

WHAT MAKES A WRITER ONE LEVEL AHEAD OF THE CLASS?

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Learners who have learned the skills of writing could survive their education but students who have mastered a good version of this skill could eventually survive life. Good writing skills have been one of the most necessary capacities of an individual, be it at school or in a professional field. Other technical skills have evolved throughout the years, but writing remains the same and still lands the same standard. This only means that writing still requires individuals to be creative, knowledgeable, and imaginative, especially when trying to impress a panel of judges in a research defense or presenting a job portfolio as a fresh graduate employee.

Students should develop their writing skills early, especially during secondary and tertiary schooling. Sharna (2019) emphasized that learners must be able to construct meaningful sentences during this period of education. Through this skill, they will be able to start expressing their views, persuade other people, as well as address a different type of audience. Through developing their writing skills, students will also further their capacity to distinguish different types of writing (i.e. academic, journalistic, creative, etc.). Many students who have demonstrated a lack of interest in honing their writing skills tend to have trouble differentiating the types of writing making it hard for them to adjust once the setting has shifted from educational to professional. More than the mentioned aspects, Gboyega (2021) made it clear that good writing skills remain relevant in communicating ideas better, establishing authority in any industry, making an individual credible, and generating more income.

It cannot be denied that plenty of works online today seem to hire people with effective written communication skills for creating content and blogs, to name a few. A good writer could also be part of competent documentaries on television and could land a competitive job in the public affairs industry. The opportunities are limitless for learners who spent time mastering their writing skills. Besides, Zafar (2022) highlighted that good writing translates to the capacity to speak effectively. Oral communication remains directly proportional to the ability to write. This only means that students who have good writing skills will be able to present well since they have well-structured information before the oral presentations.

As English educators, the development of students' writing skills depends on us. Coursera (2022) suggested strategies that language teachers could use to help learners improve their written communication skills. Helping them get back to the basic of grammar and spelling will be the first step followed by introducing the essence of reading before writing. As teachers, teaching them good proofreading is also required as well as giving them the right feedback for their outputs. Teaching them common fixes will be a great help, too, but most importantly, giving them tasks that could challenge their capacity to write. The opportunities and advantages of a good writer are immeasurable. Aside from being techy, students must be able to ensure they can write and communicate well through inks and papers. Writing skills remain one of the required capacities for future professionals and through developing this ability, language educators would be assured that the students of today will be just as competitive in any podium they would be introduced to.

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