




Writing Spaces and Tips


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As far as writing, I usually need to set aside a block of time to write, and it usually takes longer than I have hoped. Yet, if I set aside time and get started, I usually can get it done and be happy about it. I know some people can do 15 minutes a day, but that doesn't work for me.

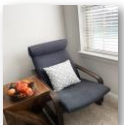



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- Write with your target audience in mind.
- Be concise and to the point.
- Revise, revise, revise!


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- When I write I block my access to the Internet to eliminate distractions.
- I write in blocks of time and those range from 30 minutes to 2 hours, depending on availability.
- I write very rough (and bad) first drafts that I edit later.



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Dr. Florence Martin


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- Set goals and deadlines
- Write about topics that you are passionate about
- Find a collaborative team to support you on projects


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- We always think: I need to have my thought process sorted out or my ideas clarified before I started typing or writing. Oftentimes, once I start typing, the flow comes. Especially when I wrote academic reviews of papers submitted to journals or conferences. So don't procrastinate, you can do the writing and thinking together ...
- If your first language is not English, don't hold back because of your fear of writing in the language. Get your ideas out first, get the thoughts flowing ... language editing can come latter. Focus on the ideas and the logical flow on the arguments. In some ways, academic writing is much easier than other forms of writing. Read more, imitate good writing, and keep thinking in English.
- Get someone with writing experience to help to improve the writing. It can be a good fast way to improve.



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- Regularly read the cutting-edge research in your field.
- Pay yourself first. Consider making writing your first task of the day.



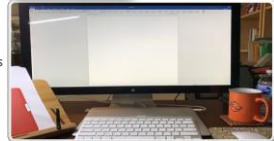
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- Block writing times for deep work each week on calendar. Treat those times same as meetings.
- For days that I cannot have a block of time for writing, revisit the work-in-progress file for a short amount of time (20-30 mins would be fine) to keep up with my thinking thread and write as much as I could (e.g., revising/adding a paragraph, etc.).
- Form a writing group with junior colleagues and meet once a month to share monthly writing goals and progress, and provide feedback on manuscripts, etc.



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Dr. Dabae Lee's Writing Tips

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- × **Have sustainable and concrete goals.**
 - Don't be too harsh on yourself.
 - Little by little is okay.
 - Maybe a paragraph per day.
- × **Determine where to submit before starting to write.**
 - Write specifically for the journal's scope and requirements.
- × **Set the writing environment as enjoyable as possible.**
 - Favorite cup of tea or coffee.
 - Cafe music.
 - Enjoy the moment!



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Dr. Dabae Lee's Writing Spaces During the Pandemic



A writing space that I
share with my family.



When I need to be alone -
A guest room in the
basement.

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Dr. Yeol Huh

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- For me, not a special tip for writing, but I purchased a mechanical keyboard that gives you a lively sound and feels when typing. I just wanted to make the act of typing a pleasant task.
- Also, to help organize the reading materials for your literature review, using a blog type of tool with tagging is a good way. You can create a short summary of the article you read and give relevant tags (i.e., K-12, motivation, tech integration etc.) so that later you can sort the literature easily using the tag.



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- Write every day. I try my best to write something for research everyday.
- Establish strong collaborations.



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- I don't think I am a good example of best practices for writing. I have been working at my dining room table for the past seven months, which is not ideally configured or ergonomic.
- Additionally, when I write, I go on short binges where I keep writing for hours until I run out of steam. I don't think these situations are good examples of writing practices.

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