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# PROVISIONAL PEN MONTHLY

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## MAKE WRITING JOYFUL!

This month, we're thinking about joyful things, including writing. That's right. Even with all the stress attached to it, writing can be a joyful process.

Find out how in this issue: check out p. 2 for a valuable gift idea for the writer in your life, read p. 3 to find the joy in wrapping up a project, and find motivation to keep writing on p. 4. We look forward to working with you in 2022. In the meantime...

Write on!

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# News @ *Provisional Pen* WRITING SERVICES

## SUPPORT A FELLOW WRITER!

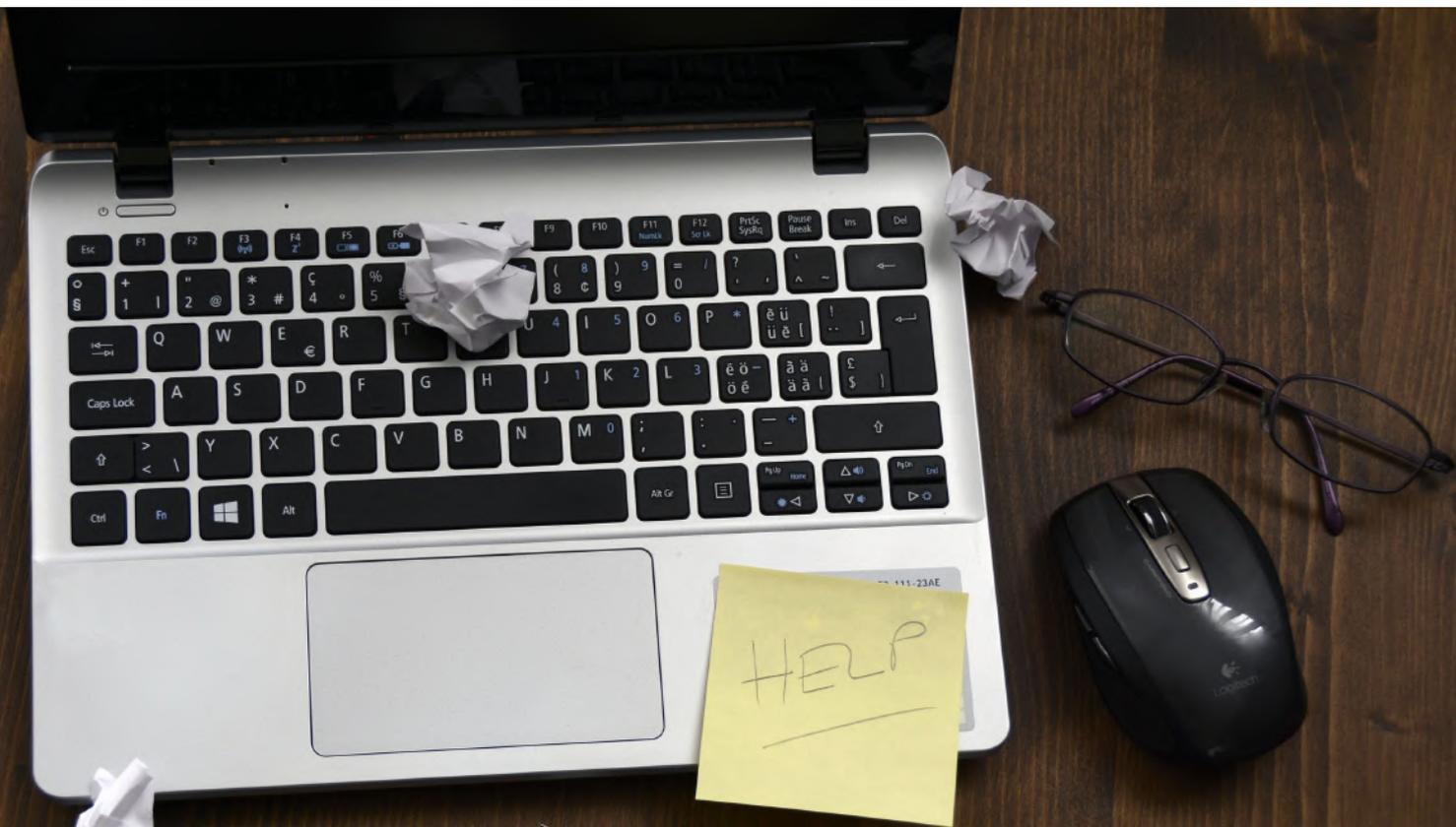
As writers, we certainly know how stressful writing can be. But, we also know that, with the right help and resources, we can accomplish what we've set out to do. The creative process can be a happier one. So, if you're looking for a gift for a writer you care about, we have a great idea: a [Provisional Pen Membership](#).

