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I'm Nathalie from Advanx School of Languages and today I would like to talk to you about writing. When you're studying English, or any other language in fact, writing is one of the basic skills you need to know. No matter whether you have to write an email, apply for a job or simply send a text message to a friend - the more writing skills you have, the better! But what can you do to improve your writing?

One of the most important things to write and speak in English is to know vocabulary. That means that at the very start, you really need to do the old school vocabulary training. But in this day and age, there are some fun apps to study vocabulary, like Dictionary.com or Memrise. This will help you be more motivated to learn a lot of vocabulary. The more words you know, the easier it will be for you to write in English!

It's also important that you learn the correct spelling of the different words. Practising the pronunciation can also help with that, as it makes you memorize the spelling a bit more. You can even start your own journal, where you write down all the words and phrases you come across, and then check how they're written correctly. This will make the new words stick even better in your memory!

There's no writing without reading, which means that a good reading comprehension is also essential to being able to produce well written texts. When you read, you can pick up on the way the English language sounds and find recurring structures in different texts. The more you read, the more natural your writing will become!

Transcribing can also be a big part of improving your writing skills and help you get your spelling and grammar on point! Do you remember the dictations you did as a kid at school? There's plenty of those exercises online, where somebody reads out a text aloud and you have to write it down on paper, and then you can check if you wrote everything correctly. This is a fun exercise you can do daily, even if it's just 10 minutes - it will help, trust us!

All together we can tell you one thing: The more you get in touch and use the English language, the easier it will be to write appealing and well structured texts! In the following exercises, you can already check your existing skills and maybe learn a few new things!