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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As we reflect on the transformative power of education, we are reminded of the immense potential that lies within each individual. In a world that is constantly evolving, the pursuit of knowledge is more important than ever—it is the foundation upon which our futures are built, and the key to unlocking new possibilities.

Our community continues to thrive, not just as a space for academic learning, but as a vibrant hub of creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. Each new idea, each creative expression, represents the unique perspectives that shape who we are. It is this spirit of innovation and intellectual curiosity that drives us forward and reminds us of the endless possibilities that lie ahead. In today's world, learning is no longer confined to traditional methods or environments. Whether through virtual lessons, internships, community engagement, or independent research, the pursuit of knowledge knows no boundaries. The challenges we face only serve to strengthen our resolve, teaching us the resilience required to adapt and grow in a rapidly changing landscape.

Much of the success we celebrate today is due to the tireless efforts of those who continue to inspire and support us. Our sincere gratitude goes out to those who have guided us along this journey—the mentors, educators, and peers who have helped shape our paths. Their dedication to nurturing talent and fostering a love for learning is reflected in every accomplishment we achieve. To everyone who reads these words, may they serve as a reminder of the power of education and the limitless potential within us all. Together, we are not just learning—we are evolving, growing, and inspiring one another to reach greater heights. Here's to nurturing minds, creating opportunities, and shaping a brighter future for ourselves and for the world.

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FINDING MOTIVATION: STEPS TOWARD SUCCESS

In a fast-paced world where challenges are part of everyday life, staying motivated can often feel like an uphill battle. However, motivation is the fuel that drives us toward our ambitions, making it an essential element in the pursuit of success. Whether you're striving for academic excellence, personal growth, or career development, maintaining focus and determination is crucial to overcoming obstacles and achieving your goals.

The journey to success is rarely a straight line. It's filled with twists, turns, and unexpected challenges that can sometimes feel overwhelming. However, breaking down larger goals into smaller, manageable tasks can help create a clearer path forward. These mini-goals act as stepping stones, allowing you to celebrate progress and build momentum with each step you take. The key is to stay consistent, even when the road gets tough.

One effective way to maintain motivation is to keep track of your progress. Whether it's through journaling, creating to-do lists, or using a productivity app, documenting your efforts helps you see just how far you've come. Every small win counts—whether it's completing an assignment, mastering a new skill, or simply staying focused throughout the day. By acknowledging these victories, you reinforce positive habits and continue moving forward.

Setbacks are inevitable, but they don't define your journey. When faced with obstacles or disappointments, it's important not to be discouraged. Instead, view each setback as an opportunity to learn and grow. Ask yourself what went wrong, adjust your approach, and move forward with even greater resolve. It's in these moments that resilience is built, and success becomes all the more rewarding.

Believing in yourself is essential to reaching your goals. Self-confidence, paired with perseverance, creates a powerful combination that can help you achieve anything you set your mind to. Whether you're preparing for exams, honing your talents, or working toward long-term aspirations, remember that the effort you put in today is shaping the future you desire.

In the end, motivation isn't about never faltering—it's about continuing to push forward even when the road gets difficult. With the right mindset, a clear plan, and unwavering determination, success is within your reach. Stay focused, stay driven, and always believe in your ability to achieve greatness.

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THE ENGLISH TEACHER'S SUPERPOWER: DETECTING PLAGIARISM

English teachers have a superpower that students often underestimate: the uncanny ability to sniff out plagiarism from a mile away. You might think you're being clever, swapping out words from Wikipedia or "borrowing" sentences from that random blog you found. But your teacher? They're basically human plagiarism detectors with a sixth sense for shady sources. It doesn't matter if you've changed "important" to "significant" or switched "because" to "due to"—they'll see right through your clever disguises. Those teachers have read more essays than most people have had hot meals, and they can spot a copy-paste job faster than you can say "citation needed."

When they do catch you, expect that dreaded comment in red ink: "Is this your own work?" It's like being called out by a superhero in a cape—except their cape is made of old essay handouts.

