

# The Extreme Clean Home Crawl

**Get Started:** The ancient phrase “two birds with one stone” definitely applies to you today! Get out those rubber gloves and rags, pull up your novel, and prepare to balance both writing and cleaning at the same time! By the end of this crawl, you can expect to, not only have written thousands of words, but also have a clean home! Break it up into several days, or utilized that day off to get it done all at once.

**Laundry Time:** If you have laundry to do, put it in first thing. Every time you deal with the laundry, write for 5 minutes: Washing, Drying, Folding and Putting Away.

**The Big Tidy:** Straighten up by returning things to their proper places. Once you finish, write 300 words.

**Tackle the Dishes:** Load up your dishwasher and write for 10 minutes.

Once the dishwasher finishes, put all dishes away and then write 200 words. As for those hand-wash dishes in the sink, for each item you wash and put away, write an addition 100 words.

**How Clean is Your Kitchen?** Follow the instructions for each item that needs to be cleaned:

- Calendar: Update for the week, then do a 5-minute sprint.
- Sink: Scrub, then do a 10-minute sprint.
- Stovetop: Scrub, then do a 15-minute sprint.
- Countertops: Scrub, then do a 10-minute sprint.
- Refrigerator: Clean out spoiled food, and wipe down the inside and outside. Do a 5-minute sprint.

**How Clean is Your Bathroom?** Follow the instructions for each item that needs to be cleaned:

- Mirror: Wipe away all of those smudges and splatters! Then write 150 words.

- Sink: Wipe down the sink and the countertop around it. In the process, put away anything that doesn't belong and don't forget to move around the things that do. Then write 250 words.
- Toilet: Clean the top, bottom, inside, outside, and make it sparkly. Then write 350 words

**How Clean is Your Bathroom?** Follow the instructions for each item that needs to be cleaned:

- Bed: Change to clean sheets if it has been a while, and make the bed. Sprint for 5 minutes.
- Clothes: Put away any clothes on the floor. Sprint 1 minute for each item on the floor.
- Surfaces: Tidy up and wipe down surfaces. Sprint for 10 minutes.

**Grab a Mop:** Clean all of the hard wood floors in your home. Then write to the nearest thousand.

*If you haven't swept in a while, do so first. Once you finish, do a 5-minute sprint, and then mop up!*

**Carpet Cleaning:** Grab the vacuum and start a timer. Vacuum all the carpets in your home. However long it takes you to vacuum is how long your next sprint is.

**Odds and ends:** Follow the instructions for each item that needs to be cleaned:

- Office: Put away any projects. Write 150 words.

- Mail: Walk the puppy to the mailbox. Go through the mail accordingly. Sprint for 5 minutes.
- Trash: Take out all of the trash in the house. Write 250 words.
- Closets: Unorganized? Put things up, and make it tidy. Sprint for 10 minutes.
- Surfaces: Wipe down tables and desks. Dust anything that is dusty. Write 430 words.

Go the  
Extra Mile,  
it's never  
Crowded.

**You did it!** Pat yourself on the back and take a much-deserved break in your freshly cleaned home!

## HARRY POTTER CRAWL: YEAR ONE!

Depending on your writing speed, pick your blood status.

*Muggleborn*: Slower

*Halfblood*: Medium

*Pureblood*: Faster

Galleons can be used to purchase round skips. If you don't want to do a specific challenge, spend a Galleon in order to move on to the next one.

You receive your Hogwarts letter by owl and are completely ecstatic to head out for your first year at Hogwarts. **Sprint to 100** to let out your excitement and energy.

You arrive in Diagon Alley and your first stop is Gringotts, wizard bank. **Write for ten minutes**. The amount of words you write will determine how many Galleons are in your vault.

*Muggleborns*

Less than 100 words: 1 Galleon

100-200 words: 2 Galleons

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Make  
your  
DREAMS

More than 200 words: 3 Galleons

Halfbloods

Less than 150 words: 1 Galleon

150-250 words: 2 Galleons

More than 250 words: 3 Galleons

Purebloods

Less than 250 words: 1 Galleon

250-350 words: 2 Galleons

More than 350 words: 3 Galleons

You step into Ollivander's wand shop. **Roll a die and multiply your roll by 100. Sprint to that many words.**

Finally, you're done shopping! But before you leave, you decide that you want to purchase a pet. **Write for 15 minutes** as you search for the perfect animal for you. Pick one: owl, cat, toad.

After months of waiting, you've arrived on platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  and boarded the Hogwarts Express! **Write to the nearest thousand** as you settle into your seat and get ready for a long ride. If you need to write more than 500 words for this challenge and choose not to skip this round, take one Galleon.

Anything off the trolley, dear? Buy some sweets to help get you through the ride!

Depending on your candy, find your challenge below!

Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans: Participate in a **Fifty Headed Hydra** as you frantically try to get the taste of vomit out of your mouth.

Chocolate Frog: **Write for five minutes** as you chase down the frog.

Licorice Wand: **Sprint to 150 words**

Pumpkin Pasties: **Roll a die and multiply by 50. Write that many words.**

If you take the lot and complete all the challenges, take one Galleon as well. *If you have a toad, you may skip this round for free.*

You arrive at the castle and wait in the hall with the rest of the first years. You notice a boy with messy black hair and glasses talking with a redheaded boy, a girl with bushy hair whispering to the people around her, and a boy with pale... well, everything. **Write for ten minutes** as you attempt to socialize with the people around you.

Professor McGonagall escorts you and your peers into the Great Hall for the Sorting. After the Sorting Hat sings its song and several students walk up timidly, your name is called, and you sit yourself down on the stool, timid and worried about what is about to happen. McGonagall places the hat on your head, and you are sorted into your House. Pick from the four Houses- Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin.

Gryffindor: Are you brave enough to **write ten times your typing speed in 10 minutes?**

Hufflepuff: Remain loyal to your word count and **write steadily for one hour with no breaks.**

Ravenclaw: Calculate how many words it will take for you to **write to the nearest 1000.**

Slytherin: You're an ambitious one, aren't you? **Write 1000 words in 30 minutes!**

The feast is delicious! **Do the Three Digit Challenge** as you eat at your House table and talk with those around you, as well as your House ghost. *If you have an owl, you may skip this round for free.*

You've settled into your dormitory quite quickly and nicely, and your first couple weeks of class go well. **Write for an hour** as you grow accustomed to your new classes and all of the magic you're learning.

Muggleborns: If you write 750 words within the hour, take 2 Galleons.

Halfbloods: If you write 1,000 words within the hour, take 2 Galleons.

Purebloods: If you write 1,250 words within the hour, take 2 Galleons.

On your way to Potions, the messy haired boy who you now know is Harry Potter stops and asks you if you know where Professor Binns' classroom is. **Write 200 words in 10 minutes** as you try to remember where his classroom is.

