

29d So You Want to Be a Writer?

Name _____

The author of the book *So You Want to Be a Writer?* writes about the importance of editing. It is difficult to read writing that does not have correct spelling or punctuation. Edit the following paragraph from the book. You need to put in all the capital letters, full stops, and commas. You also need to correct five spelling errors.

once you have written the story you wil want
other people to read it but they will not want to
read a story that has speelling mistakes or is
written in mesy handwriting so it is imporent
to edit your writing many people dislike editing
but if you want to be a writer editing is one of
those things that jist has to be done

Now read page 7 of the book to check your editing.

On the back of this sheet, write these words into sentences of your own –

professional
edit
illustrate
biography

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Do you have a favourite author? Choose an author that you know and whose work you have read. Many authors have websites where you can find information about them. Publishers also have websites that give information about authors. Research your author and present the following information as a poster –

- Author's name
- Some interesting biographical information, for example, date of birth, the country where they live
- A list of some of their books
- A photograph (if possible)
- The author's web address (if possible)
- Your name

Write a letter to an author whose books you have read. Include in your letter –

- The books you have read by this author
- Your opinion of the books
- Favourite characters

Ask the author some questions –

- How long have they been writing?
- Why did they become a writer?
- What is the hardest thing about writing?

Ask your teacher to edit your letter, then send your letter to the author through their publisher or e-mail it to their website. You may receive a reply!

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There are many different types of non-fiction writing listed in the book *So You Want to Be a Writer?* Choose one of the types of writing below. Check the book for more detail about the style of writing you have chosen.

- Account of class excursion
- Instructional guide
- Interview
- Article for school website
- Joke book
- Biography

Plan and write your chosen piece. Ask your partner to edit your work before you write the final draft.