

Help! I think I might be a writer! How do I know for sure?

Take this handy quiz and score your answers below.
Be brutally honest and you may just discover your destiny.

	YES	NO
Do you find yourself always doing your English homework first because it's the most fun?		
Do you read books with a pen in hand, underlining the good parts and making notes in the margins?		
Do you keep a journal because you have this aching, physical need to WRITE every day?		
Are you fearless around semi-colons? Do you admire a deft transition?		
When you watch movies, do you find yourself admiring good character development more than the characters themselves? Do you roll your eyes at bogus or forced dialogue?		
Do you sometimes hear the voice of a nameless narrator in your head, describing what you see or do?		
Do you love to read so much that there's always a stack of books by your bed?		
Do you find yourself silently editing your friends, family, or teachers in your head, correcting grammar or finding a more concise or vivid way to say what they just said?		
Do you vary your syntax?		
Do your favorite songs move you because their lyrics are well crafted and the rhythm underscores the meaning of the words?		
Have you ever made up a word just because the English language didn't seem expansive enough for your eager, brilliant thoughts?		
Have you ever wanted to learn a foreign language just to get at all those juicy syllables and crazy idioms outside the bounds of your mother tongue?		

Scoring: Add up the number of "Yes" answers to gauge your writer-li-ness.

10-12: It's hopeless. You're a writer! Grab a pen and write about how it feels to discover a marvelous destiny marked with exhilarating highs and soul-shaking doubts. Be strong, my friend, and fear not. The mighty pen is your Excalibur, it can get you out of any mess and will greatly contribute to your deepest joys. Find yourself a kindred spirit or two...it can get lonely out there sometimes, and you're gonna need support.

7-9: Congratulations, you may be a writer, but you're going to have to apply yourself. You're going to need to embrace language and risk a little comfort to grow. Keep your mind open to language and its awesome power. It may be calling you. Listen up.

4-6: A writer? Not so much. But you made it through the quiz, probably because you're a...reader! Keep up the great work. We need you. In fact, without you, we writers are in serious trouble. We do it all for you. Thanks for the validation!

1-3: Ok, it's not your thing. But now you know about the soul-searching process. Go forth and find your destiny, dear friend, and be bold about it!