**If you succeed:** Harry hurries to Binns' classroom and gives you a Galleon as a thank you for your help.

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**If you fail:** You spend so much time trying to help Harry that you are both late to your next class. Write another 200 words as you apologize to Snape and try not to lose any points for your House.

You get locked out of your common room and Mrs. Norris finds you! You run with Harry, Ron, and Hermione to the third door corridor, and you find a giant three-headed dog! After making it back to your dormitory safely, **roll a die, multiply your roll by 100**, and write that many words as you try to calm down. *If you have a cat, you can skip this round for free.*

Troll! In the dungeon! You go with Harry and Ron to find Hermione and end up fighting the troll with them. **Sprint to 500**, and try not to get yourself killed.

You go down to Hagrid's hut to have tea with him. When you try his treacle fudge, your teeth get stuck together! **Write for twenty minutes** as Hagrid tries to help and Madam Pomfrey magically loosens the cement-like effect the fudge had on your mouth.

Months pass, and it's Christmas morning! You receive 3 Galleons from your parents, as well as a challenge from the Weasley twins. **Write 1000 words in under an hour.**

**If you succeed:** they give you a Galleon.

**If you fail:** they hit you with snowballs until you're buried under heavy amounts of snow and make you write 250 more words.

During the Gryffindor vs Slytherin Quidditch game, you get incredibly excited. Roll a die. If even, you're cheering for Gryffindor; if odd, you're cheering for Slytherin. **Word war for fifteen minutes with someone cheering for the opposite team.** If you beat them, you win your bet, and you take 2 of their Galleons. But be careful- if you lose, you give them 2 of your Galleons. A bet's a bet.

Harry tells you that he suspects that Snape is going after the Philosopher's Stone and you decide to go with the trio to try to get to the Stone before Snape does. But before you can even go down the trapdoor, you need to make it past Fluffy. **Write for ten minutes** as you lull him to sleep sneak through the door.

Oh no- you and your friends are trapped in a patch of Devil's Snare! Hermione tells you that you need to **write 250 words in five minutes** in order to safely escape.

**If you succeed:** You make it out of the deadly plant without a scratch and even spot a Galleon on the ground. What luck!

**If you fail:** Hermione has to set the plant on fire to get you out alive. She thinks very poorly of your skills now, so write another 250 words to impress her.

Harry catches a flying key and opens a large wooden door. Inside the next room is a giant wizard chess set. You and your friends need to replace some of the pieces and play the game. Ron takes the place of a knight, Harry becomes a bishop, and Hermione takes over for a rook. Pick a chess piece and complete the challenge below!

Pawn: You know you won't be of much use to the game and think it would be wisest to be taken out early. **Complete a Fifty Headed Hydra** and take a fifteen minute writing break to recover from your injuries.

Rook: You take the place of the other rook and spend the game running across the board, strategically taking out important pieces of the other side's team. **Sprint to 200** and take a five minute writing break once the game is won.

Bishop: You take the place of the other bishop and sneakily take out pawns on the other team. **Write for 20 minutes** and take a five minute writing break once the game is won.

Knight: You take the place of the other knight and become the wild card of the match. **Write 300 words in 15 minutes** until you're taken out by one of the other team's rooks. Take a fifteen minute writing break to recover from your injuries.

Harry and Hermione move ahead into the next room when you stay with Ron. When Hermione comes back, **sprint to 300** as you run to find Dumbledore and explain the situation to him.

The word gets out that Professor Quirrell is the one who wanted the stone, not Snape! Rumors also spread of your bravery in helping Harry, Ron, and Hermione as you four went through the challenges the professors set to protect the stone. Dumbledore awards

you fifty points for your courage. **Write for five minutes** as your peers congratulate and admire you.

Summer vacation is here! **Take an hour long writing break-** you deserve it! In the meantime, post your words written during your first year at Hogwarts as well as how many Galleons you have left in your vault, and, when you're ready, continue on to Year Two!

## HARRY POTTER CRAWL: YEAR TWO!

You've been spending your summer with the Weasleys, and when you and Ron find out that Harry's in trouble, you go with him, Fred, and George to rescue him in the flying car. **Write for ten minutes as you fly home to the Burrow.**

Molly has some work for you to do to help around the house. For every challenge below that you complete, she gives you one Galleon.

*De-gnome the garden:* **Word war for fifteen minutes** with a friend. The loser has to write an additional 100 words!

*Fix the clock:* **Write 250 words.**

*Help Molly cook dinner:* **Write for twenty minutes.**

Errol arrives with everyone's book lists, and Gilderoy Lockhart's name is written all over it. **Write 3% of your current word count**, as you worry that it'll take 3% of everything you own to buy his books along with everything else you're going to need. *If you have an owl, you may skip this round for free.*

Floo powder power! Floo powder power! **Write 500 words in fifteen minutes** as you travel to Diagon Alley.

**If you succeed:** You spot a Galleon on the ground outside of the fireplace! What luck!

**If you fail:** You end up in Knockturn Alley with Harry. Write an additional 150 words as you find your way back to the Weasleys.

Your first stop is Gringotts to pick up some additional money for your schoolbooks. **Write for ten minutes.** The amount of words you write will determine how many Galleons you

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### *Halfbloods*

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200-300 words: 2 Galleons

More than 300 words: 3 Galleons

### *Purebloods*

Less than 300 words: 1 Galleon

300-400 words: 2 Galleons

More than 350 words: 3 Galleons

You spend so much money in the book shop buying your books. **Write 500 words** as you try to balance your new books along with everything else.

On September 1st, you go with Harry and the Weasleys to Kings Cross Station, but you get stuck outside of Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$ ! You, Harry, and Ron decide to find another way to get to school this year... **Word war with a friend for an hour** during the long drive- er, flight in the Ford Anglia. The winner gets to take a Galleon from the other.

Upon your arrival at Hogwarts, you crash into a strange tree that starts to attack you! **Write 250 words** as you escape from the tree and take the walk of shame into the school.

It's a miracle that you've arrived back at school safely, and that you weren't expelled. Instead, your Head of House decides that you will be serving your detention with them.

*Griffindors*: **Write for 30 minutes** as you search Professor McGonagall's classroom frantically for the needles that Peeves decided to hide from the first years.

*Hufflepuffs*: **Write 400 words in fifteen minutes** as you help Professor Sprout transport some Mandrakes into Greenhouse Three. *If you fail*, your earmuffs become loose and you

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faint from their shrieks. Write an additional 150 words.

*Ravenclaws:* **Write 500 words** as you gather feathers for Professor Flitwick to use with his students.

*Slytherins:* **Do the Three Digit Challenge** as you collect ingredients around Hagrid's hut for Snape's newest potions.

Gilderoy Lockhart turns out to be a babbling idiot and tells you to **roll a die, multiply your roll by 100**, and write that many words in order to catch all of the Cornish pixies he let loose in his classroom. *If you are a Ravenclaw, you know how to gather them all easily and may skip this round for free.*

Ron is puking slugs after standing up for Hermione! Take him to Hagrid's hut and **write for five minutes** as you help him to feel better.

