

# Use J.K. Rowling's Writing Principles to improve your writing

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If you want to improve your writing style, it always pays to get pointers from the best in the business. J.K. Rowling is considered one of the best writers of her generation, and if you want to improve your writing, you should take a feather from her cap. Here are some of J.K. Rowling's writing principles, and how to use them in your own writing.

***1. Be ruthless about protecting writing days, i.e., do not cave in to endless requests to have "essential" and "long overdue" meetings on those days. The***

***funny thing is that, although writing has been my actual job for several years now, I still seem to have to fight for time in which to do it.***

According to J.K. Rowling. It is really important that you [prioritize your writing days](#). Remember that you will need to focus as much as possible. First things first, you should know how to say no. If you just give in to every request that comes your way, you will never get any work done. This is often a problem for some professional writers, because some people perceive that writers have a lot of time.

They think that just because writers don't have a nine to five job, they could come in and ask for a favor. As a writer, you should hold all of your writing days sacred. This means that you set a writing schedule for yourself every day. The sessions could last for 4 to 5 hours, it all really depends on you. What's important is that during this time, no one should be allowed to disturb you.

## ***2. You've got to work. It's about structure. It's about discipline.***

One of the main reasons why J.K. Rowling is such a prolific author, is her work ethic. When she gets started on a writing project, she never slacks off. She keeps her writing sessions structured, and she stays consistent with it. As a writer, you could learn from her example. While it is ok to relax every once in a while, you should never let yourself, stay idle for too long. Set a goal for yourself, and stick to

your routine as much as possible.

***3. I stopped pretending to myself that I was anything other than what I was, and began to direct all my energy into finishing the only work that mattered to me.***

J.K. Rowling is a highly respected author, and she was able to reach the zenith of her profession because of her focus. She has had her fair share of challenges, and she was able to overcome them because she knew what mattered the most to her, and that was being a writer. As a writer, you should follow her example and fully embrace your writing destiny.

***4. Write what you know: your own interests, feelings, beliefs, friends, family and even pets will be your raw materials when you start writing.***

J.K. Rowling used her past experiences, and the literary influences in her life to create incredible stories. These elements of her life, helped fuel her writing motivations. If you want to create truly great work yourself, it is imperative that you draw from your own experiences in life.

***5. I always advise children who ask me for tips on being a writer to read as much as they possibly can. Jane Austen gave a young friend the same advice, so I'm in good company there.***

J.K. Rowling is well-known for being an avid reader of

classic books, and because of these literary influences, she was able to create her own literary classic. Make it a habit to read as much as you can. It will help you in your own writing journey.

***6. Perseverance is absolutely essential, not just to produce all those words, but to survive rejection and criticism.***

It is a well-known fact that J.K. Rowling has had her fair share of challenges. Before she was able to get a publishing deal with Bloomsbury publishing house, she was rejected by a lot of other publishing houses. However, despite the rejection, she was able to fight through it, and achieve great things. If you want to reach your full potential as an author, you should also develop your perseverance.

***7. What you write becomes who you are ... So make sure you love what you write!***

According to J.K. Rowling, it is important that you love what you write. Which makes sense, because writing is an inherently difficult job. If you don't love what you're writing about, you'll eventually lose your will to write. So if you are going to write a book, make sure that you invest in it. Make sure that the topic means something to you. This will ensure that you will continue to write no matter what.

***8. Failure is inevitable — make it a strength. You have to resign yourself to the fact that you waste a lot of trees before you write anything you really like, and***

***that's just the way it is. It's like learning an instrument, you've got to be prepared for hitting wrong notes occasionally, or quite a lot. I wrote an awful lot before I wrote anything I was really happy with.***

Even a writer as great as J.K. Rowling has made mistakes in her work. She has also failed in some of her endeavors, and yet she was still able to succeed in the end. As a writer, you should accept that there will be times where you will come up short. This could be a painful experience, and it might discourage you at first. However, you should remember that failure is inevitable. So you will need to experience it, and learn from it.

## **Conclusion**

When it comes to improving your writing style, it always pays to get pointers from the best. By utilizing J.K. Rowling's writing principles in your writing, you will be able to level up your writing exponentially.

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