

# The Value of Writer Energy

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Our health is reflected in our writing, and that is a direct reflection of what we eat, daily exercise, and state of mind. All three weave together to ensure writers stay on top of their game.

Take a few minutes to enlist the acronym for ENERGY—a surefire way to keep polished and publishing along into the next year.

#### E - Exercise

Not everyone has the same interest and enthusiasm for a daily workout, but 21 - 30 days can convert a practice into a habit. Try it! The result is our brains will be firing on all cylinders. Oh, the creativity will be amazing!

#### N - Nutrition

"We are what we eat" is fortunately or unfortunately true. When we load our diets with lean protein, whole grains, and lots of fruits and veggies, our bodies thank us. They're meant to last a lifetime.

## E - Entertainment

Another adage is, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Balance work and play and laugh away the stress and overwhelmed mode that often accompanies a weary body. Muscles relax and creativity takes a boost when writers feed their bodies with healthy fun.

#### R - Rest

Eight hours of sleep allows the plot and character problems to resolve while writers are in dreamland. Those who don't receive the proper amount of sleep are more likely to gain weight and catch viruses? Face it, writers, we can't write when we're tired and sick.

## G - Gift

Cherish the gift of writing. Not everyone has the wonderful ability to communicate through the written word. Embrace it and don't neglect to develop the craft. Share your precious gift with others.

## Y - You

It's always back to the individual writer. We strive to produce the best manuscripts and incorporate social media, and the best way is to fill our lives with energy.

How do you keep your body energized?