

Exercises for Finding Your Writer's Voice

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:

[How to Find Your Writer's Voice](#)

- Make a list of adjectives to describe yourself as a writer. Choose the top five that best describe your voice.
- Ask your friends and family to describe your writing style. Compare what they tell you to your own list. The attributes that match are the most accurate assessment of your voice.
- Describe the writing style of your favorite writers. What stands out?
- Describe your ideal reader. What type of writing style would appeal to that reader?
- Start writing without thinking and without editing. What style emerges? Fast or slowly unwinding? Funny or contemplative?
- Read more. The best way to develop a style is to immerse yourself in the style of others— not to copy, but to expose yourself to all the different voices out there. Aim to read at least one book per week from a new author.
- Dare to be different. Don't follow convention— sometimes it's best to take risks to find your true writer's voice.
- Write about things that you're passionate about. Passion often overtakes convention. Make it a practice to write once a week about your passion (i.e. hobby, loved one, etc.). Observe the way that you write— that's closer to your true writing voice.

- Mimic others. Find a few writers and write in their voice. Over time, you'll pick up something from everyone that you've come across— this is why it's so crucial to read as much as possible.
- As you're writing, think about who you are writing to. Your voice also depends on who's listening.