So, if you're trying to outsmart your English teacher, just know they've been trained in the ancient art of plagiarism detection. Think of them as literary ninjas, stealthily lurking in the shadows, ready to pounce on your recycled phrases. Spoiler alert: they're onto you, and they always will be. So why not save yourself the trouble and just write your own stuff? Your future self will thank you, and your teacher might even crack a smile instead of reaching for that red pen!

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FUN-TASTIC FUNTIME!!!

1. Chaucer's Multilingualism: Geoffrey Chaucer, often called the father of English literature, was fluent in Latin, French, and Italian, and these languages influenced his works.
2. Shakespeare's Epitaph: William Shakespeare's gravestone bears a curse against moving his bones: "Blessed be the man that spares these stones, and cursed be he that moves my bones."
3. Lost Works: Many of Jane Austen's early works and letters were destroyed by her sister Cassandra to protect Jane's privacy.
4. Dickens' Pet Raven: Charles Dickens had a pet raven named Grip, which inspired Edgar Allan Poe's famous poem "The Raven."
5. Wuthering Heights' Initial Reception: Emily Brontë's "Wuthering Heights" was initially received poorly and was considered too dark and immoral.

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The Digital Leap

Revolutionising Learning in the 21st Century

In the wake of unprecedented global challenges, the world of education has undergone a rapid and profound transformation. The shift from traditional classrooms to virtual platforms has not only changed the way we learn but has also redefined the very nature of education itself. What once seemed like a distant future of digital learning has now become our present reality, ushering in a new era of accessible and flexible education.

The pandemic may have forced this shift, but the benefits of digital learning are becoming increasingly clear. Students now have the ability to access educational resources from anywhere in the world, breaking down geographical barriers that once limited opportunities. Virtual classrooms, interactive platforms, and online resources have made learning more engaging and personalised, offering students the freedom to learn at their own pace.

However, this digital revolution is not without its challenges. The sudden transition exposed a digital divide, where many students found themselves without adequate access to the technology required for online learning. As educational institutions adapt to this new normal, there is a growing recognition of the need to bridge this gap, ensuring that no student is left behind in the digital age.

THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THE LABYRINTH OF SUFFERING IS TO FORGIVE.

- JOHN GREEN, LOOKING FOR ALASKA

Beyond accessibility, the digital leap has transformed the role of educators as well. Teachers are now embracing new technologies, from video conferencing to interactive learning platforms, to create dynamic and immersive learning experiences. This shift has also encouraged the development of new skills, both for students and educators, in navigating the online world effectively.

Looking ahead, it is clear that the digital transformation of education is here to stay. While in-person learning will always hold value, the integration of technology has opened up endless possibilities for innovation. As we continue to adapt to this evolving landscape, education will no longer be confined by the four walls of a classroom. Instead, it will be a limitless, global experience that empowers students to learn in ways that suit their individual needs and aspirations. In this new era of education, the digital leap is not just a temporary response to a crisis—it is a revolution that is reshaping how we learn, connect, and grow in the 21st century.

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KNOCK-KNOCK GIGGLES!

- Grammar Police: Why did the grammar teacher break up with the semicolon? Because it just wasn't the right pause in their relationship.
- Punctuation Fun: I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!
- Homophone Humor: Why do words, phrases, and punctuation keep ending up in court? To be sentenced.
- Literary Laundry: How do you organise a space party? You planet. (But how do you organise a literary party? You book it.)
- Spelling Bee: Why do spelling bees always end in a tie? Because the participants are so letter-perfect.
- Wordplay Wedding: Why did the adjective and noun get married? Because they wanted to be a complete sentence.
- Punctuation Quarrel: Why don't commas and periods get along? They just can't seem to see eye to eye.
- Synonym's Secret: What's a synonym for "thesaurus"? The irony is, you'll need one to find out!
- Past Perfect: What do you call an academic who's good at past tense verbs? A has-been.
- Rhetorical Question: Did you hear about the rhetorical question? No? Never mind, it's pointless.

