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# How to improve your writing skills?

## Reasons for writing

Writing gives you more “**thinking time**” than you get when you attempt spontaneous conversation.

This allows you more opportunity for **language processing** – that is thinking about the language – whether you are involved in study or activation.  
Harmer, J. (2007)

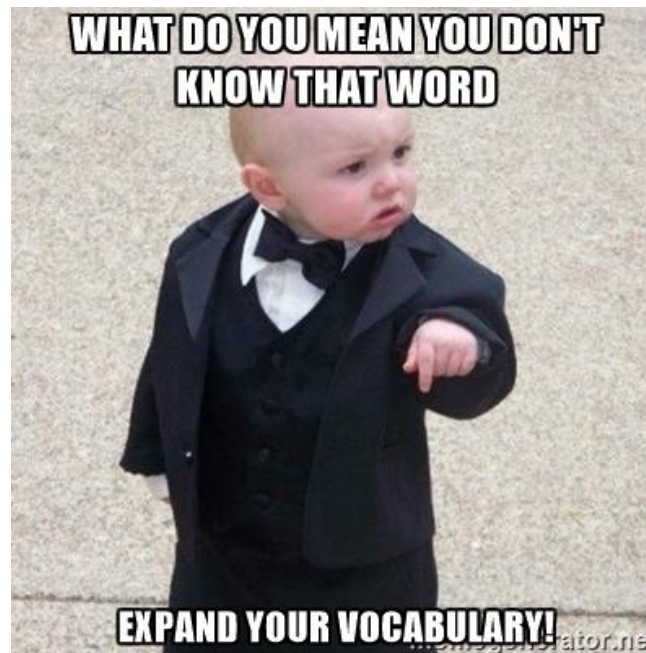
## Tips for being a good writer

- Read regularly. It is a great idea of the different styles of writing and see how to use words appropriately.

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

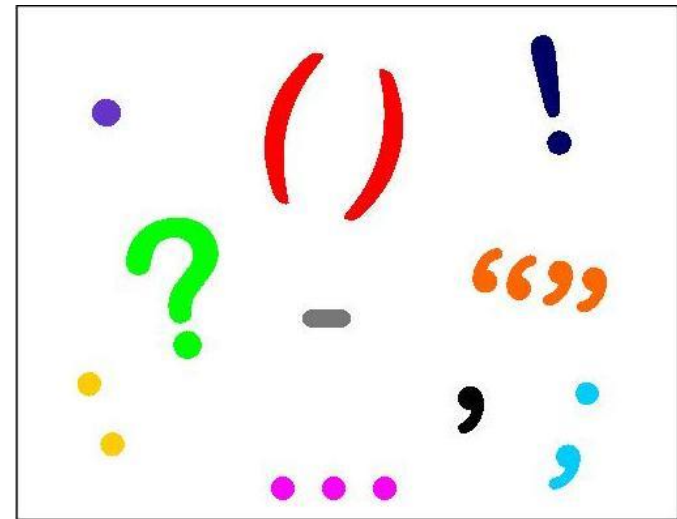
# Tips for being a good writer

- Expand your vocabulary. To express yourself clearly, you need a good active vocabulary. That's not just being able to recognise lots of words – it means actually being able to use them correctly. Do this by learning new words with example sentences, not just word lists.



# Tips for being a good writer

- Improve your grammar. Always use the appropriate tense and remember to use punctuation.



# Tips for being a good writer

- You must know how to spell those words correctly . Incorrect spelling chages the meaning of your sentence.



BARE  
"NAKED"



BEAR  
"ANIMAL"

# Tips for being a good writer

- Writing can be daunting. However, the best way to improve is get a pen and paper or sit in front of your computer and actually write.



# Web resources for improving your writing skills

Here you have some useful resources for improving your writing skills.

- <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/writing-skills-practice>
- <http://englishinteractive.net/writing.html>
- <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/content>
- <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/category/language-level/a2>
- <https://www.mystorybook.com/>
- <http://www.paragraphpunch.com/index.php>
- <http://es.lyricstraining.com/> (pretty good for working on reading, listening and writing)



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