

Writing Tips from Noelle Jack

Writers are driven. It's hard to write well but it's even harder not to write at all!

- Read
- Make your own decisions about what you want to write
- Try to write something every day
- Write quickly and don't be critical; just get your ideas down
- Your writing should surprise you, stir up your feelings and engage your interest
- Where possible, use a computer to write; it's so much easier to read, to revise and to share
- Read your writing aloud; if you have trouble reading it, change it
- Leave a piece of writing and come back to it later with a fresh outlook
- Try writing very early in the morning when you are barely awake or in the middle of the night
- Make friends with the dictionary and thesaurus; look up words you don't know; find new words for old tired ones
- Memorize or write down poems, sayings or phrases that you like
- Imitate writers you admire
- Try not to be discouraged by the opinions of others; learn from them if you can, discard them if you can't

