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**WORDS**  
**AND MORE WORDS**

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## **Dedication**

To Nick and Alison

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# Preface

*How do you find a word in the dictionary if you can't spell the word?*

*What are some words that mean the same as very?*

*Is affect or effect the right word to use in your sentence?*

*What words rhyme with the word fast?*

*When do you drop the final e before adding a suffix to a word?*



*Words and More Words* provides the answers to these questions and hundreds more that young writers ask as they work to put their ideas on paper. Young writers who want to share their words with others will also find what they need in order to submit their writing for publication.

*Words and More Words* provides a single source where young writers can quickly and easily find key information about words and how to use them effectively.

- Thousands of words have been carefully selected and organized in the section “Words . . . and More Words.” Here, young writers have at their fingertips comprehensive lists of synonyms and antonyms, metaphors and similes, homophones and homographs, compound words and contractions, words and their origins, fun words, and more than 500 families of rhyming words.
- The “Making Words Count” section provides young writers with invaluable help in organizing, spelling, and punctuating words. Here, writers can locate correct spellings of the most commonly misspelled words, even if they don’t know how a word is spelled. Other helpful information includes: frequently misused words and their meanings; characteristics and uses of parts of speech; common verb forms; collective nouns; agreement of subjects and verbs; plural forms of words; prefixes and suffixes; and tips for using capital letters and marks of punctuation.
- The “Sharing Your Words” section gives writers helpful suggestions for submitting their writing for publication. It also provides names and addresses of publications that welcome manuscripts from young writers.
- In the “Putting Knowledge to Work” section, young writers will find a host of practical and enjoyable activities that encourage experimentation with words.

In addition to a glossary and index, *Words and More Words* includes proofreader’s marks, library classifications, and specialized indexes that help young writers find particular synonyms and rhyming-word families.

Whether writing for school assignments or for pleasure, young writers will find *Words and More Words* an invaluable single-volume resource to assist them in becoming the best writers they can be.

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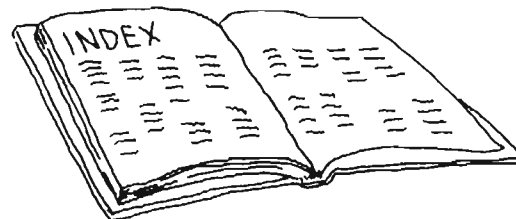
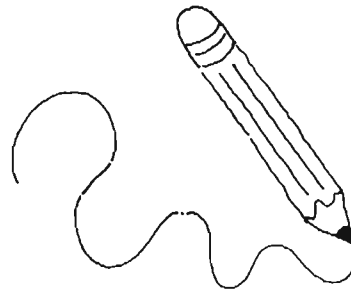
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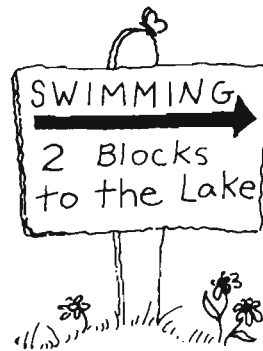


# Kinds of Writing

**D**id you know that everyone is a writer? It's true. Chances are, before today is over, you will use a pen or pencil or a computer keyboard to write something. Look at some of the reasons you may write.

You want to explain something:

- a sign
- directions
- a caption
- rules or instructions
- a label
- an excuse
- a note
- a recipe



You want to convince someone:

- an advertisement
- graffiti
- an application form
- a sign
- a complaint

You need to ask a question or get someone's attention:

- a sign
- an announcement
- an advertisement
- a lost or found notice
- an invitation
- a survey
- an interview
- a questionnaire



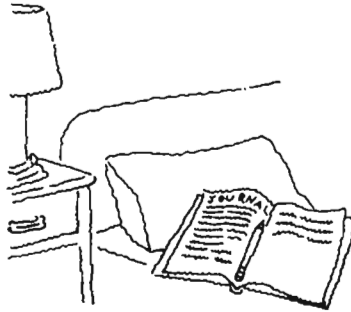
## Kinds of Writing

You want to answer a question:

- a definition
- an essay
- an application
- a questionnaire

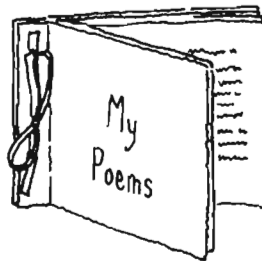
You want to keep a record of events:

- a list
- a diary
- a journal
- a biography
- a autobiography



You want to share thoughts and ideas or tell a story:

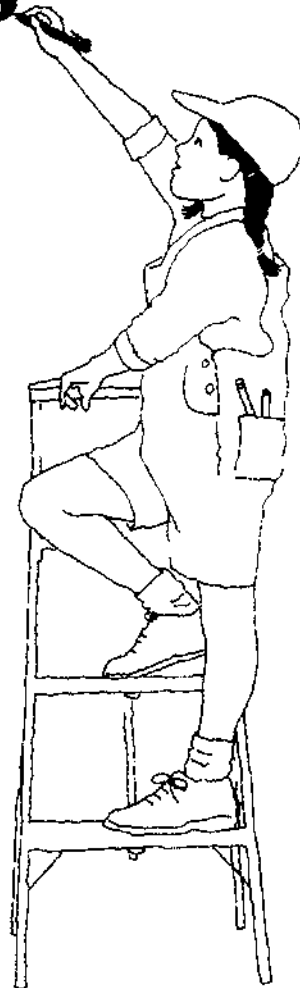
- a letter
- a diary
- a journal
- a story
- a poem
- a play
- a joke or riddle
- a letter to the editor
- a biography
- a autobiography



Whether you write a note to a classmate, record your thoughts in a diary or journal, make a sign to ask for help in finding a lost pet, or write “This belongs to” and your name on a notebook, you are using words to communicate with yourself or others.

So what words will you choose to use in your writing? And how will you organize these words on paper or the computer screen? The kind of writing you do depends on the words you choose to use and how you choose to use them.

# Words . . . and More Words





# It Came from Where?!

(Word Origins)



If you had lived before 1762, you might have lunched on “two slices of bread with filling in the middle.” The word *sandwich* was not used until John Montagu, the fourth Earl of Sandwich, ordered a servant to deliver to him some roast beef between two slices of toast. The Earl did not want to have to stop playing cards to go eat. Hawaii’s Sandwich Islands are also named for the Earl of Sandwich.

Every word has its own roots or history. When new ideas or objects need names, people create new words or borrow from other words or languages. Here are some other words and their origins:

## **à la carte**

*as listed on a menu:* Borrowed from French.

## **à la mode**

*a pie or other dessert served with ice cream:* Borrowed from French.

## **Achilles heel**

*the weak part of anything:* Named for Achilles, a Greek hero who was killed in the Trojan War when an arrow pierced his heel, the only part of his body that had not been coated with a magical protective shield.

## **Adam’s apple**

*a bulge of cartilage on the windpipe:* Named for Adam, a biblical character who ate a forbidden piece of fruit.

## **amazon**

*a very tall and strong woman:* Named for fierce female warriors in Greek mythology.