**How to be a Writer**

If you write, you are a writer. Even if you only write a couple of sentences on the back of a scrap of paper, you’re a writer. If you hear words in your head you want to write down; you’re a writer. If you dream of stories, you’re a writer. Writers write. They also daydream, read a lot, observe the world, see things in ways others don’t (which is everyone), like to talk, like to be alone, like to keep a journal, like to share stories…basically, a writer is any person with a story to tell (which is everyone).

**Some tips for cultivating your writing skills.**

Keep a [writer’s notebook](http://ralphfletcher.com/)

Keep a [nature journal](https://johnmuirlaws.com/)

Observe the way people interact

Daydream

Listen to music

Take a walk and let your mind wander

Spend a couple of minutes every day doing absolutely nothing

Read a lot

Create a blog

Write a social media post

Write short stories

Write poetry

Just live and observe the world