7 Additional Writing Productivity Tips

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:

<u>Productivity and You: How to be a More Efficient Writer</u>

1. Don't Try to Write Too Much

Remember to take frequent breaks that give your brain a chance to refresh. Don't kill your creativity by forcing yourself to write for too long.

2. Make a Word Count Goal

Choose a specific word goal for each day.

3. Give Yourself Deadlines

Avoid procrastination by imposing time goals on your writing. Every week, set a deadline for your writing (i.e. "I'll write 5 pages by Saturday" or "I'll have chapter 8 written by June 15th").

4. Turn Off Your Internal Editor

This tip is perhaps the hardest one to implement, but also essential for productivity. Edit *after* you write, not as you write.

5. Work Offline

When it's time to write, turn off your Internet. This will allow you to concentrate completely on your writing instead of your checking up on your social media.

6. Listen to Music

Now some of you may say that you like complete silence when you're sitting down to write, but research shows that listening to music while writing can actually make you more productive. Opt for wordless music to reduce distractions.

7. Choose a Dedicated Space to Write

Have an office or a corner of your home that's dedicated solely to writing so that you can seclude yourself when it's time to write.