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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?

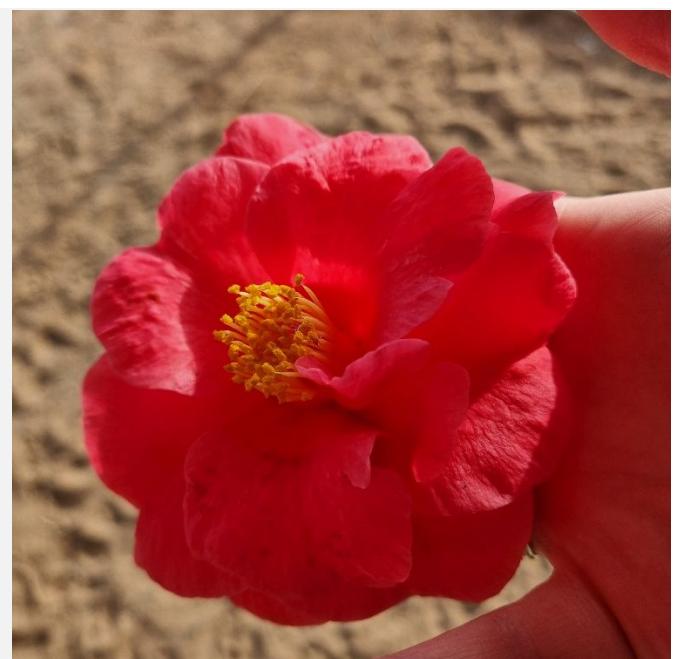
I find writing interesting because there are more than one way to interpret every situation and idea. Each person can take each image, sound and smell in a completely different way and that is the beauty of writing.

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).