You're invited to Nearly Headless Nick's deathday party on Halloween night. But the question is, will you go to the party or to the feast?

*If you go to the feast:* Complete a **Fifty Headed Hydra** as you stuff your face with delicious food. You *do* feel bad about not going to the party, though...

*If you go to the party:* **Write for twenty minutes** as you stand around the party, bored out of your mind and wishing you were eating food at the feast. When no one is around to notice, Harry slips a Galleon into your hand and thanks you for coming with him.

On your way back to the dormitory, you discover Mrs. Norris hanging from a torch racket, somehow Petrified... and somehow Filch seems to think that you did it! **Write for five minutes** as you try to explain to Dumbledore and Filch that you couldn't have done it because you're not the Heir of Slytherin. *If you have a cat, you may skip this round for free.*

You and your friends decide to join the Dueling Club, and you're excited to show off your skills!

**Word war for fifteen minutes** with a friend. The winner of the duel gets bragging rights; the loser has to write an additional 100 words.

Merry Christmas! Your plans for the day: sneak into the Slytherin common room using Polyjuice potion to interrogate Malfoy and ask if he's the Heir of Slytherin. **Write 250 words** as you impersonate a Slytherin student by taking the potion. *If you are a Slytherin, you already have access to the common room and may skip this round for free.*

Harry approaches you, Ron, and Hermione and tells you that Hagrid very possibly could have opened the Chamber of Secrets when he attended Hogwarts. You're not sure if you believe him, so **write for ten minutes** as Harry explains his logic to you.

As you're sitting in the stands waiting for the Gryffindor vs. Hufflepuff Quidditch match to start, Professor McGonagall announces that the match is canceled and that you need to head to your common room immediately. **Roll a die, multiply your roll by 100**, and write that many words. *If you have a toad, you may skip this round for free.*

The news gets out that Hermione and a Ravenclaw prefect were Petrified, and you, Harry, and Ron decide that it's time to talk to Hagrid about what happened in the Chamber of Secrets. You have to hide underneath the invisibility cloak when the Minister of Magic arrives and takes Hagrid away. **Write for five minutes** after he leaves while you wait to see if the coast is clear to head back to the castle.

During your Herbology class, you spot a trail of spiders heading out the door. That night, **write 3% of your current word count** as you follow the trail and nearly get eaten by Hagrid's giant spider, Aragog. *If you are a Hufflepuff, you need to talk to Professor Sprout after class and may skip this round for free.*

There's been another message left by the Heir of Slytherin, and this time, Ginny's been kidnapped. You go with Harry, Ron and Lockhart into the girl's bathroom, where you discover the entrance to the Chamber of Secrets. **Sprint to 250 words** with a friend as you go down into the chamber.

It's lucky that Ron broke his wand at the beginning of the year- when Lockhart tries to perform a Memory Charm on you, it backfires on him! He's the one who loses his memory, plus it causes a part of the ceiling to cave in, separating you and Harry from Ron and Lockhart. **Write for fifteen minutes** as you try to get past the rubble.

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It's no use- you have to go with Harry further into the chamber. **Participate in a Fifty-Headed Hydra** as you search for the monster.

*If you write 500 words:* You spot Ginny lying on the floor and run to her side. **Complete the next two rounds.**

*If you do not write 500 words:* You hear something moving behind you and turn around, spotting the reflection of a giant basilisk in the water on the floor. You are Petrified! **Skip the next two rounds and take a thirty minute writing break** as time passes and you wait to be revived.

You spot a young man around sixteen who Harry seems to recognize. His name is Tom Riddle, and he reveals that he's nothing more than a memory of Lord Voldemort's younger self. When you declare your loyalty to Dumbledore, Tom sets the basilisk on you! **Write for thirty minutes** as you try to defend yourself and avoid the basilisk's gaze.

Fawkes flies down into the chamber with the Sorting Hat, and when Harry puts it on, a sword falls out of it, which he uses to kill the basilisk. You take one of the basilisk's fangs and stab the diary. **Write 100 words** as the memory of Tom Riddle disappears.

After you get out of the hospital wing from your injuries, the year quickly ends and summer vacation is here. **Write for fifteen minutes** at the end of year feast before boarding the Hogwarts Express home for the summer.

## HARRY POTTER CRAWL: YEAR THREE!

Summer vacation has been great, but it's time to go to Diagon Alley to pick up your school books! **Write for five minutes** as you travel to the shops and pick up all of your supplies.

You run into Harry, Ron, and Hermione, who ask you to tag along with them to the Magical Menagerie so Hermione can buy herself a pet. Much to Ron's dismay, she picks out a large orange cat named Crookshanks. **Write 200 words** when the cat jumps on your head as it pursues Scabbers. *If you have a pet cat, you may skip this challenge.*

You spend your last night of summer vacation in the Leaky Cauldron with the Weasleys. **Word war for ten minutes** with a friend as you and Ron play wizard chess. The winner receives 2 Galleons from the other!

On the Hogwarts Express, you share a compartment with Harry, Ron, Hermione, and a sleeping man Hermione identifies as Professor Lupin. Harry tells you all about Sirius Black and that he escaped Azkaban just so he could kill Harry. **Write 100 words** as your face pales and you worry about what might happen in the upcoming year.

The train stops and the lights go out as you feel a chill and a feeling of sadness come over you. A hooded figure enters the compartment as Professor Lupin wakes up and forces it away with a charm. He gives each of you a chocolate frog to help you feel better after the ordeal is over, but you can't eat yours until you **participate in a Fifty-Headed Hydra**. *If you have a pet toad, you may skip this round for free.*

Your first class of the term is Divination, where Professor Trelawny begins class by having you read tea leaves. **Roll a die, multiply your roll by 100**, and write that many words as you stare at the bottom of your friend's cup, trying to understand what it means.

Another new class you have this year is Care of Magical Creatures with Hagrid. He shows you a beautiful creature called a hippogriff, and as you get closer to it, he decides that he likes you enough to let you ride him. He lifts you up onto its back and the hippogriff takes off, flying all over the school grounds. **Write for fifteen minutes** as you hang on for dear life and enjoy the magnificent scenery.

Professor Lupin proves to be the best Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher you've ever had. He takes you to the staff room, where a boggart in the wardrobe will turn into whatever you fear the most. **Write 300 words in ten minutes** as you face your fears and cast *Riddikulus* to turn it into something funny instead.

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If you succeed: Professor Lupin is very impressed with you, and you win a bet with Ron that you wouldn't be able to do it. He gives you a Galleon.

If you fail: Professor Lupin insists that you try again. Write for another five minutes as you perfect the spell, this time perfectly executing it on the Boggart.

