

# A Creative Tone

- Authors express their imagination and ideas about the world through creative writing. By stating their ideas purposefully, passionately, and artistically, creative writers tell stories that profoundly impact their audience and explain humanity.

## 5 Steps to Writing Creatively



1. **Know the Rules & Break Them Purposefully:** creative writers need to have a strong grasp of grammar and break grammar rules only for artistic effects—not accidentally.



2. **Show & Tell:** writers should create vivid scenes that convey meaning instead of directly stating facts.



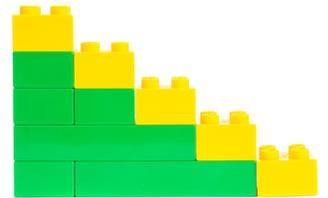
3. **Know the Genre:** all genres possess conventions, and writers must understand the standards of the genre but avoid overusing the conventions. Instead, creative writers should add their own twist when appropriate.



4. **Know Yourself:** writers should learn their strengths (e.g., dialogue, imagery, meter, etc.) that they should use to their advantage.



5. **Discipline:** writers should learn what times of day they focus best and develop manageable writing goals. They should write as often and consistently as possible as well as read popular texts from the genre of their choice for inspiration.



## A Creative Example

4. The writer possesses a strong, **descriptive vocabulary**, which is key in poetry.

"The Daisy Follows the Soft Sun"  
By Emily Dickinson

The daisy **follows soft the sun,**  
**And when his golden walk is done,**  
Sits shyly at his feet.

He, waking, finds the flower near.  
"Wherefore, **marauder**, art thou here?"  
"Because, sir, love is sweet!"

3. The writer understands **personification**—a common feature of poetry—and creates her own example.

2. The writer directly states her idea but also paints a picture of what is happening.

We are the flower, Thou the sun!  
Forgive us, if as days decline,  
We nearer steal to Thee,--  
Enamoured of the parting west,  
The peace, the flight, the amethyst,  
Night's possibility!

1. The writer has a mastery of the English language, so she is able to create her own style