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PROVISIONAL PEN MONTHLY

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AWAKEN CREATIVITY!

In our part of the world, spring begins this month, marking the transition from a period of rest to one of renewal. Inspiration is everywhere: in cool breezes, warm sunlight, and the reemergence of color. So, let's all take a breath of fresh air and a good look around as we get ready to start anew.

In this issue, you'll find out how to refresh your website with our web content services, how you can fit more reading into your schedule, and how playing with words can lead to ideas for new writing projects.

Write on!

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REVAMP YOUR WEBSITE WITH US!

Those fresh warm breezes coming in through (finally!) opened windows make us want to clear out the old to make space for the new. Not just physical rooms but also our creative spaces. So, if you manage your own website or blog to market your writing or small business, Provisional Pen can help you make or keep it appealing to your audience.

Here's what we can do with our Web Content Services:

- Help locate redundant or outdated info for removal
- Help eliminate word clutter so you can convey your message quickly and clearly
- Assist with development of creative ideas
- Suggest revisions
- Proofread your content

We're here for you as you work to reach a larger online audience.

For more info, visit
our [Web Content
Writing Services](#)
page or [contact us](#)
today!



WRITING TIP OF THE MONTH

FIND TIME TO READ MORE

Last month, we talked about why reading is such an important activity for writers. Now, let's talk about how and where to find extra reading time in your already busy schedule:

Read instead of watching.

We're sure you've heard this advice before, and we know it isn't always easy. But, freeing up time for reading is worth it. And, with so many ways to look for reading material that suits you (Goodreads, NoveList Plus if your library subscribes to it, celebrity book clubs) you might find something great in whatever genre you like to watch.

Pair up reading and watching.

Speaking of finding books similar to what you enjoy watching, there are plenty of shows and movies based on books. Why not try reading and watching the same story? Thinking about telling stories through different media could inspire you

you to try new techniques in your own writing.

Read audiobooks.

Speaking of different media, if you're usually on the move, audiobooks could be a great option for you. Finding time to read is much easier when you can do it while cooking dinner, exercising, or running errands.

Include reading in your writing routine.

This is a way to find time and prioritize reading as a writer. You can actually dedicate a certain amount of your usual writing time to reading if necessary. Or, you can simply think of reading as part of your writing process to motivate yourself to do it more often instead of spending free time in other ways. Think of it as free time with a purpose in mind.

For reading recommendations, check out our [Book Reviews!](#)



MONTHLY WRITING INSPIRATION

PLAY WITH WORDS

Since we've been focused on reading more, this month's inspiration goes hand in hand with that goal. As you read, pay particular attention to the language, the vocabulary, and how it affects you. Then, take note of words that really stand out for you. Here are three ways to use them in your writing:

Base a piece around a word.

The word could be a typical thematic one, like love or loss, or it could be something more unusual. Maybe a word you choose for its beauty, or its grittiness. You could work with a word that's familiar or something completely new to you. An old word or a recently created one. Use your chosen word to develop a story or poem or piece of nonfiction.

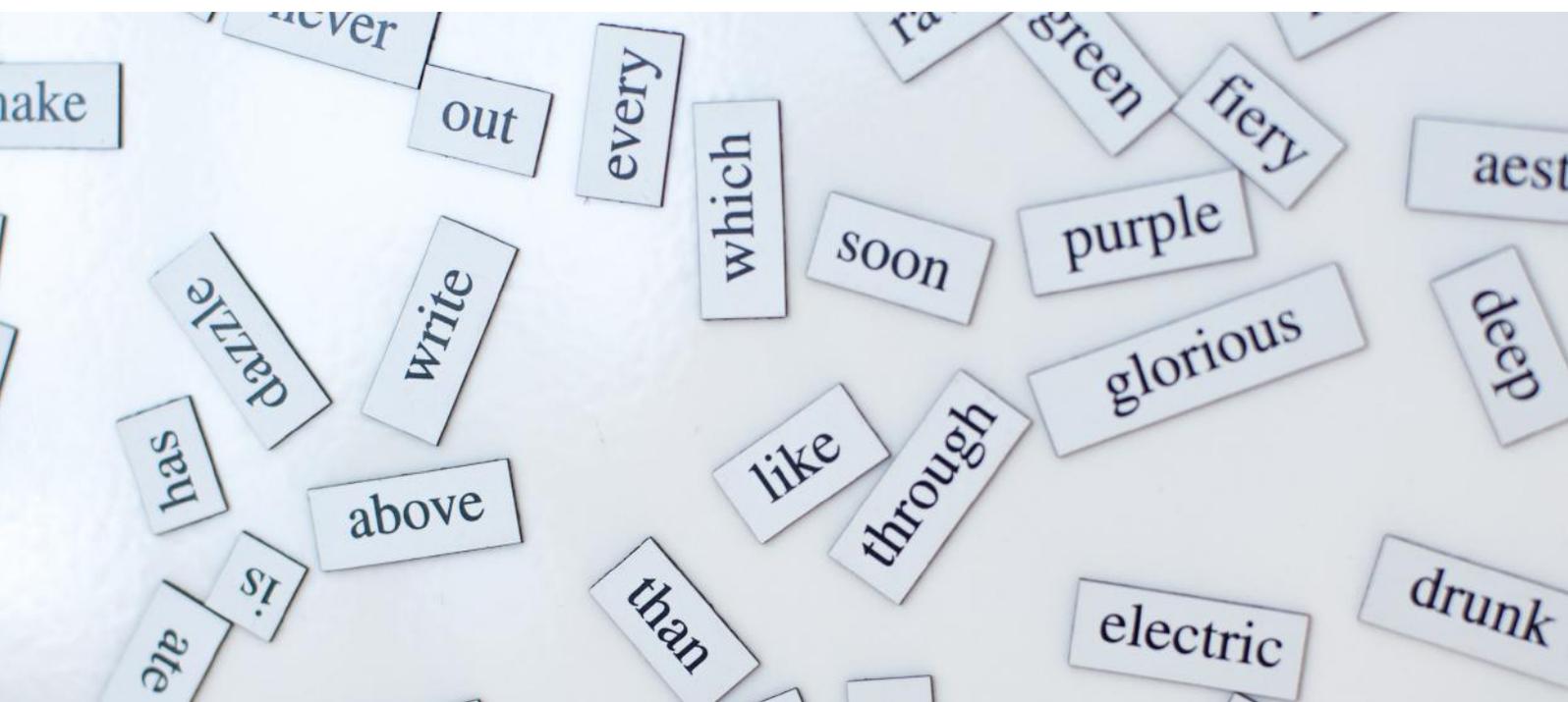
Use a word to inspire unique dialogue.

You might create a character who speaks in a quirky way, maybe through the use of outdated language or words that are close to but don't quite fit what they're trying to say. Have fun with this and don't be afraid to be silly; not everything you write has to be super serious all the time.

Use a word in a less popular way (an uncommonly used or historical definition).

This option can be funny or serious. You can choose a word for its humorous alternative meaning or you can really explore how language changes with social customs over time. That could even become a theme for your piece. Where can you find all those different meanings for a word? Why, the dictionary, of course! Happy exploring!

Check out "[Vocab Resources for Writers: A Review of Merriam-Webster's Website](#)" for more on researching words.



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