Halloween arrives, and you're able to go to Hogsmeade with Ron and Hermione. **Write 3% of your current word count** as you load up on tricks from Zonko's and treats from Honeydukes. *If you are in Slytherin, Snape stops you and asks you to help him in his stock room. You may skip this round for free.*

The Halloween feast is delicious, and as you return to your dormitory, you hear the news that the Fat Lady was attacked by Sirius Black. Your Head of House escorts you to the Great Hall, where it appears that the entire school is having a sleepover.

Gryffindors: **Write 250 words** as you have to repeat yourself, explaining what happened.

Hufflepuffs: You get hungry in the middle of the night. **Write for ten minutes** as you sneak off to the kitchen and grab some food.

Ravenclaws: No one is going to stop you from studying for your Transfiguration exam tomorrow, not even Sirius Black. **Write for fifteen minutes** as you try to study over the noise of the students around you.

Slytherins: You decide that you want to find Sirius Black yourself. You sneak out of the Great Hall and try to find him, but Snape catches you. **Write 500 words** as he lectures you on your way back to bed.

At the Gryffindor vs Hufflepuff Quidditch match, you can't see the Dementors on the field but you can feel their presence. **Write for ten minutes** as the game ends abruptly and you hurry off of the field trying to get away from the Azkaban guards. *If you are in Hufflepuff, your cuddly personality keeps you safe from the Dementor's effects. You may skip this round for free.*

On another trip to Hogsmeade, Harry sneaks out of the castle to join you, Ron, and Hermione. You go to get a drink at the Three Broomsticks when you overhear McGonagall, Flitwick, Hagrid, and Cornelius Fudge talking about Sirius Black's

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relationship with the Potters. **Write 100 words** as you sit in your seat, terrified that they'll find you eavesdropping on them.

Christmas morning arrives, and your parents send you a card along with two Galleons. **Write for thirty minutes** as you spend the day with Harry, Ron, and Hermione, opening presents and eating at the feast.

Sirius Black breaks into Hogwarts again, this time attempting to attack Ron in his bed after finding a list of passwords to Gryffindor Tower. **Roll a die, multiply your roll by 50**, and write that many words as you spend another sleepless night in your common room. *If you are in Gryffindor, you have the comfort of being able to talk to Harry, Ron, and Hermione that night and may skip this round for free.*

The Quidditch final arrives: Gryffindor vs Slytherin. Roll a die; if your roll is even, you're cheering for Gryffindor, and if your roll is odd, you're cheering for Slytherin. **Word war for fifteen minutes** with someone cheering for the opposite team- the winner gets to take one of the other's Galleons!

Your Easter holidays are spent doing homework and nothing else. **Write 300 words** as you spend several all-nighters studying for your exams. *If you are in Ravenclaw, you're all set for your final exams and may skip this round for free.*

On the last day of exams, you and your friends decide to go visit Hagrid to give him some support before Buckbeak is executed. **Participate in a Fifty-Headed Hydra** as you're forced out of Hagrid's hut and watch the execution.

You and your friends spot Scabbers on your way back to the castle, and Ron is dragged under the Whomping Willow by a large black dog! **Write 250 words** as you, Harry, and Hermione struggle to get underneath the tree.

You follow the passage underneath the Whomping Willow and end up inside the Shrieking Shack. There, you're met by Sirius Black and Professor Lupin. **Write for five minutes** as they explain that Sirius was innocent, and that Peter Pettigrew was the one who betrayed Harry's parents and killed all those people.

Peter Pettigrew turns out to be an animagus, and Ron's pet rat. **Write 100 words** as Lupin forces Pettigrew to turn back into his human self.

On your way back to the castle, Lupin begins to transform into a werewolf! **Write 400 words in fifteen minutes** as you flee to the castle.

*If you succeed:* You make it to the castle and start to tell Cornelius Fudge and Snape what happened, but they insist that you've been Confounded and need to visit the hospital wing.

*If you fail:* You get caught up by Lupin and have to flee him as well as the Dementors who show up for Sirius. Write an additional 200 words.

You, Harry, and Hermione are the only ones conscious enough to stand up for Sirius to Dumbledore, and while he believes you, he instructs Hermione to use her Time-Turner to save Sirius. **Turn back time and complete three of the previous five challenges again!**(*Beginning at the Fifty-Headed Hydra and ending at 400 words in fifteen minutes.*) You and your friends manage to save both Sirius and Buckbeak by using the Time-Turner. There is no celebration of your bravery this year at the end of year feast, but you still enjoy yourself nonetheless. **Write for five minutes** as you say your last goodbyes to your friends- until next year!

## HARRY POTTER CRAWL: YEAR FOUR!

Earlier this summer, Ron invited you to come to the Quidditch World Cup with the Weasleys, Harry, and Hermione. Today is finally the day! You and your friends meet up with the Diggory family to use a nearby Portkey. **Write 200 words** as you travel by Portkey and get dizzy upon landing.

After setting up camp for the night, you meet Ludo Bagman, a former Beater and the commentator for the match. Fred and George make a bet with him, and you do as well when Ludo challenges you to **write 750 words in thirty minutes**.

If you succeed: Ludo doubles the amount of Galleons you have.

If you fail: Sorry, but Ludo takes half of your Galleons.

Time for the match- Ireland vs Bulgaria! Roll a die; if your roll is even, you're cheering for Ireland. If your roll is odd, you're cheering for Bulgaria. **Word war with someone cheering for the opposite team for ten minutes.**

If you win: Your friend gives you a Galleon.

If you lose: You give your friend a Galleon.

The Dark Mark appears over the large campsite after the game. **Write 3% of your current word count** as you flee the camp and into the woods. *If you have a pet owl, you may skip this round for free.*

Aboard the Hogwarts Express, Draco Malfoy gloats that he knows about an event happening at Hogwarts this year that no one else knows about. You and your friends decide to ignore him, and you **write 300 words** as you eat some treats off of the trolley and get excited about your classes for the term. *If you are in Slytherin, Draco has already told you what the event is and you may skip this round for free.*

At the start of term feast, Dumbledore announces that this year, Hogwarts will be hosting the Tri-Wizard Tournament, and that no one under the age of seventeen will be allowed to submit their names to be considered for the competition. **Write for fifteen minutes** as you scheme with the Weasley twins about how you'll get your name into the Goblet of Fire.

This year's new Defense Against the Dark Arts professor is Mad-Eye Moody, a retired Auror for the Ministry. He demonstrates the three Unforgivable Curses in front of the class, using the Imperius Curse on you to make you **write 500 words**.

The day before Halloween, the delegates from Beauxbatons and Durmstrang arrive at Hogwarts. **Write for five minutes** as you notice Viktor Krum among the Durmstrang students and eat at the Welcoming Feast. *If you own a pet toad, you may skip this round for free.*

Fred and George give you some of their Aging Potion, allowing all three of you across the Age Line protecting the Goblet of Fire from younger students. Unfortunately, the potion

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doesn't work, and all three of you are sent to the hospital wing. **Write to the nearest thousand** as you wait for your gray hair to turn back to normal. *If you are in Ravenclaw, you know better than to use an Aging Potion to get to the Goblet of Fire and may skip this round for free.*

On Halloween night, four champions are selected for the Tri-Wizard Tournament, and one of them is Harry! He asks you for your help to prepare him for the First Task. **Write 100 words** as you practice the Summoning Charm with him and Hermione.

