



DISCOVER THE WRITER IN YOU!

Empowerment Topic: Developing Writing Skills

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The "Developing Writing Skills" video, features role models sharing ideas for how you can become a better writer.

Watch the video at least once. Read each item below. Then think carefully and use the blank lines to answer the questions and share your ideas.

1. Different writers have different ways of working at their writing.

Some writers like to write free form, others use an outline. Some writers write in the morning, others write later in the day. Why do you think writers approach writing differently?

What are some of the ways and times when you like to write?

2. In the video we learn that to be a good writer you have to be a good reader.

Why would being a good reader help you become a good writer?

What advice would you give to someone who wants to be a writer, but doesn't read many books?

3. It's important to set and meet writing goals.

How does setting and meeting a writing goal make you a better writer?

Can you tell about a time you set and met a goal in writing or otherwise?

4. Practice helps improve your writing skills.

How is practicing writing the same as practicing a sport?

What kind of "writing muscles" do you think you have to build up to be a better writer?

There are many different writing skills you can practice such as:

- thinking up good ideas to write about
- sticking with your topic
- choosing interesting vocabulary words
- making sure your sentences are logical and of different lengths
- using correct grammar, etc.

Name one of your writing skills that is strong and one of your writing skills that needs strengthening.

5. Writing helps you think critically and express yourself more clearly.

Explain what it means to “think critically.”

How does learning to write well help you become a better thinker?

6. You can be a good writer even if you are not a good speller.

If spelling well is difficult for you, how can you ever become a good writer?

What kind of resources can you use to help yourself write well if you are not a very strong speller?

7. In order to have something to write about, it's important to experience life fully.

What are some ways you can experience life fully?

How can meeting lots of different people help you to experience life fully and then become a better writer?
