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LET'S GET BACK TO SCHOOL!

It's that time again, time to return to class, in person or online. Time for new assignments and challenges to propel you forward.

This month, we have an issue designed to help you make a great start with your academic writing. You'll find out how to access our free online resources, how to head into the writing process with a clear understanding of where you're going, and how you can use writing as an outlet for stress.

Write on!

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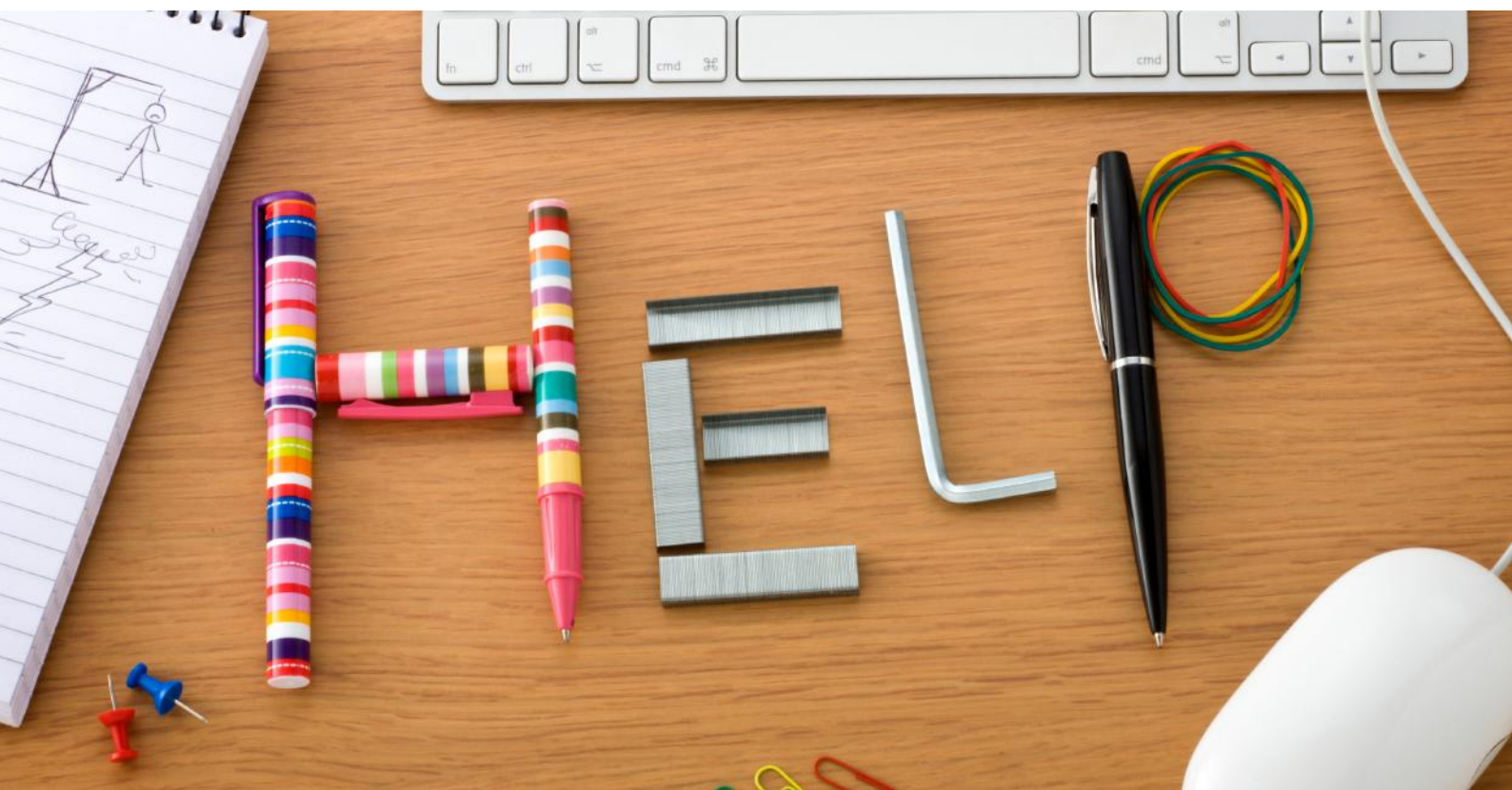
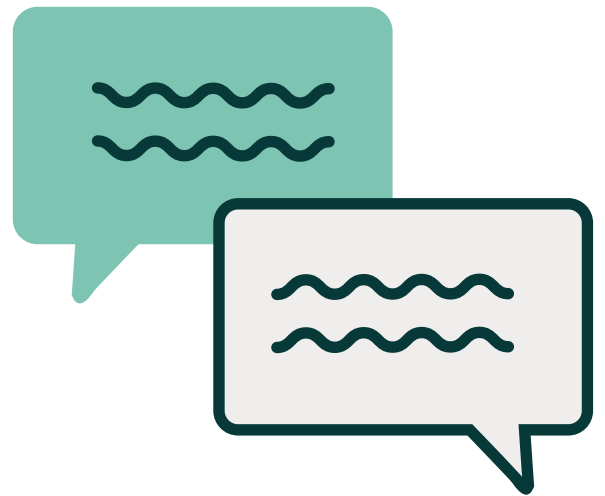
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CHECK OUT OUR FREE RESOURCES!

