



Empowering professionals to write with skill and confidence

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What Does Critical Thinking Have to Do with Writing?

Everything! Why? Because writing is problem-solving on paper! Too often, the approach that many writers use is to put words on paper and hope for the best. Little planning is involved. Sometimes the lack of planning is because writers have little time to **think and prepare**, sometimes it's because the attitude of writers is that their supervisors or someone else in the organization will rewrite the document anyway, and other times it's because writers simply haven't been introduced to the various approaches that will help them **think critically** about their writing, which will, in the end, **produce a better product** that **involves less rewriting and editing**. **Critical thinking** is the process of creating and/or understanding the criteria by which the writing will be assessed, the ability to **take charge of their own thinking** (not leaving the thinking/writing to chance), and the ability to judge or assess how well the thinking is working. In other words, critical thinking is about making judgments or decisions based on **real standards**, supporting those judgments or decisions, and being able to **analyze** the decision-making process. We incorporate critical thinking into all of our onsite classes. For more details, [click here](#).

We've been Selected!!...

as one the Top 100 Small Businesses of NC by Business Leader magazine!
Details to follow.

What's New?

Our newest online course, "Business Writing," is knocking users' socks off!
Read our latest press release [here](#). Ready to buy? [Click here](#).

We're **revamping our four-week online technical writing course**. The new course will be six weeks and will cover additional topics, including **writing reports and writing emails**. Consequently, we'll be offering the six-week "Scientific Writing" course as the prize for our puzzler until we've completed the revamp of the technical writing course.

New Courses

Read the latest press release about our two new online courses, "Writing for Publication" and "Writing Fundamentals" [here](#). Ready to buy? Click [Writing for Publication](#) or [Writing Fundamentals](#).

New Projects

Last year, Hurley Write was asked to develop an online course for 350 members of America Reads—Mississippi. The online course was to include writing aids, quizzes, five voiced modules, writing assignments, and, of course, feedback on those assignments. The course is now drawing to a close, and Pam Hurley is co-authoring an article about the accomplishment with Ronjanett Taylor of America Reads—Mississippi. We'll be bringing you all the details.

New Puzzler

This quarter's puzzler is about using numbers.

- 1:** 150 people crammed into the small convention center.
- 2:** Of the 50 contestants, 9 were tall.
- 3:** Several people donated five hundred fifty five dollars to the charity.
- 4:** The antique store had 50 4-poster beds.
- 5:** The vitamin was sixty percent absorbed.

Submit your answers (and a short explanation of how you arrived at the answer) to pam@hurleywrite.com. You could win the opportunity to take our six-week scientific writing course (a \$499 value).

Entries due no later than June 29, 2009.
Winner will be notified by June 30, 2009.

Please note: winners must sign up within 30 days of winning and must complete the course within six weeks of signing up. Hurley Write reserves the right to use the winner's name as the winner in our newsletter.

Discussion Group

We've added a discussion group, and we're discussing all kinds of writing topics, from writing emails to resumes, and everything in between! Join us! Simply go to hurleywrite.fogbugz.com. "See" you there!



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