

CAREERS: WRITER

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WHAT DO YOU DO IN THIS CAREER?

A career in writing can take on many forms! If you have a passion for writing there are many possibilities that you can investigate. Writing can become a career or it can be something that remains a hobby for you.

If you want to make writing a career here are a few options that you can consider:

- ✍ Journalism: writing for newspapers and magazines, usually factual-based writing.
- ✍ Editing: working for newspapers, magazines and publishing houses; editing and correcting other people's writing.
- ✍ Translating: working for newspapers, magazines and publishing houses; translating written works from one language to another.
- ✍ Education (teaching languages): teaching languages in schools.
- ✍ Creative writing (an author) e.g. poetry or novels: writing and having your novels, short stories or poetry published.
- ✍ Scriptwriting: writing the scripts for movies and TV programmes.
- ✍ Advertising: Copywriting using creative language in slogans and catchy phrases to sell products.

Although these fields may seem very different, they all entail a love of language and a talent for writing and creativity, plus you also need the ability to express yourself very well and have a good knowledge of the rules and syntax of the written word. Excellent general knowledge skills are also required for these careers.

WHERE WILL I WORK?

Well, this depends on the field within which you work. Many authors support themselves and their families through writing. Their career is writing and this they can do from their homes or from an office. Editors and translators are usually employed by a publication or publishing house.

WHAT ARE THE NECESSARY PERSONALITY TRAITS?

- ✍ Love of language
- ✍ Excellent writing skills
- ✍ A good knowledge of grammar and syntax
- ✍ Enjoy reading
- ✍ Excellent general knowledge
- ✍ Excellent communication skills
- ✍ Patience
- ✍ Creativity

WHERE DO I TRAIN?

Most Universities and Universities of Technology offer language courses.

WHAT SCHOOL SUBJECTS DO I NEED?

Students must have excellent language results, specifically English.



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