



## What type of writer are you?

### Adventurer – Squirrel – Architect – Decathlete

Answer the following questions to find out! Tick the box with the phrase that best suits you.

#### 1 The Beginning

I first develop the topic in my head before beginning anything else.	(c)
As a first step, I write down everything that is relevant to the topic at hand.	(a)
I gather all the information that could be relevant to the topic at hand.	(b)
I write various introductory paragraphs (and pick the final version later).	(d)

#### 2 The Writing Process – Part 1

I develop my ideas by creating a draft table of contents or a possible outline.	(c)
I start off by writing freely, without thinking about the structure of the paper.	(a)
I write the sections which I am the most motivated to write and which I have the most ideas for.	(b)
I rewrite the same sections of a text several times.	(d)

#### 3 The Writing Process – Part 2

Through several versions of a text, I gradually get to the heart of what I want to communicate.	(d)
I find seeing how the text develops throughout the process satisfying.	(b)
I am often surprised by the ideas I have when writing.	(a)
I follow the initial outline closely when writing the text.	(c)

#### 4 The Final Version

I need time at the end to structure the text.	(a)
I only need to correct small things.	(c)
I consider all text versions at the end before deciding which one is best.	(d)
I need to check my text for repetition and make sure that all my thoughts and/or arguments are complete.	(b)

#### Evaluation

How often did you pick (a), (b), (c) or (d)?

a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
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Do you have a distinct writing strategy or a mixed- strategy (i.e. same number of points for the same letter)? Turn over this page to see your result.



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