**4 Time-Tested Tactics for Terminating Writer’s Block**

I've been thinking about this mystery of writer's block since my first Creative Writing class back in college. I was wondering why there were so many different suggestions for dealing with this scary beast called "writer's block."

Today, my understanding of people and the fears we all share has brought me to these simple solutions that you can choose from based on your personality type. Now, you are likely a mixture of many personality types, so just choose the one that appeals the most to you.

Which one describes you most?

**1. The High Achiever, Goal-Driven, Risk Taking, Competitive Type**   
Just write. Attack the job head on. Even if you have to repeat the words, "This sucks. I can't figure out what to write!" A certain as the sun will rise, you will come to a point where you will kick back into that natural flow and turn out some good content.

**2. The Patient, Relational, Harmonious, Comfort-Seeking Type**   
Move to a comfortable inspiring spot and/or play ambient music. Go through a routine of becoming aware of all your senses (get inspired). Pray for inspiration as Elizabeth Gilbert of *Eat, Pray, Love* suggests. When you feel in harmony with your environment, it will be easier to create.

**3. The Detail-oriented, Methodical, Organized, Analytical Type**   
Create or borrow a checklist of all the items that you need to create an effective piece of writing. Because I have been writing for so long, I have a few checklists that I have created myself, and I've also borrowed a few for working on research papers. Choose what you want to achieve with the writing piece; choose or create the appropriate checklist; work through the steps.

**4. The Spontaneous, Optimistic, Fun-loving, Disorganized Type**   
You have quite a challenge. Don't get out of your element. You love people. You need people to complete your projects period. For major projects, use collaborative writing along a timeline, and set deadlines. For short pieces, set a lunch date or other event, and inform the people who will be accompanying you that you will be attending only if you complete your writing goal(s). Do it, and hurry up, so you can go play and have something interesting to talk about with friends.

Honestly, the last personality type is the trickiest, because it's easy to just let yourself off the hook. And, because people with this personality type are naturally disorganized; staying with a project doesn't happen without building in accountability by including others. I have suggested an online collaboration resource which I am quite fond of below.

Interested in collaborative writing: <http://www.howtobecomesocial.com>

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