

# DEVELOPING A WRITER'S MINDSET

This exercise is for you if you're asking "Who am I to call myself a writer/author?"

These 10 questions are based on 10 Rules You Need to Follow to Become Extraordinary in "The Code of the Extraordinary Mind" by Vishen Lakhiani, adapted to developing a writer's mindset.

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Are you waiting for permission, or following others' rules or expectations of you? What would happen if you ignored those rules?

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What other rules or beliefs are holding you back from calling yourself a writer? Do these beliefs serve your future growth, or preserve the status quo to keep you "safe"?

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How do any limiting beliefs and rules influence your writing behaviours and habits? Would your beliefs change if your habits changed, or do you need to change your beliefs first?

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How might you rewire your beliefs and adopt new rules that support your future growth instead of preserving the status quo to keep you safe?

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How might you upgrade your writing habits and behaviours to support your new, consciously chosen beliefs and rules?

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How might you maintain your new, consciously chosen writerly beliefs and rules until your habits and behaviours become your new unconscious status quo?

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How might you maintain the discipline to persevere with your new writing habits and behaviours until your new beliefs and rules become your unconscious status quo?

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Imagine your life as a writer. Can you describe what that would look and feel like in detail? How will your life be different than it is now?

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What can you do today to step into this vision of your future self?

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What is your writer's quest? What contribution will you make to the world? Why is that important?