeling indecisive or like there are too many good options. By making a list you can try the different options in the sentence and pick the best one for you.

### *Example:*

Like when describing the taste of an m&m. I would describe the taste of an m&m as chocolatey, smooth and vibrant.

### *Your turn:*

Try describing a taste in your surroundings. This one may be tricky, but you can find something!

## Sight

When I write about a particular scene, place or thing I look at the place, thing or scene and describe it using three words or less. Next I expand on these words.

### *Example:*

Like when describing the scene of an enchanted forest by using the chosen words spooky, bewildered and wild. Next, I would expand on them by adding things in like. Spooky flowers or wild nest of birds.

### *Your turn:*

Try describing a chosen scene, place or thing using three words or less,.

## Touch

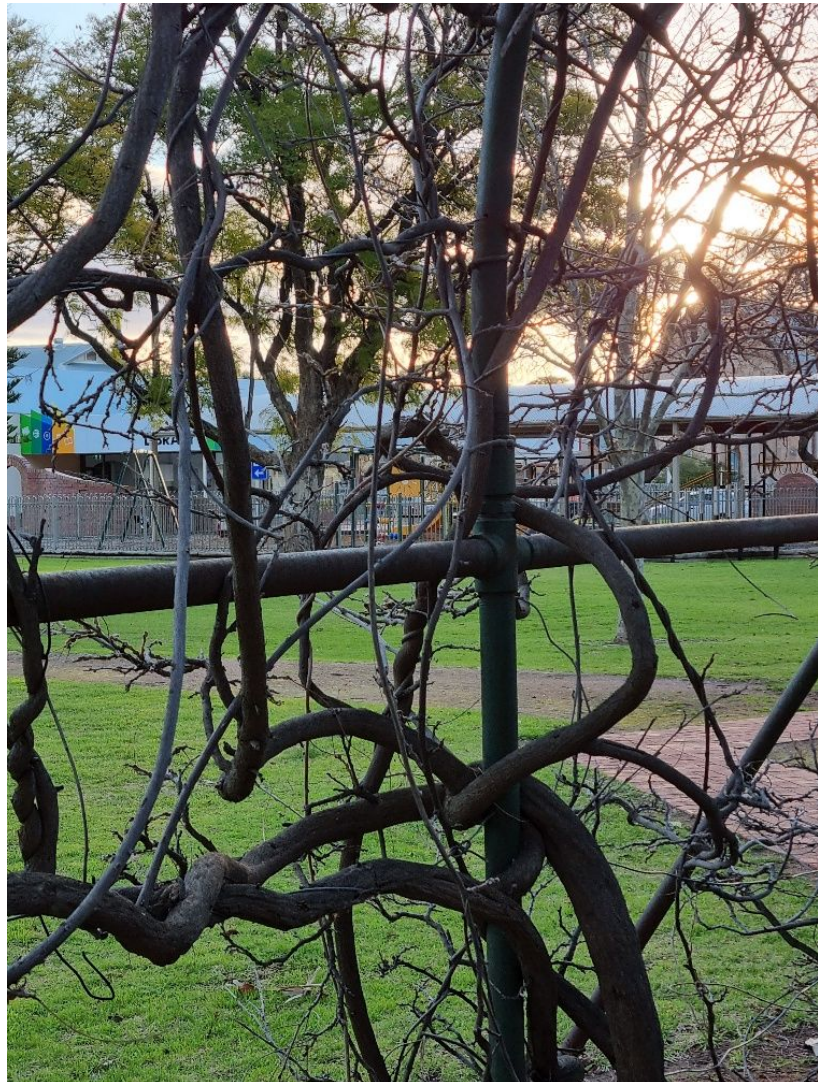
When I write about a particular texture or surface I try to use only 2/3 words that I do not use often. Using a variety of words gives writers a broader vocabulary.

### *Example:*

Like when I am writing about a flower, I would get a flower and write about the feeling of a flower, which is smooth, soft and silky.

### *Your turn:*

Try to use only 2/3 words to describe a feeling/ texture in the surroundings. Try to find something you do not touch regularly!



# Hear

When I write about a particular sound i like to listen to the sound and imagine the sound. Describing the sound using a few words can be difficult, so sometimes I write a list of the possibilities and pick my favourites.

I also like to listen to music when writing. The music I generally listen to when writing reflects what I am writing about with words and emotions. My favourite playlists generally involve disney songs.

*Example:*

Like when I am angry at someone I like to listen to a song that reflects this anger.

*Your turn:*

Try describing how you feel in your surroundings by picking a song and listen to it. Were you correct?

## My Creators/Writers Playlist

- Ghost by Ella Henderson
- Bang Bang by Jessie J, Ariana Grande, Nicki Minaj
- Kings & Queens by Ava Max
- The Edge of Glory by Lady Gaga
- Problem by Ariana Grande, Iggy Azalea
- Good Time by Owl City, Carly Rae Jepsen
- I Love It by Icona Pop, Charli XCX
- Instruction by Jax Jones, Demi Lovato, Stefflon Don
- Hung Up by Madonna
- Meet Me Halfway by Black Eyed Peas
- Big Girls Don't Cry by Fergie
- Rewrite The Stars by Zac Efron, Zendaya
- Boys and Girls by Pixie Lott
- Mamma Mia by Abba
- Telephone by Lady Gaga, Beyoncé
- Something Stupid by Glee Cast
- Call Me Maybe by Carly Rae Jepsen
- How To Be Lonely Rita Ora
- The Middle Zedd, Maren Morris, Grey
- Glad You Came by The Wanted
- Love Me Like You Do by Ellie Goulding
- A Thousand Years by Christina Perri
- Fancy by Iggy Azalea, Charli XCX
- How Far I'll Go by Alessia Cara
- We Own the Night by Chandler Kinney, Pearce Joza, Baby Ariel
- Hell To The No by Glee Cast
- Knowing Me, Knowing You Jeremy Irvine, Lily James, Pierce Brosnan, Amanda Seyfried
- Shout by Glee Cast
- A Thousand Miles by Vanessa Carlton
- Inescapable by Jessica Mauboy
- Pop a Bottle by Jessica Mauboy
- Let Me Be Me by Jessica Mauboy
- Can I Get a Moment by Jessica Mauboy
- Why Did It Have To Be Me? by Josh Dylan, Lily James, Hugh Skinner



Telephone (Glee Cast Version)

📌 Glee Cast



Run the World (Girls)

📌 Beyoncé



Heaven Is a Place on Ea...

📌 Belinda Carlisle



Fergalicious

📌 Fergie, will.i.am



Only Girl (In The World)

📌 Rihanna



Easy Breezy

📌 Kiana Ledé



Who Owns My Heart

📌 Miley Cyrus



On The Floor

📌 Jennifer Lopez, Pitbull



Take A Chance On Me - From '...

📌 Julie Walters, Stellan Skarsgård



Clumsy

📌 Fergie



Dear Future Husband

📌 Meghan Trainor



Don't Stop The Music

📌 Rihanna



I Wanna Dance with Somebod...

📌 Whitney Houston



Dinosaur (Glee Cast Version)

📌 Glee Cast



Stiches

📌 William Singe



Mamma Mia

📌 Lily James, Jessica Keenan...



Disturbia

📌 Rihanna



Fancy

📌 Iggy Azalea, Charli XCX



Candyman

📌 Christina Aguilera



Diva (Glee Cast Version)

📌 Glee Cast