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FALL INTO GOOD HABITS!

Witnessing the changes taking place around us reminds us that nothing has to be permanent, including our approaches to writing. If your current process isn't working or you feel like it could use a little improvement, you can develop better writing habits. In this issue, you'll learn how Provisional Pen can help you accomplish important goals like participating in a supportive writing community, refocusing on your writing, and expressing yourself creatively every day (or at least on a more regular basis).

Happy Writing!

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PROVISIONAL PEN WRITING GROUPS

Knowing you're not totally alone in the writing process can make all the difference. Especially during a time when just knowing you're not alone in general is so important. To this end, Provisional Pen offers two options to help you socialize as a writer from the comfort of your home:

Provisional Pen Writers Group

- Free
- Facebook Group
- Open to all writers
- Forum where writers can ask questions and discuss various writing topics

Visit the [Provisional Pen Facebook page](#) to join our free Writers Group.



Provisional Pen Members Only

- Included with paid online membership
- Facebook Group
- Exclusive community of writers
- More private forum for members to share and discuss their work with one another

To access our Members Only group and so much more, join Provisional Pen on our [Become a Member page](#).



WRITING TIP OF THE MONTH

RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT

If you've been a writer for a long time, you may find yourself growing weary of writing. Maybe it just doesn't bring the same excitement and feeling of accomplishment it once did. Or, maybe life has become busier for you and you can't seem to find the creative energy to write anymore. Whatever the reason, you can restore your passion for writing.

Recapture the joy.

Think about your writing "firsts" and how they felt. The first time you shared a piece, received helpful reader feedback, felt like a real writer. If it's been a while and you're set in a routine, it's easy to lose touch with the excitement writing can bring. Trying something new might help you recreate that feeling. You could take on a new genre, a new perspective, a new style. There are lots of possibilities, so don't be afraid to challenge yourself.

Reflecting on your progress as a writer is another way to bring more enjoyment to writing. Think about where you started and all the steps between there and where you are now with your skill set. That alone should give you a sense of accomplishment as well as the confidence to take on more complex writing projects.

Prioritize your writing; prioritize yourself.

We all know how important self-care is, right? You can make writing part of your self-care regimen. We're looking at you, fellow "Life has become so busy, I don't know which way is up anymore" people. But wouldn't adding another task to the day just leave you with less time to relax and recover? Well, it depends on how you look at it. If you use writing to work through the complications of your life, to process your reactions to different situations, or even to escape into a fantasy realm of your own creation for a while, you're practicing self-care.

Pencil in some creative time.

Okay, so you have some ideas for making writing bearable again and you know why you should prioritize it, but where to fit it in? Different lifestyles call for different solutions, but the simple answer is whenever you can. As long as it's not at the expense of meeting your needs or those of anyone in your care, any amount of time works. And, any progress you make in that time, even one tiny sentence, is still progress.

For more on getting back into writing, check out ["Overcoming Obstacles: Returning to a Regular Writing Habit."](#)



**FULLY
COMMITTED**

MONTHLY WRITING INSPIRATION

WRITE MORE OFTEN: 4 IDEAS

Now that you've decided to recommit to writing for yourself, you may be wondering just how to start. Luckily, you have lots of options. Here are a few ideas to get you on your way to a productive experience:

Guided Journals

Journaling can help you work through thoughts, ideas, and difficult changes or choices. But, like many of us, you may have trouble keeping up the habit. It can become tedious after a while. Thankfully, you can choose from guided journals focused on a variety of themes, topics, types, and amounts of writing that make it easier to stick with the process.

Lists

You probably already make plenty of these: shopping lists, to-do lists, and other everyday lists. They can play an important role in your creative writing, too. Certainly, you can use them as a brainstorming or an organizing technique. You could also work them into your other projects for an engaging mix of writing types.

Observations

One of our staffers had a coworker who would regularly write down random objects she saw while walking around, a worthwhile activity. You could use such observations in many ways: to reflect on your environment, to think about how we use objects, to consider what different objects symbolize. Really, you could write about anything you notice at any time, which would give you plenty of material to work with. Your observational writing may even find its way into a piece you publish someday.

Conversational Tidbits

Speaking of observations, you might try working with bits of written or spoken dialogue. They can help you write more realistic speech for your characters, as well as providing more topics to write about. And, they don't have to be 100% actual conversations. Wish you could have said something different in a past situation? Now you can. Not in real life, of course, but at least in a new written response you can use creatively and/or cathartically.

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