

Write like you mean it!

As a writer, it's important to write daily. As is often the case with learning a foreign language, if you don't use your writing skill, occasionally work those muscles to prevent atrophy, your overall writing quality decreases. Even if you've got terrible writer's block and you're unable to write a word on your favorite project, browse the internet for some writing prompts. Prompts allow the writer to explore other ideas, develop new characters, and generally help to relieve the funk that comes with writer's block.

There are many great resources online for writing prompts; a search engine can spit out over a million results for "Writing Prompts." However, my favorite way to get out of writer's funk is to search the web for topics that interest me.

I know it sounds a little weird, or maybe it doesn't depending on your own personal writing habits, but looking at images or window shopping can often spark an idea for a story or a piece of flash fiction. It's easy to do. Pick your favorite search engine (unless your favorite search engine is Explorer, in which case please stop reading here and crawl back under your rock) and type in random words and phrases. Look under the images tab for the keywords you're using and see if anything clicks. Generally, if I'm really blocked, I can get writing again, either on the piece I was working on previously or something new, in roughly 30 minutes.

The most important thing to remember is you're not alone. Every creative on the planet experiences some sort of block at one time or another. If you think it will help, join a writer's forum. There are many on Facebook to choose from. You could also find a chat forum touted by a popular website like Writer's Digest. The recommendations are generally pretty good and many of the suggested forums provide a great outlet for creative people to relieve stress and get writing.

Happy Scribbling!

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