The First Task is here, and Harry faces off with a Hungarian Horntail! **Participate in a Three-Headed Hydra** as you watch the event with bated breath, and celebrate in his success completing the Summoning Charm.

Hermione is worried about the well being of the house elves in the kitchens, and she takes you, Harry, and Ron down to the kitchens. **Write for ten minutes** as you talk to Dobby and Winky while the rest of the house elves feed you well. *If you are in Hufflepuff, you're already in the kitchens when the trio comes to visit the house elves and may skip this round for free.*

Your Head of House announces that there will be a Yule Ball on December 25th, and that you need to find a date for the evening. You have two ideas for who to ask, but you're unsure of who to pick: a quirky third-year Ravenclaw named Luna Lovegood, or your good friend Seamus Finnigan.

*If you ask Luna:* She seems excited about the fact that she'll be able to attend the ball, though you are a little put off by her strange personality. **Write 200 words** as you make plans with her for when to pick her up.

*If you ask Seamus:* He's a little surprised that you asked him but gladly accepts. **Write for five minutes** as you pray that he won't blow anything up in your face on your date.

Christmas Day arrives, and it's time for the Ball! After the formal slow dances, you and your date have fun dancing to the band that arrives to play. **Write for thirty minutes while listening to your favorite wizard rock music.** You can find a master list of wizard

rock music by [clicking here](#). If you don't want to listen to wizard rock while you write, listen to the music of your choice, or none if you would prefer.

In preparation for the Second Task, you help Harry in the library to try to find a way to breathe underwater. **Write 250 words** as you learn little from your search. *If you own a pet cat, you may skip this round for free.*

The morning of the Second Task, you can't find Ron or Hermione to walk down with you to the lake, so you go alone and quickly realize that they're a part of the event. **Participate in the Three Digit Challenge** while you wait for your friends to come up to the surface of the lake.

Sirius, who's still on the run, wants to meet Harry and the rest of you outside of Hogsmeade. **Write for ten minutes** as you sneak away from the town and to the cave where you meet him. *If you are in Gryffindor, you easily slip away without worrying about the consequences and may skip this round for free.*

Your life becomes fairly uneventful as you wait for the Third Task to approach. For every class you study for, complete the challenge below. If you complete all of them, take a Galleon for your valiant efforts.

Transfiguration: **Write 150 words** as you practice turning a guinea fowl into a guinea pig.

Potions: **Write for fifteen minutes** as you perfect your Wit-Sharpening Potion.

Divination: **Write 100 words** as you study out of *The Dream Oracle*

Charms: **Write 200 words** as you learn how to perform the Banishing Charm.

Defense Against the Dark Arts: **Write for ten minutes** as you work on your counter-curses.

The Third Task is finally here, after you watched with much curiosity as the labyrinth grew on the Quidditch field. **Roll a die, multiply your roll by 150**, and write that many words as you patiently wait for the champions to leave the maze.

When Harry appears, he comes with Cedric Diggory's dead body. A quiet hush falls over everyone in attendance, and you can hear several people crying. **Write 100 words** as you stare at him in shock.

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At the end of year feast, Dumbledore that Voldemort has returned and was responsible for Cedric's death. **Write for ten minutes** during Dumbledore's speech and as Harry, who sits next to you, explains more details of what happened.

Summer vacation is here once again, but this time it comes with a heavy burden on your chest. **Write 500 words** on the train home and as you start preparing for your fifth year at Hogwarts!

# STAR WARS WORD CRAWL

To start, **write for fifteen minutes.**

<300 words: You get 1 Force energy

300-450 words: You get 2 Force energy

450-600 words: You get 3 Force energy

600> words: You get 4 Force energy

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- 1.You are a moisture farmer's son/daughter living on Tatooine. **Write for ten minutes** as you complain about how boring your life is, and wish that you could be part of the war between the Rebels and the Empire, just like your friend Luke.
- 2.The Jawas' sandcrawler is finally here. Your dad tells you to hurry up and go buy an R5 droid. **Sprint to 300 words** as you hurry to get there before the Jawas leave.
- 3.You still get there after everyone else, and the only R5 unit they have is a red one, R5-D4. You buy it, but it lasts less than a minute. **Write for twenty minutes** while the Jawa explains the defect. The Jawa gives you the address of the last person who bought an R2 unit, but it's getting late, so you'll go tomorrow.
- 4.The next morning, you set off to find the droid. You arrive at the house just in time to see your friend Luke setting off on his speeder. **Word war for ten minutes** with a friend as you try to catch up. If you lose, write 150 extra words as you find where Luke has gone.

5.He finally stops, and you get there in time to see him being ambushed by Tusken Raiders, who are then driven off by an old man. You rush into the man's cave and see your friend Luke with R2-D2. **Write to the nearest thousand** as you try to persuade him to sell you the droid.

6.Ben, the old man, tells you and Luke that you are strong in the force and gives you each a lightsaber. **Word war for five minutes** as you practice with your new weapons. If you win, take 2 Force energies. If you lose, take 1.

7.Ben offers to take you to Alderaan after the droid shows him a message of help. He tells you and Luke that both of your fathers were killed by an evil man named Darth Vader. You agree immediately, but Luke wants to go back to his family. **Sprint to 150** while you speed back to his place with him.

8.You get to Luke's house, but it is in ruin! **Write for five minutes** to try and comfort him.

9.Ben takes you to Mos Eisley, where you find out that stormtroopers are looking for some droids. Then, you go to a bar to look for a ship. While you're there, a strange monster thing approaches you. Apparently he doesn't like you, and he begins to provoke a fight. **Write 300 words in 10 minutes.** If you succeed, you cut off his arm with your new lightsaber. If you fail, you miss. Ben cuts his arm off instead, and you have to write 200 more words while you explain the gash in the bar to the bartender.

10.Ben has found you a ship! A Wookie named Chewbacca is here, with his accomplice, Han Solo. **Roll a die. Multiply your roll by 100 and write that many words as fast as you can.** Record the time it took you for further reference.

11.As you take off in the *Millenium Falcon*, there are stormtroopers shooting at you! **Sprint to 350** as you try to fly away before they get a lucky shot in at the tiny target.

12.Ben feels a tremor in the Force while trying to train you and Luke. **Word war for fifteen minutes.** If you win, Ben says you have taken your first step into a larger world—take one Force energy!

13.You exit from hyperspace at Alderaan—except Alderaan isn't there! You are then sucked by a tractor beam into a large object, which may or may not be a moon. You are

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held there until you can deactivate the tractor beam, which Ben decides to do. You and Luke find out that Princess Leia is being held prisoner on the Death Star! **Write for twenty minutes** as you come up with a plan to rescue her.

