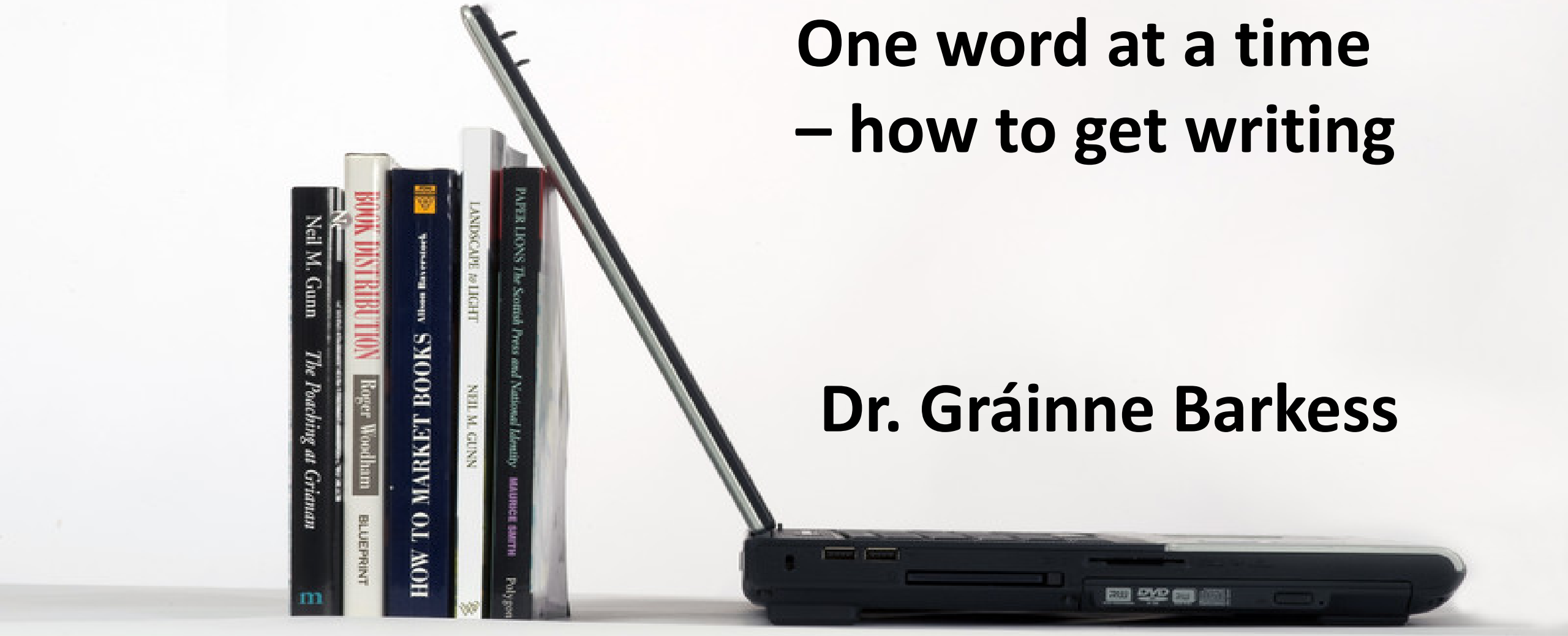
One word at a time – how to get writing



Dr. Gráinne Barkess

This is how you
do it: you sit
down at the
keyboard and
you put one
word after
another until
its done.
It's that easy,
and that hard.

– *Neil Gaiman*

What do you *like* about writing?

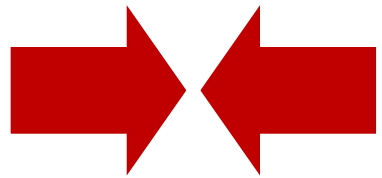
What do you *dislike* about writing?

50 words:

WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET PUBLISHED?

50 words:

What do you want to publish?



Ways to support writing

- **Goal setting – time or words**
- Free writing
- Reading and critiquing articles you like
- Writing time – writing groups

3 min:

“ I would write more if....”

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Where is your audience?

In pairs:

Discuss where you might like to publish your research?