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FROM ASHES TO ANTHEMS



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It was a Wednesday, a typical day in a 9th grader's life. The bell rang, signalling the break hour, the best minutes of my school day. Every Wednesday, we had extracurricular activity classes like karate, singing, yoga, and drums. Being a music enthusiast, I was eagerly waiting for the singing class. It was only my second class, and I was still figuring out where to go. My friends and I ended up in the drums class, thinking the same tutor would teach singing too. Finally settled in the singing class. The tutor arrived, he instructed everyone to stand silently and steady. He called each student to sing a few lines. The first three sang beautifully, and then it was my turn. I had never been to a singing class before, but I stood there, driven by sheer interest. As I finished my first line, all I heard was a loud thud. The tutor's face was contorted with anger, and he berated me harshly.

My confidence shattered, and I felt utterly embarrassed. His words, "You've got no voice, don't make motor noises, better go and join some other class," cut deep. That day was one of the ugliest days I had ever experienced. I had plenty of unspoken words for that tutor, but instead, I channelled my frustration into determination. I decided to compose my own song, thinking that no one could criticise my voice if I sang something I created. From that moment, I started writing my own music, and over time, I created a few good songs. I learned that falling down is not just about hurt or pain; it's about learning to stand up again. I stood up for myself, embodying the quote, "You yourself choose your way, because no one can walk with your legs." And here I am today, a rapper who once felt too embarrassed to sing in front of others.

The lives of unsung heroes in a sentence

The Tragic Life of a Comma

Ah, the humble comma. It's small, it's curvy, and it's responsible for more confusion than a Shakespearean tragedy. One minute it's saving lives ("Let's eat, Grandma!"), and the next it's being forgotten altogether ("Let's eat Grandma!"). The poor comma lives in constant fear—used too much, and it's a nuisance; used too little, and chaos reigns.

Commas just want to do their job, but somehow they've become the punching bag of the English language. So, next time you type a sentence, spare a thought for the overworked, underappreciated comma. Use it wisely... or risk starting a family feud.

The Misunderstood Apostrophe

Ah, the apostrophe, that tiny mark with a mighty responsibility! It's meant to show possession or indicate missing letters, yet it's often the cause of grammatical misunderstandings. One moment it's marking a simple "Sarah's book," and the next, it's tangled in a debate over whether it's "its" or "it's."

The poor apostrophe just wants to help, but instead, it finds itself in the midst of chaos. From "the dog's leash" to the infamous "your vs. you're" debacle, this little mark has become the subject of endless confusion. So let's give a shoutout to the apostrophe—without it, we'd all be lost in a sea of ambiguity!

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UNLOCKING CREATIVITY: A GUIDE TO MASTERING THE ART OF WRITING

Creativity is the lifeblood of compelling writing. It's the spark that transforms words into stories, emotions into poetry, and ideas into persuasive essays. But creativity isn't just about sudden inspiration; it's a skill you can develop and harness. Here's how you can unlock your creative potential in writing, with examples to guide you.

First, recognize the importance of finding your unique voice. Your voice is your personal stamp on your writing, shaped by your experiences, thoughts, and feelings. For instance, think of the conversational tone in a personal blog versus the formal tone of academic writing. If you're writing a memoir, letting your authentic voice shine through can make your story more relatable and engaging. Anne Lamott's 'Bird by Bird' is a great example of how a strong, authentic voice can turn a simple guide into a cherished companion for writers.

Next, cultivate a creative mindset by giving yourself the freedom to explore ideas without judgment. Freewriting is a powerful technique for this. Set a timer for 10 minutes and write whatever comes to mind without worrying about grammar or coherence. For example, if you're writing a fantasy novel, let your imagination run wild—maybe you start describing a world where the sky changes colors based on the emotions of its inhabitants. This exercise can lead to unexpected ideas that you might not have discovered through structured planning.

