
Writer's interview



TECHNISCHE
UNIVERSITÄT
DARMSTADT

swol
schreibcenter

SchreibCenter at the Language Resource Center

1. How do you prefer to write?

- I type my ideas on my computer.
- I capture my ideas by typing or speaking them into my cellphone.
- I am writing with my hand.
- I enjoy working with others.
- I need silence.
- Other: _____

2. Where do you prefer to write?

3. What type of a writer are you?

Planners:

- I plan many things in advance and before I start writing, I first create an outline.
- I enjoy working with to-do lists, which I can work through step by step.
- I feel comfortable writing a text chronologically from introduction to conclusion.
- When something unexpected happens while I am working on my writing project, this easily flusters me.

The spontaneous writer:

- I just start writing without planning ahead and without an outline.
- While writing, I develop a structure and new ideas.
- When I am writing, I tend to lose sight of the core topic of my text.
- I want to see the result of my work quickly and I am open to unexpected changes in my writing project.

Based on:

Scheuermann, Ulrike (2011): Schreibfitness-Mappe: 60 Checklisten, Beispiele und Übungen für alle, die beruflich schreiben. Wien: Linde. S. 12-25.

Writing versions:

- I always write various versions of my texts and revise them constantly.
- It takes a long time for me to be happy with my texts because I have high expectations of myself.
- I usually run out of time because even after I have worked on my text for a long time, it still is not perfect.

Patchwork writing:

- When I write a text, I work on different sections simultaneously – depending on my mood and motivation. I go back and forth between different sections.
- I love seeing how the text grows in different sections simultaneously.
- Before I start writing, I develop a rough outline of the text, and I mostly stick to this outline.
- I easily get frustrated and bored when I work on the same section in the text for too long.

Other comments:

4. What hours suit you in your writing? What is your most productive writing schedule?

- At what time during the day can you focus on your writing best?
- At what time during the day can you create good working conditions for your writing?
- How can you improve the working conditions so that you have enough time to write?
- Do you write in a flow or do you need (many) breaks to stay motivated?