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Dear Creative Writers,

I wonder how you see yourselves as writers? I think of myself as a jobbing journalist who just occasionally rises above this level. Since the age of 7 I have enjoyed writing and, in my time, I have written poems, phone messages, love letters, emails, shopping lists, postcards, a juvenile play, a children's story, introduction to EFL books, loads of exercises, a book on the sociology of lunch-hiking.

And how about you? PLEASE WRITE ME A ONE PAGE LETTER ABOUT HOW YOU SEE YOURSELF AS A WRITER.

Central to all writing is an audience, or readers. Never ask a person to write without having a reader/s in mind. A teacher with red pen at the ready is not a reader. A reader is interested in content not linguistic form.

Have fun in your letter to

me,
Warmly yours,
maria

Dear Mario Discouragement of academics

As a writer, I'm refinding my voice. I was encouraged in the direction of creative story writing by Mum, Dad and Primary School teachers, I lost the urge to do anything but the minimum during my academic years of study.

At the time I started considering freelance work, I did a creative writing course and wrote a couple of short stories. My current interest in storytelling involves writing notes and rhymes to incorporate into my own telling of tales.

I wrote many songs during ~~the~~ one trying and rollercoaster year ~~during~~ - my first son's screaming hell of the first year of his life - the muse saved me!

I also write teaching material & love sharing ideas on paper. P