14. You, Luke, and Han dress up as stormtroopers. You escort Chewbacca to Leia's cell while the droids stayed behind. **Write 500 words** as you get to her cell and rescue her.

15. Somehow, the Death Star finds out about you, and you take the plunge into a giant garbage compactor. **Write 300 words** as you combat the smell, the creatures, and the compacting walls. Just before you are crushed to death, the droids stop the compacter!

16. Now, you have to fight your way back to the *Falcon*! **Write thirty words** as you fight through halls of stormtroopers and cross chasms.

17. When you get back to the *Falcon*, you see Ben, sacrificing himself so you can get away. **Write a short ten minute burst** to try to get rid of some of your grief.

18. While fleeing from the Empire, you have to gun down a few of their ships. Flip a coin. If heads, **attempt a Fifty-Headed Hydra** as you try to gun down the Empire. If tails, **write quickly for ten minutes** as you try to escape the Empire's shots.

19. When you get to the rebel base, Han gets ready to leave with his rewards. **Write the number of words you wrote in #10, in less time.** If you fail, Han deserts you. If you succeed, Han deserts you.

20. Leia tells you all that the only way to stop the Empire and their terrible Death Star is by shooting one small spot in a trench on the surface with proton torpedoes. **Roll a die and multiply the number by 50. Write that many words** as you brave yourself to sign up for the mission. When you do, you can choose to be Red or Gold.

21. You are now part of one of the squadrons attacking the Death Star, Red and Gold. If you are Red, you are competing for the glory with your best friend Luke. **Do a ten minute word war.** If you are Gold, **sprint to 400**; you get your own glory, but you have no backup.

22. As you fly through the trench, all of your comrades beside you are shot out of the air. **Write 3% of your current word count**, braving yourself for the danger ahead.

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The *Millennium Falcon* springs out of hyperspace just in time to save you and Luke from TIE fighters.

23. You hear Ben's voice saying "Use the Force, (Your Name). And Luke, you should too." You each shoot your torpedoes. **Do a thirty minute word war.** If you win, your torpedo is on target, and Luke just helped. You gain 3 Force energies. If you lose, it's the other way around, and you gain 1 Force energy.

24. You blow up the Death Star! You get a medal ceremony in which you, Luke, and Han are recognized for your awesomeness. **Write for the entire duration of the Throne Room and End Credits music** (if you'd rather not listen to it, just write for 5:38).

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*Alice in Wonderland Crawl*

You are Alice, sitting on the riverbank, listening to your sister read from a book about William I, whose reign began in 1066 AD. You grow bored, so **write 1066 words as quickly as you can.**

You spot the White Rabbit, who is very late for an important date. His watch says 5 o'clock so **set your stopwatch for 5 minutes, and write as much as you can.**

You chase the White Rabbit, following him into a rabbit hole, where you fall down, down, down. **Write to the nearest thousand** as you fall down the rabbit hole.

When you get to the bottom, you see the White Rabbit race through a tiny door, which you can't fit through. The doorknob tells you to drink from a little bottle marked "DRINK ME." After you drink it, you turn so tiny that you can't reach the key to the door, which is on a normal sized table. **Write 400 words** to find a solution.

A cookie marked "EAT ME" appears. You eat it and grow so big that you fill the entire room. Time for a **big sprint of 30 minutes.**

After all that, you are crying so hard your tears fill the room – though the doorknob tells you to drink again from the bottle. You fall into the bottle and sail away in a river of your own tears through the doorknob's keyhole and into Wonderland. You see the Dodo, running the caucus race, where inhabitants of Wonderland race until they are dry. **Race to the nearest hundred words.**

Tweedledum and Tweedledee block your path to tell you the story of The Walrus and the Carpenter, The time has come, the Walrus said, to talk of many things – of shoes and ships and sealing wax, of cabbages and kiiiiings. **Pick one of those things.**

*For shoes, sprint to the nearest thousand.*

*For ships, think of your favorite fandom ship, add up the number of letters in the characters' first names (for example Bella and Edward is 11, while Harry and Hermione is also 13) and multiply that number by 50. Write that many words.*

*For sealing wax, let the dice seal your fate -- roll a standard six-sided die. Multiply that number by 100, and write that many words.*

*For cabbages, write 250 words*

*For kings, try the Fifty Headed Hydra, elsewhere on the forum*

You come to the White Rabbits house, where you eat another one of those “EAT ME” cookies, growing so big that you fill the rabbit’s whole house. Time for another big **30 minute sprint** while they smoke the monster out.

You eat a carrot and shrink down to the size of an insect – do a tiny, **5 minute sprint**.

You meet a garden of enchanted flowers, who sing the song Golden Afternoon. **Sprint for ten minutes** while you convince the flowers that you aren’t a weed.

“Wooo...R...U?” The hookah smoking caterpillar asks. He gives you a bit of mushroom, which returns you to your usual size. **Sprint to the nearest thousand words to return to an even number.**

You meet the Cheshire Cat, who directs you to the Mad Hatter, the March Hare, and the Dormouse at their Mad Tea Party. In honor of the price tag still affixed to the Mad Hatters chapeau (10/6) **sprint for 10 minutes, then sprint for 6.**

A Very Merry Unbirthday to YOU! **Take your birth month (1 for January, 2 for February, etc.) and multiply that by 100. Write that many words.**

You get lost in the Tulgey Wood. Don’t step on the Mome Raths – **try to write 100 words without a typo.**

The Cheshire Cat appears again, directing you to the hedge maze where the Queen of Hearts wants you to play croquet with her. **500 words or off with your head!**

The Queen of Hearts puts you on trial – **a five minute sprint** while you think up a good case should do the trick.

You take a bite of the caterpillar’s mushroom, growing to a giant size so you can yell at the Queen of Hearts. **Roll a six-sided die, multiply that number by 100 and write that many words.**

After you shrink back down to your usual size, the Queen of Hearts sentences you to death. You flee, pursued by many of the inhabitants of Wonderland, all the way back to the door knob. **Sprint for 10 minutes as you flee.**

The doorknob convinces you that it was all a dream, and you wake up again on the riverbank, with your sister. You and your sister happily walk home for tea. **Take a much deserved tea break from writing!**

# Gilmore Girls Word Crawl

## Lorelei

**6am:** [roll a die](#), if you land on an even number, you wake up on time. You

have time to read some tabloids. Sprint 6 minutes. If you land on an odd number, you oversleep. Sprint 5 minutes for 250 words. If you don't reach 250, sprint for another 3 minutes.

**6:15am:** you go downstairs and make yourself a cup of coffee. Sprint for 5 minutes.

**6:30am:** you hurry to Luke's for breakfast with Rory. You have 40 seconds to round your total word count up to the nearest hundred.

-If you succeed.... You enjoy a nice breakfast with Rory. Write without a word count goal for 5 minutes.