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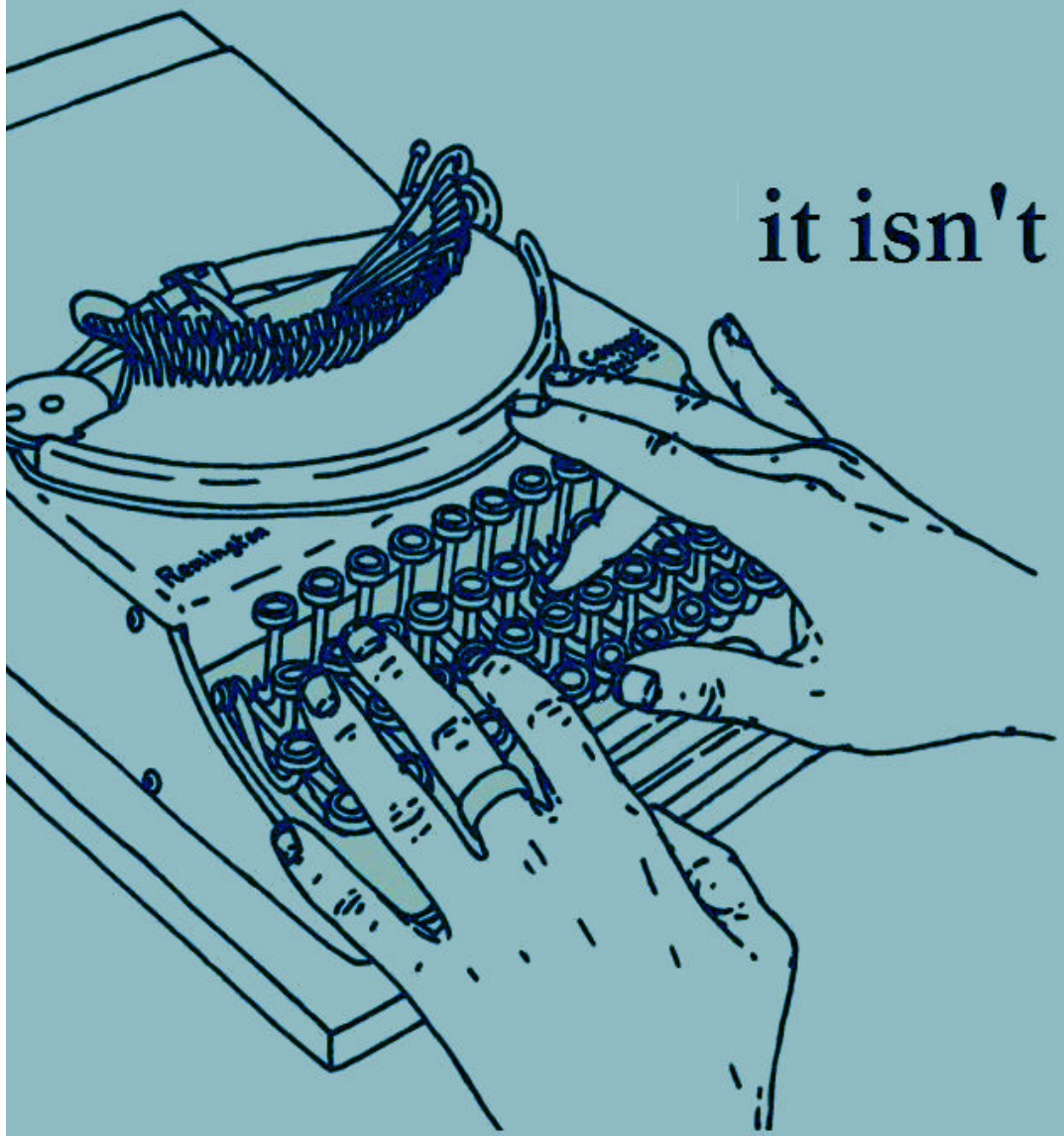
Writing groups

- **Thesis Tuesdays**
  - Runs monthly
  - Next one 20th March – 9am to 1pm
  - E9 Merchiston

- **Shut up and Write**
  - Laura in the Library runs monthly group
  - Next one Wednesday 28th March 2-4pm
  - 5.E.06 @Sighthill



it isn't going to write itself.

