

9 Novel-Writing Tips to Help You Get Unstuck

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:
[Stuck in the Middle of a Novel? Use These Writing Tips to Get Unstuck](#)

Here are nine additional ways to get un-stuck when writing your novel:

1. Don't Be Afraid to Start Over

You don't have to delete your entire file. Simply create a new file and start over fresh.

2. Use Prompts

Use a creative writing prompt. Here are a few sources to consider:

- [365 Creative Writing Prompts](#)
- [400+ Creative Writing Prompts to Kickstart Your Imagination Right Now](#)
- [500+ Writing Prompts to Inspire You](#)

3. Focus on the Subplots

[Here's everything you need to know about writing subplots.](#)

4. Reassess Your Story

Sometimes, you're not meant to tell a story. Perhaps it's just not the right time. If you come to a point where you can't write any further, figure out if you're emotionally ready to keep writing.

5. Kill Off a Character Unexpectedly

Kill your darlings. It's one of the most shocking ways to jumpstart your creativity.

6. Introduce a New Character

Alternatively, you can introduce a new character that can add an unexpected but welcomed element to your story.

7. Skip the Scene

Can't write through the scene? Skip over it and write the next scene. You can always come back to the problematic scene at a later time.

8. Give Yourself a Writing Goal

Some of us are motivated by deadlines. If you're not sure where to go, sometimes instituting a deadline will help you find your motivation to motor forward. Create a word-count goal for the upcoming week.

9. Change How You Write

Instead of writing in the same spot or with the same writing utensils, switch it up a bit. Handwrite or dictate instead of type.