Reading widely is another crucial way to fuel your creativity. Exposure to different genres and writing styles can inspire new approaches to your own work.

For instance, if you're writing a mystery novel, reading Agatha Christie's 'The Murder of Roger Ackroyd' might inspire you to play with unreliable narrators or twist endings. On the other hand, reading poetry like Mary Oliver's 'Wild Geese' could inspire you to use more lyrical language in your prose. Establishing a writing routine helps turn creativity into a habit. Many successful writers, like Stephen King, emphasize the importance of writing every day. King, for example, writes 2,000 words daily, no matter what. This consistency not only hones your craft but also keeps your creative muscles active. If you're working on a short story, set a daily word count goal and stick to it. Even if you don't feel particularly inspired, the act of writing can lead to moments of creativity that might surprise you.

Dealing with writer's block is another challenge that every writer faces. When stuck, try stepping away from your work. For example, if you're struggling with dialogue in a screenplay, take a walk or listen to music that fits the mood of your scene. These activities can refresh your mind and spark new ideas. Many writers find that their best ideas come when they're not actively trying to write—perhaps during a shower or while cooking dinner. Finally, remember that creativity doesn't end with the first draft.

Revision is where the real magic happens. Take Ernest Hemingway's advice: "The only kind of writing is rewriting." For example, if you're revising a poem, experiment with different structures or word choices until the rhythm and meaning are perfectly aligned.

By following these practices and remaining open to inspiration, you can unlock your creativity and master the art of writing. It's a journey of continuous exploration and growth, where each word you write brings you closer to discovering your full creative potential.

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T'IS HER LOOK...!

T'was her look, They called her a dumb;
T'was her look, They called her a drum;
T'was her look, They called her uncanny;
T'was her look, They called her Funny;
T'was her look, They called her rude;
T'was her look, They called her mad;
T'was her look, They called her an elephant;
T'was her look, They called her an ignorant;
T'was her look;
T'is her look;
T'isher look, that made her strong;
T'is her look, that helped her go long;
T'is her look, that created an Aura;
T'is her look, that composed her Life's Opera;
T'is her look, that broke her inability;
T'is her look, that evoke her desirability;
T'is her look, that proved her capability;
T'is her look, that brought her own Identity.
T'is her look,
T'is her look
And
T'iz Her Look...!

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FROM ASHES TO AUTHORITY

The Biblical Joseph is my inspiration.
He made me to follow my aspiration.
He was a young boy, just like me
But had a great mission, a Governor to be.
He was sold by his jealous brothers,
To serve as a slave in a land which was
farther .

But God was with him through it all
And moulded Joseph to raise him above all .
Joseph was the incharge of Potiphar's house .
But was accused because of his master's
spouse .

Even in prison, God didn't leave him .
The favour of the guard sustained him.
The man of Dreams did not lose Hope
But trusted the Almighty who helped him to
cope .

Years rolled, He stood next to the King.
And his worn out fingers adorned with a ring.
The Governor asked to save in the rain
To help the people during famine.
He was reunited with his old father
And hugged the necks of his beloved
brothers.

Yes, He forgave them and said,
Not to be afraid, since everything was alright.
From a Slave, he became a Saviour.
So will I, one day, with God by my near.

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The Rhythm of Creation

A sea within the quiet mind,
Where waves of thought in rhythm bind,
In depths unknown and surface bright,
It glimmers on the edge of sight.

It murmurs in the silent tide,
In moonlit swells and currents wide,
It flows through words that softly sweep,
A vast expanse we long to keep.

It's in the crest, the surge, the foam,
The songs that call from oceans' home,
In every shore, both near and far,
Where echoes of our visions are.

It's found in waters wild and free,
In hidden reefs of memory,
In every breath the sea breeze takes,
In every dawn the ocean wakes.

Creativity, a boundless sea,
An endless tide, a deep decree,
To drift, to dive, to sail, to be,
The current of our soul's plea.

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GREAT WORK IS TO
LOVE WHAT YOU DO. "

– STEVE JOBS

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