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Chapter One

What is Creative Writing?



Creative Writing in a Nutshell

- Creative writing expresses thoughts, feelings and emotions in a descriptive way.
- Instead of factual information, this form of writing uses words to create visual images in the minds of the readers.
- Usually, creative writing is associated with fiction (e.g., novels and short stories) that focus on character, dialogue, narrative, and plot.
- However, it can also be used as a technique to amplify nonfiction like biographies, memoirs, personal essays, or even technical documents such as a grant proposal.
- Basically, creative writing pulls illustrative sentences from the writer's imagination that recruits the five senses: sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch.
- Painting powerful images with words is partly achieved by using literary devices such as metaphor, simile, and other figures of speech, especially when writing novels, poems or essays.

- As mentioned earlier, creative writing is usually associated with fiction or poetry that highly talented and best-selling authors produce.
- However, regular people can use the same techniques whenever a written document requires more detail than a general email or memo.
- For example, police reports require complete descriptions that give the reader a mental image of exactly what happened. It would be really frustrating to read, “The perp ran and we caught him.” *Who, what, when where, why, how?* The reader needs more information.
- Therefore, the point of creative writing is to help the reader clearly see what you see—with words—especially when a video or visual is unavailable.

Types of Creative Writing

Creative nonfiction includes autobiographies, biographies, memoirs, and personal essays, in addition to sales copy, social media and marketing content. Other familiar forms of creative writing are listed below:

- novels
- poems
- screenplays
- stage plays
- short stories
- songs
- television scripts



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1. Have you written any types of the creative nonfiction listed above?
 2. Have you written any types of the creative writing pieces listed above?
 3. Why or why not?
 4. If you had to choose one, which would you most likely write?

Examples of Creative Writing

The paragraphs below are original excerpts from a novel, a short story and a poem. Notice the levels of description in each. Can you ‘see’ the scene that the writing depicts in your own imagination?



Novel

Her storm red Metallic Mercedes CLS550 Coupe thundered down the drive as Gretchen tried to discreetly roll into her garage. The engine sounded like an angry tempest when she wanted it as silent as snowfall. Maybe her senses were heightened since she was sneaking into her own home like a lusty 15-year-old at three in the morning. Although the garage sat on the east side of the house away from the main living quarters on the west, Gretchen felt like she woke everybody in the house, the whole neighborhood even. She felt the pressure of hidden, omniscient eyes watching her slink from the car into the kitchen entrance. Like a stalker in a horror movie, Gretchen eased against the walls to avoid tripping the sensor lights. Maybe the neighbors were not watching. Maybe it was God. She just did not want to face Alfred right now, not before showering and straightening herself up.

From the paragraph above, identify the descriptive words and phrases that illustrate sight:

List descriptive words and phrases that illustrate sound:

Is one of the five senses used more than the others?