-If you fail... You have an argument with Taylor on your way to the diner. Write 250 words.

**6:35am:** you order breakfast at Luke's. You choose...

-eggs and bacon... Sprint 3 minutes.

-french toast... Sprint 10 minutes for 400 words. If you miss the goal... You distract Luke and he burns your food. You then order eggs and bacon. If you reach the goal, your breakfast comes out perfectly and you can move on with your day.

-only a coffee... Sprint 15 minutes for 600 words. If you miss the goal... Luke tells you to order something more nutritious. Pick another order.

**7:00am:** you get to work at the Independence Inn and plan out the day with Sookie. Pick a prompt from another thread OR sprint for 30 minutes with a 1,000 word goal. If you reach the goal, move on. If you miss the goal, you get an upset customer. Sprint for 10 minutes.

**8:00am:** your day is going great... until.... you get a call from your mother. You...

-ignore it... Your mother becomes upset with you. Participate in a word war of your choice in length with someone.

-answer it... You try to talk your way out of having a full conversation with your mother.

Sprint for 6 minutes.

**11:00am:** Sookie asks you to taste test a new recipe of hers before she serves it. Sprint 600 words in 15 minutes. Miss the goal, and try again. Repeat until you win or until you hit a total of 1,500 words.

**12:00pm:** time for your lunch break. Sprint until you round off total your word count to the next thousand.

**1:00pm:** you're out of coffee. Sprint for 3 minutes, rest for 2, sprint for 4, rest for 2, sprint for 5, rest for 2.

**2:00pm:** a window breaks at the inn. Do you...

-call a handyman- cost: sprint 150 words... Your gutters are cleaned with no additional trouble.

-call Kirk- cost: sprint 75 words... Kirk ends up furthering the damage. Now you have to pay for a handyman **and** a box of band-aids. Sprint 200 words.

**4:00pm:** you head to business school for your night class. Time for an exam. To pass, write 1,000 words in 30 minutes. If you fail, make up the score with extra credit. Sprint for another 15 minutes.

**7:00pm:** now for your favorite (not) part of every week: Friday Night Dinner. Do you...

-try and get out of going... Sprint for 5 minutes. Richard and Emily catch your lying and make you come to dinner.

-go and try to have a positive attitude about it... Sprint 10 minutes for 300 words. If you

succeed, dinner goes well. If you don't reach the goal, you make a careless comment during dinner that ends in a fight with Emily. Sprint 5 minutes.

**10:00pm:** finally, time to relax and watch TV with Rory before bed. Sprint until you round out your total word count to the next thousand.

**Dory**

**6am:** [roll a die](#), if you land on an even number, you wake up early. You have

time to get in a little more studying for your Economics exam. Sprint 10 minutes. If you land on an odd number, you wake up on time. Sprint 5 minutes for 400 words. If you don't reach 400, sprint for another 3 minutes.

**6:15am:** You make yourself a cup of coffee and need to decide which novel to bring with you.

-Pick up Proust...Sprint 4 minutes.

-Pick up a variety...Sprint 2 minutes at 200 words. If you fail, sprint 3 more minutes.

**6:30am:** You hurry to Luke's for breakfast with Lorelai. You have 2 minutes to round your total word count up to the nearest thousand. -If you succeed.... You enjoy a nice breakfast with your mom. Sprint 6 minutes with no word count goal.

-If you fail... You get cornered by Mrs. Kim and lectured on feminine propriety on your way to the diner. Write 250 words.

**6:35am:** You order breakfast at Luke's. You choose... -A sausage and bacon omelet... Sprint 10 minutes. -Blueberry pancakes... Sprint 7 minutes for 500 words. If you miss the goal... Kirk distracts you for several minutes and you have to wolf down the rest of your food. Sprint for 60 seconds to get yourself to the bus stop on time.

-Only a coffee... Sprint 15 minutes for 1500 words. If you miss the goal... Luke tells you to order something more nutritious. Pick another order.

**7:00am:** You wait for the bus, and Dean shows up to see you off. Do you...

-Discuss Jane Eyre...Sprint 4 minutes

-Make out...Sprint 3 minutes for 250 words. If you fail...Sprint for an additional 3 minutes

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**8:00am:** You get settled on the bus and rifle through your purse for a book to read. You choose...

-Proust...Sprint 5 minutes.

-Try to pick one of the several you brought...Sprint 6 minutes.

**Noon:** Paris finds you in the lunch room and tries to intimidate you out of joining the school paper.

-Verbally spar with her...Sprint 2 minutes for 200 words. If you fail...Paris gets the better of you. Sprint until you round off your word count to the nearest hundred.

**2:00pm:** You are faced with a dilemma. You get paired with Paris, Louise, and Madeline for a project and they want to come to your house this weekend to work on it. You make a pro/con list. [roll a die](#)

**-If you roll an even, the pros win and you agree to work at your house...Sprint 5 minutes for 400 words.**

-If you roll an odd, you convince Madeline to host the study group...Sprint 7 minutes.

**4:30pm:** You get off the bus to find Dean waiting for you.

-Make out with him... Sprint 3 minutes for 300 words. If you fail...Sprint for an additional 3 minutes.

-Convince him to go with you to Stars Hollow Books before his shift... Sprint for 400 words.

**7:00pm:** You meet Lorelai in New Haven for Friday night dinner. You have to convince her to go in.

-Go in and hope she follows...Sprint 2 minutes for 225 words. If you miss the goal...See the next option's instructions.-Bribe her with coffee and ice cream afterward...Sprint 7 minutes for 500 words.

**10:00pm:** Time to relax and watch TV with Lorelai before bed. Sprint until you round out your total word count to the next thousand.

# The Ultimate NaNoWriMo Word Crawl

After hearing from your friends about this "National Novel Writing Month" thing, you decide to sign up and give it a try. Start with a **five minute sprint** while you waffle about what you want your username to be.

Once signed up, you take a look around the forums. Although the goal is 50,000 words, it looks like there's quite a bit of variation. You decide to set a goal for yourself....

\* Your November is looking horrendously busy, so you're not quite sure you'll make the full 50,000 words. You decide to head over to the **Rebels** forum and set a lower goal. **Do a ten minute word sprint** to figure out your words per minute.

\* You're a bit scared, but it's about 50,000 words, right? You head over to **Reaching 50,000** to find some tips. **Do a twenty minute sprint** while you practice not using contractions.

\* It might be your first time, but you're feeling pretty confident. You're shooting for the stars! Head over to **Beyond 50k** and **do a thirty minute sprint to prove to yourself you can do this**.

Now that you have a goal in mind, you decide to see what you can do to prepare.

The **Nano Prep** forum looks like just the place! They've even got threads for your style of preparing:

\* You're a pantsier - you like making it up as you go along. **Sprint 100 words** while you look for cooking and cleaning tips.