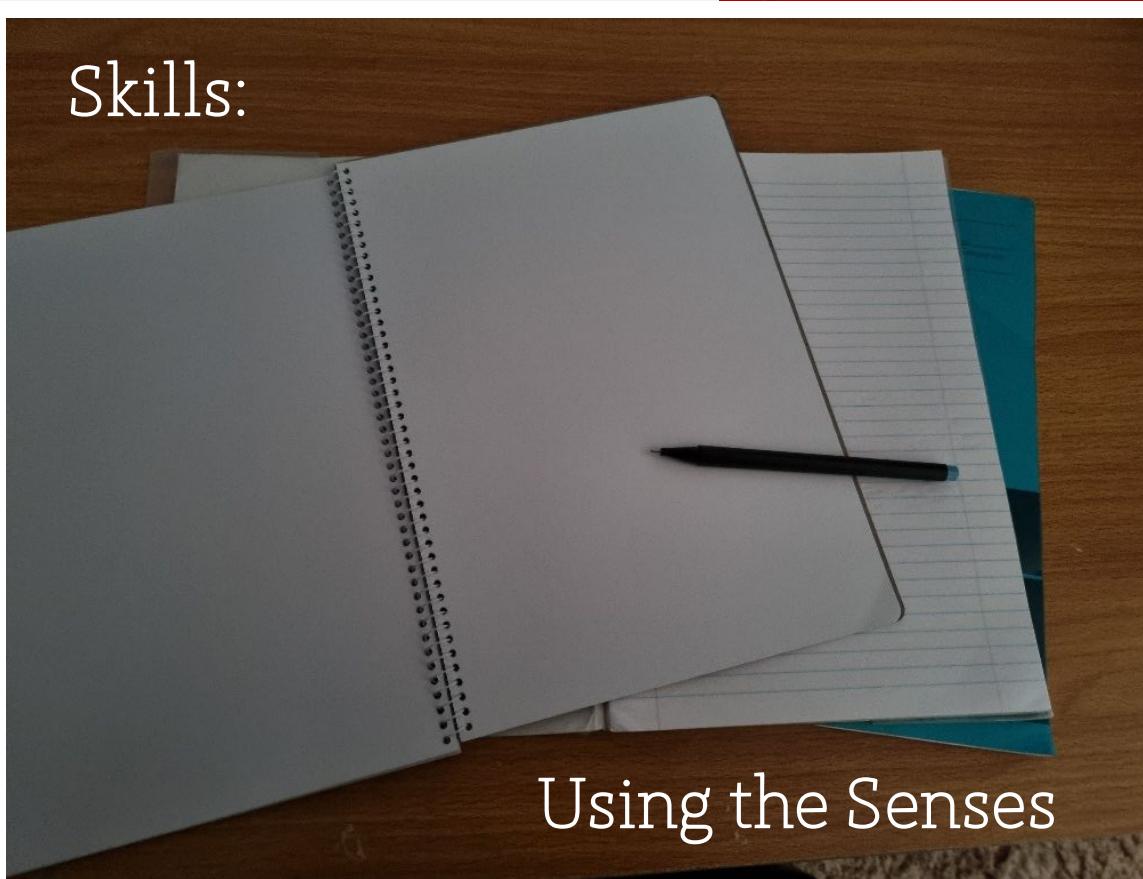


Is there a certain way you write?

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

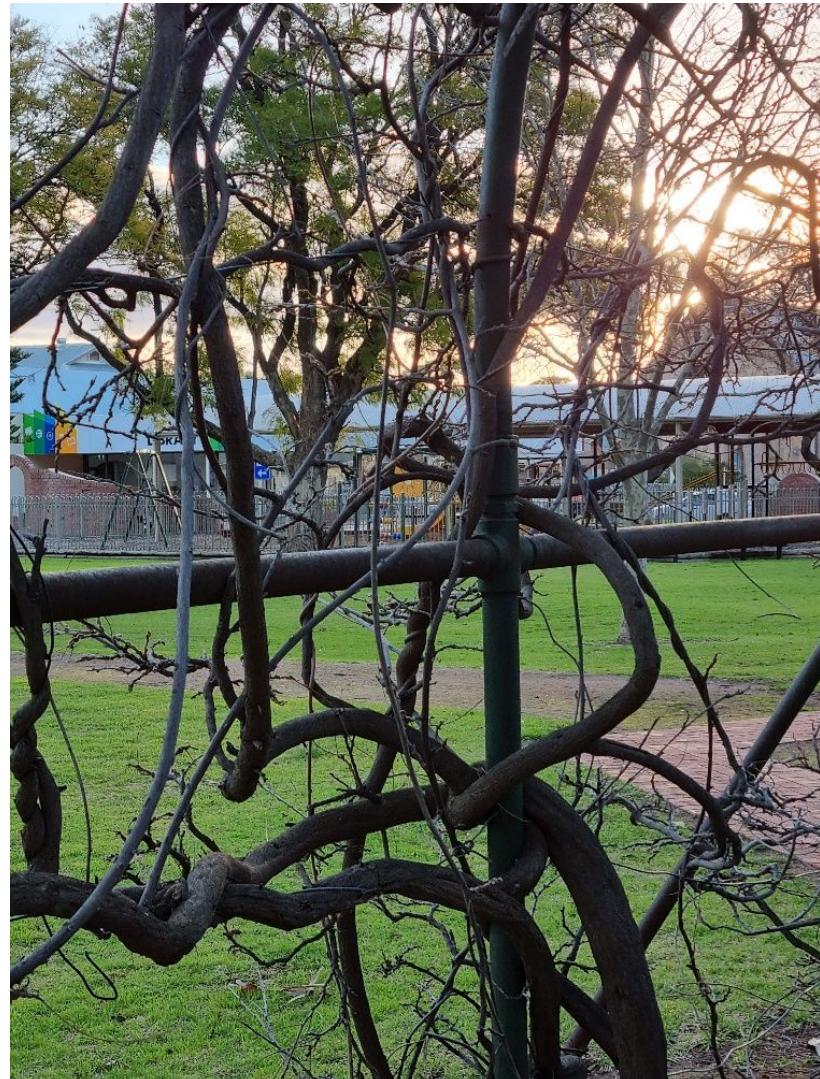
When I write about a particular texture or surface I try to use only 2/3 words that I do not use often. Using a variety of words gives writers a broader vocabulary.

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



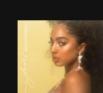
Fergalicious

↓ E Fergie, will.i.am



Only Girl (In The World)

↓ Rihanna



Easy Breezy

↓ E 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...



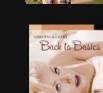
Disturbia

↓ Rihanna



Fancy

↓ E Iggy Azalea, Charli XCX



Candyman

↓ Christina Aguilera



Diva (Glee Cast Version)

↓ Glee Cast