Now, you can give the gift of writing joy with these benefits:

- Access to a supportive group of writers
- Video calls
- Exclusive resources

Experiences make some of the best gifts, so why not treat someone else to a better writing experience?

[Contact us today to purchase a gift membership!](#)



# WRITING TIP OF THE MONTH

## FINISH IT UP

For some of us, getting started is the hardest part of writing. For others, the most difficult part is finding the motivation to see a piece all the way through to completion. There's a lot going on in our lives, especially now with the holiday season upon us. So, let's break the end of the writing process down into five manageable steps:

### 1a) Set a deadline.

This step often occurs earlier in the process, but not always. Sometimes, we may ignore a deadline until we are forced to deal with it. So, at some point, make sure you're aware of when you need to submit or publish your writing. If the project doesn't come with a deadline, set one for yourself.

### 1b) If at first you don't succeed, set a new deadline.

Okay, so let's say your deadline has come and gone. Depending on the circumstances, things may still turn out all right. Do what you can to finagle some extra time, and then move on to the next step.

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### 2) Keep writing.

If you're still working on the actual writing, it might feel like a drag at this point. We totally get it. But, you've made it this far, so why not keep going?

### 3) Revise with an open mind, and edit realistically.

Once you've managed to complete your writing, it's time to consider any feedback you received along the way. Decide which major changes you'd like to make, and read back over your piece to see what you think. Then, it's time for the finishing touches, your spell check, another read through to look for sentence-level issues. Just remember you may not catch every single possible issue. That's okay. See the next step.

### 4) Decide it is finished (or at least that you're finished with it).

In the end, you are the one who determines if your work is ready to be submitted or published. Letting go can be difficult, especially when you put so much time and effort into something. So, take a deep breath, let it out, and send your writing to your boss' inbox, your blog, your publisher, wherever it is destined to go.



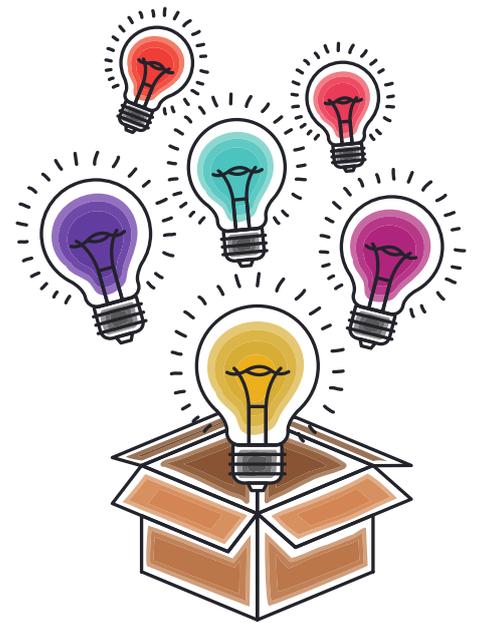
# MONTHLY WRITING INSPIRATION

## VISUALIZE YOUR GOALS

When you start a new project, what are you looking to accomplish? Are you creating a gift for a loved one? Publishing an important story? Competing for an award? There are many reasons to write and many desired outcomes.

Whatever your reasons, keep the outcome in mind as you write. What would your finished piece look like? How would you like others react to it? How will you feel once you've completed the work?

Using the answers to those questions, imagine you have completed your writing project and all those wonderful anticipated results have come true. Hold on tightly to this vision when things get tough and you'd rather do anything other than write. Remember, the only way you give yourself a chance of achieving your writing goals is to keep on writing.



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