\* You're a plantsier, right in the middle - you need a bit of structure, but not too much. **Sprint 500 words** while you warm up with some bonus scenes to get to know your characters.

\* You're a planner - there is no way you're going to be underprepared! **Sprint 1000 words** while you check out a new outlining technique.

Stuff is starting to come together. Time to create your novel! You set a title and a little synopsis. Or is it little?

\* Yeah, it's pretty short - **roll a 4-sided die and sprint that times the number of words in your synopsis.**

\* It's average, I guess? - **roll a 6-sided die and sprint that times the number of words in your synopsis.**

\* Uh, I'm practicing for Nano! Wordiness is good! - **roll a 10-sided die and sprint that times the number of words in your synopsis.**

The Dashboard mentions you can get a badge if you join a region. Wow, there are other Wrimos in your area! How big is your region?

\* It's small, but dedicated! **Do a three-digit challenge.**

\* It's a decent size. **Do two Fifty Headed Hydras.**

\* It's one of the biggest in the world! Bahahaha! **Do the Epic Music Writing Hour.**

Prep is coming across nicely, but you could still use a little help from your fellow wrimos to fill in the gaps. What do you need?

\* Well, your main character is still #Namehere. Check out the **Appellation Station! Write 300 words and name a new character.**

\* This supporting character seems a little flat.... The **Character Cafe** is here to help. **Write 700 words and reveal a character's secret.**

\* OMG what even is setting. **Worldbuilding**, help me! **Write 1200 words and infodump something.** (It's Nano - you can edit it in December!)

You decide to check out the **Word Wars, Prompts and Sprints** forum next since you

heard that's a good place to do things like sprints and word crawls ;) The Day One

Ridiculous Goals thread catches your eye. What a great idea to get ahead! Warm up for this by **doing 1% of your DORG.**

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November is almost upon us! Your local Municipal Liason (ML for short) is throwing a kickoff for everyone to meet before buckling down to write. You make lots of new friends! **Write 10 words for each writing buddy on your list** (if you don't use the writing buddies, check your 'Buddy Of' list instead!)

It's November, and you start right in at midnight on your DORG. **Write 100 words**, and then update your wordcount. Then **write another 100 words**, then update your wordcount again. Then **another 100 words** and... The website is stable now, right?

You haven't even hit the first day, but already your inner editor and self-doubt monster are tugging at your sleeves. You know your story isn't cliché, but they won't leave you alone! Maybe the folks in your genre forum can reassure you. Wait... what genre are you writing, anyway?

\* You're writing YA, like all the cool kids do. You know, a lot of them tend to run right around 60,000 words, so Nano seems just the right length! **Write 600 words** to make your monsters shut up.

\* You're writing mainstream - so it's okay if it runs a little long, right? Many mainstream novels go up to 90,000 words, so **write 900 words**.

\* You're writing fantasy. Some fantasy novels can be 120,000 words or more! Uh, no one said it had to be done in November. **Write 1200 words**.

You've made it through the first week, and now your muse has utterly abandoned you. Not to mention your pet won't stop breathing animal-food breath down your neck. You've been Week Two'd! You go to rant/cry/scream over in **Nanowrimo Ate My Soul**. And you're not the only one. **Post a note of encouragement for someone else, then do a 20 minute sprint to get back on pace**.

D'oh! The hits keep coming. Now you've got a plot hole big enough to toss a trebuchet through. Someone call in **Plot Doctoring!** **Post a suggestion for someone else's thorny plot problem, then do a 15 minute sprint** to pave over your plothole.

Wait... a trebuchet? You'd never heard of one before, but apparently they're popular among Wrimos. So are a number of things, actually:

\* But you really like the trebuchet, so **write to your nearest 1000 words and throw in a trebuchet.** (Note: throwing does not need to be literal.)

\* This Mr. Ian Woon is just dying to wander in. **Write to your nearest 2000 word milestone and name someone a Mr. Ian Woon or other Nanowrimo anagram.**

\* Dying, eh? Sounds like a job for the Traveling Shovel of Death! **Write to your nearest 5000 word milestone, and kill someone in your novel.**

Nanowrimo has started its Donation Day! You're amazed at all the hard work that goes into throwing a massive event like this, and that they do it all with the help of people like you who chip in where they can. So, **show some support for Nano (make a donation, or just send the staff a thank you!) and do a #1k1hr (1000 words in one hour) sprint.**

You've finally hit week 3, and things finally seem to be back on track. You head over to **This is Going Better Than I Hoped** to share your joy. While you're there, a few other posters encourage you to go **join in the most recent @NaNoWordSprints sprint** with them. Wait a minute, this was supposed to be a celebration! Is it that the only way Wrimos know how to celebrate, by writing more words? :P

While you're over ~~procrastinating~~ reading on the forums, you decide to check out the Dares thread for some possible ideas to add. Ooh, here's a good one....

\* Take a dare and **write a 10 minute sprint.**

\* Double bonus points! **Write a 20 minute sprint.**

\* Triple bonus points?! **Write a 30 minute sprint.**

You know, maybe you've been on the forums a little too much lately. Time to go write without distractions! **Write as many words as you have posts.**

The Nanowrimo office sends out a notice that it's ML Appreciation Day! Come to think of it, your ML has been working very hard organizing all these meet-ups and sending their pep talks. In their honor, **let your ML pick a challenge for you out of the Word Sprints forum (if you don't have an ML/they're not available, pick one yourself.)**

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At last, you're into week 4 and on the home stretch! You feel like shouting out your success to the world! Thankfully, there's a **Shoutouts** forum for that! **Write until you've hit some milestone you can post in a Shoutouts thread!**

After your milestone, you feel like you need a change of scenery. Thankfully, there's a writein going on nearby! After catching up with your buddies, you **challenge them to a word war, length of your choosing.**

You're writing late into the day, but by gosh, you're determined to hit the end! But when it gets this late, you start to get a little tired... Are you still coherent?

\* Psh, you do this all the time. How else do you think you made it through school? **Write until you've made five (uncorrected) typos or Nanoisms.**

\* Pretty coherent, but you stumble sometimes. **Write until you've made ten (uncorrected) typos or Nanoisms.**

\* no caffeine what is words?? **Write until you've made twenty (uncorrected) typos or Nanoisms.**

You've reached your goal and penned "The End" on your illustrious masterpiece! Or, you know, first draft. Time for the moment of truth! You go to the validator and put in your novel...

\* Right on the nose! You **write an additional 100 words** to even out your wordcount.

\* A little bit off. **Write 1000 words** to get you over the top.

\* That dang curly quote bug caught you! **Write 2000 words**, grumbling the whole time.

You've validated, gotten your winner's certificate, and the month is over. Congratulations, you've survived your first Nano and the month of November! It's December, and you can catch up on all the TV/cleaning/interaction with humans you've missed out on! (And sleep. Oh yes, sleep.) Before you go to your ML's Thank Goodness It's Over party, **finish the scene** you're on.