

# 40 More Tips to Help You Improve Your Writing

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[100 Tips to Help You Become a Better Author](#)

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## 1. Top Tips for Avoiding Writer's Block

1. When facing writer's block, distract yourself by doing something totally unrelated to writing. For example, take a walk or pick up the phone and call a friend.
2. Team up with another writer to co-write a story. You can learn from each other's strengths and improve your own skills in the process.
3. Play a game (a kids toy, a video game, a Rubik's cube).
4. Listen to music, preferably songs without lyrics, such as jazz or classical.
5. Write in a different spot.
6. Just start writing. Even if you're not inspired. Even if you don't know what to write at first.
7. Give yourself a specific writing goal to hit and a reward to motivate you to accomplish that goal.
8. Face the fear that's stopped you from writing.
9. Write at a different time of day than you usually do.
10. Write with a different tool. If you usually type on a computer, write with a pencil and paper instead.

## 2. Top Tips for Getting Published as a Writer

1. Don't write just to get published. Write for the sake of writing, even if you're going to give your book away for free.
2. Look for literary agents who represent authors in your genre.
3. Do your research into an agent before you approach them with your query letter.
4. Create a properly formatted query letter to help you attract the right agent.
5. Edit your work before you attempt to find a literary agent.
6. If you're a novelist, don't send a query letter until you have a completed manuscript.
7. If you're writing non-fiction, send a book proposal instead of completing a book.

8. Understand that some books are more difficult to market to publishers than others. Publishers prefer to publish romance, crime, young adult, fantasy, sci-fi, mystery/ thriller, and erotica.
9. Consider self-publishing, especially if you're selling a book that's typically difficult to get published by a big publisher. For example, non-fiction books written by unknown authors are always a tough sell.
10. Build an audience before courting an agent. Agents and publishers are more willing to work with new authors who already have an audience. Start a blog. Get social on social media. Become a voice on genre-relevant forums and communities.

### 3. Top Tips for Meeting Deadlines as a Writer

1. Only accept a deadline that you feel is reasonable for you to meet. Don't be afraid to ask for more time.
2. Write now **and** later.
3. Write every day.
4. Set a realistic and specific writing goal for yourself and challenge yourself to meet it every day. If you can't, readjust your goal. But, keep it a daily goal.
5. Don't stop writing until you've met your deadline for that day even if you need to adjust it for the next day.
6. Find an accountability partner, such as a fellow writer. Check in with this person frequently throughout the week to let them know what your writing goals are.
7. Avoid distractions. Schedule a time each day to write and disconnect from everything else during that time.
8. Break down your writing goal into small tasks that you can accomplish one at a time (i.e. write one chapter this week by writing two pages per day or one page per hour).
9. Give yourself multiple deadlines, one for each goal. Goals need to be attached to a specific deadline.
10. Celebrate hitting each deadline, even if it's with a small snack or an impromptu dance session.

Learn more: [The Beginner's Guide to Working With Deadlines](#)

### 4. Top Tools for Authors

Check out these tools to help you improve your writing.

1. [Grammarly](#)
2. [Hemingway Editor](#)
3. [Scrivener](#)
4. [Google Docs](#)

5. [Evernote](#)
6. [Ulysses](#)
7. [Cliche Finder](#)
8. [Power Thesaurus](#)
9. [Prompts](#)
10. [Freedom](#)