

PAY ATTENTION

What are you curious about? What makes you mad, sad, or even excited? Maybe you love horses or bugs. Are you curious about how ice cream is made or wonder how astronauts go to the bathroom in space? Pay attention to the things you're interested in and then write a story with those things!



DONE IS BETTER THAN PERFECT

The best way to defeat your nemesis, the blank page, is to just start writing. Perfection is the enemy. Worry about editing later. Just start writing everything that's in your head. You can always make your story better later. But you can't edit a blank page.



ONLY YOU CAN WRITE YOUR STORY

There's no one else in the world like you! That means no one else will tell a story exactly like yours. Want to write a story about a bear but think it's not original enough? Tell the story that only your heart and mind can dream up, even if it's been done before.





These rules will help you start a story. But here are some bonus tips to help you tell an even better story...

READ. A LOT.

Read a ton of books. Reading gives you a front row seat to how other writers organize their words into stories.

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PRACTICE.

Try to write every day. Your brain needs exercise just like the rest of your body. The more you write, the more comfortable your brain gets with telling stories.