

Playing with Words
The Expatriate's Guide to Creative Writing
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Part 1: Write, Write, Write!

- *Why* do you want write? Reasons, good and bad . . .
- *What* do you want to write? Fiction, memoir, history, poetry, song lyrics, etc.
- Outlets for expat writing: Journals, blogs, your club newsletter, articles, reviews, etc.
- How to get started: Instant motivation (use the writing prompt below to get started)
- Practice, practice, practice—get in your 10,000 hours.
- Start a Writing Women activity group in your FAWCO club.
- When you're not writing, *read*.
- How to write an article
- FAWCO profiles or other club news
- How to conduct an interview
- Blogging
- Memoir
- Fiction
- Revision
- Proofreading
- Advice from an editor

PART 2: So You're Ready to Publish a Book?

- Trees or bytes?
- Traditional Publishing (the hard road)
- Indie Publishing (do it yourself)
- eBook Publishing (the future, like it or not)
- How much does this cost?
- How much can I make?

PART 3: Marketing Tips

- Finding a niche
- Blogging
- Social networking
- Web site
- The expat network and club support

Here's your first writing prompt: Aside from friends and family, what's the one thing you miss most about home? Be specific. Write at least 1000 words. Ready? Go. When you're finished, tuck the piece in a drawer for a few days. Go back to it. Proofread, revise, rewrite. Repeat the process several times.