Your school provides academic help through instructors, tutors, and other student advocates, so please be sure to avail yourself of those resources. Provisional Pen is also proud to offer online resources for academic writers:

- Check out our [blog](#) full of writing tips and tricks as well as reading recommendations.
- Be sure to visit Teresa's YouTube [channel](#) for quick videos to help you improve your skills.
- While you're checking your Facebook, visit our [page](#) for inspirational posts.
- Join our free [Writers Group](#) on Facebook.

With Provisional Pen, you're only a click or a tap away from writing help and encouragement.



WRITING TIP OF THE MONTH

UNDERSTAND EXPECTATIONS

Academic writing certainly comes with its share of challenges: meeting deadlines, managing projects, and sometimes just getting started. So, this month we have a tip to help you make a good start on any writing project. The most important thing you can do to improve your chances of success is to make sure you understand what is being asked of you and how you should go about it.

Check it out.

Many knitting patterns come with a tip to read the whole set of instructions before starting. Because who wants to end up with yards of fabric that need to be ripped out? Same goes for your writing project. Read through all the instructions. Then, read through them again, noting anything you're unsure about.

Talk it out.

If you have questions or concerns, ask your

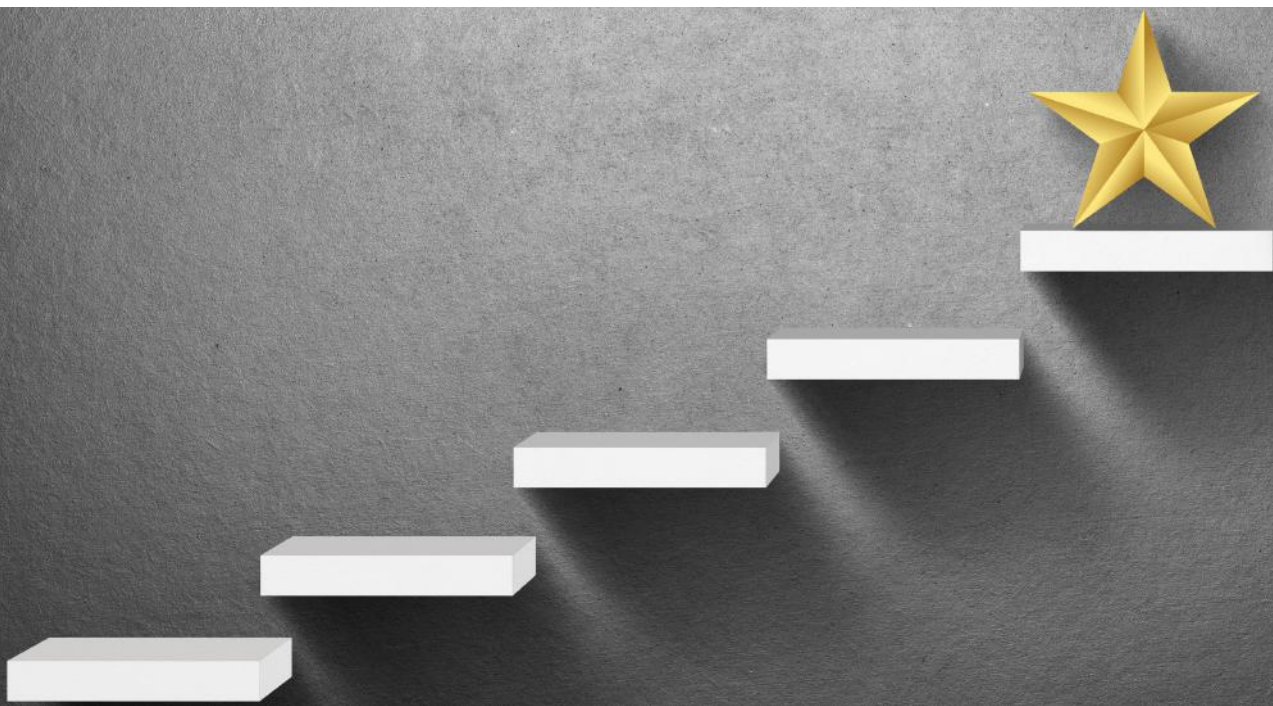
instructor, classmates/group members, and writing center tutors. You can also run ideas for your project by others. Don't be afraid to use available resources.

Break it down.

Once you've gotten an overall understanding of your assignment, you can take it a step at a time. Focusing attention on each aspect will help you along the way, making the writing process more productive and less frustrating.

Plan it out.

When should you be doing all this pre-writing work? Well in advance of your deadline. You don't want to end up like our staffer who once procrastinated on a big project (like, we're talking hadn't even thoroughly read the directions) only to find she was in for a whole lot more work in a small amount of time. Learn from her mistake and save yourself the trouble.



MONTHLY WRITING INSPIRATION

STRESSED? WRITE IT OUT

As you almost certainly know, life can be extra stressful for a student. First, there are the academic stresses: challenging assignments, impending due dates, and too little free time. Add to that financial responsibilities and you have a pretty good recipe for a meltdown. And, if an illness or loss or unexpected move should occur? Forget about it.

We don't mention any of this to discourage or overwhelm you. Quite the opposite actually. We just want you to know you're not alone. And, you can find a healthy way to deal with

these stressors rather than bottling up your feelings. We suggest writing, of course.

Here are some ideas:

- Keep a journal.
- Write a blog.
- Create poetry.
- Write stories.

Whatever you choose, just get the worries out of your mind, so you have some space to think and a moment to enjoy a deep, calming breath. Remember, you've got this. You can succeed at school and at life.



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