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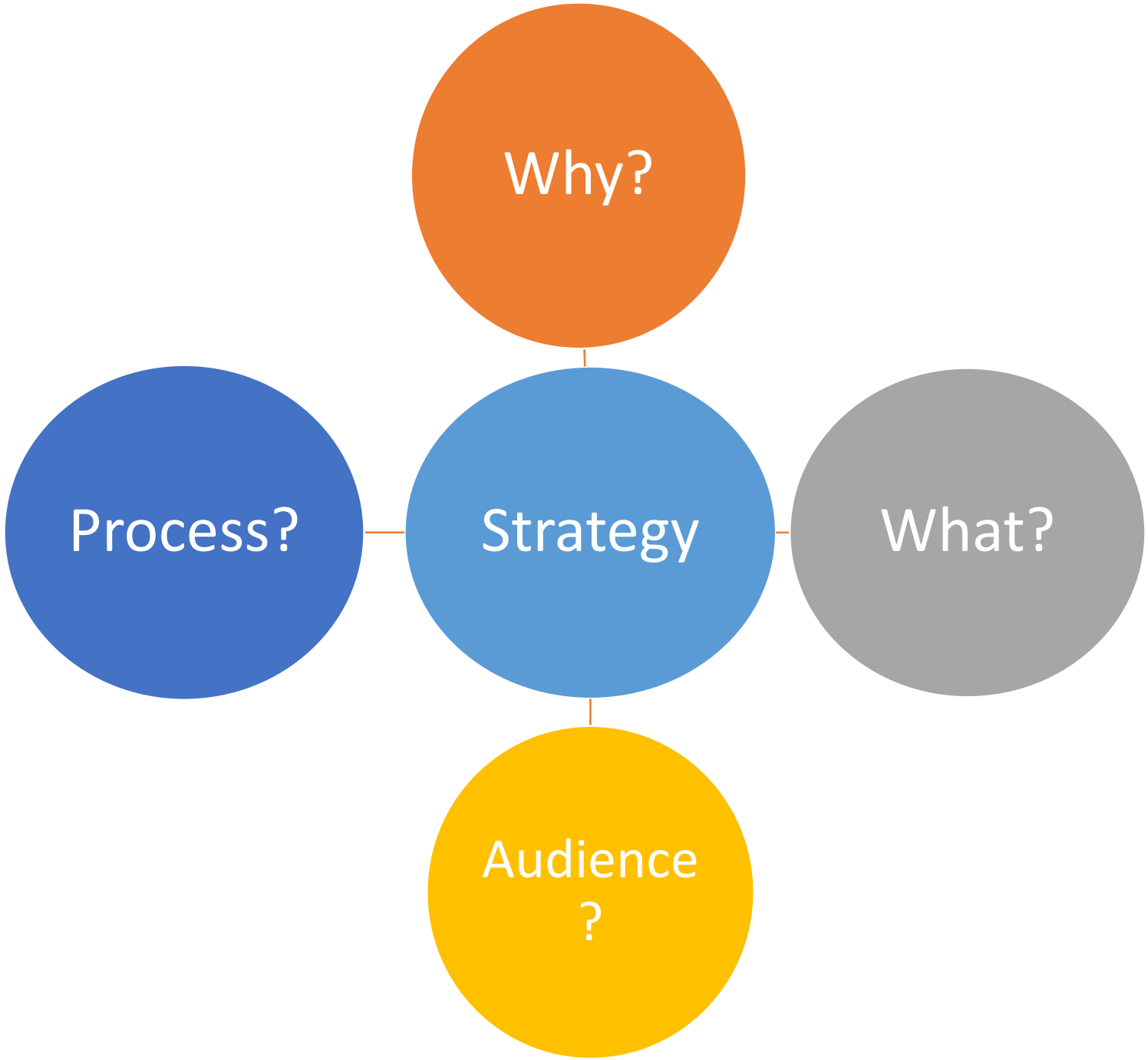
Why?
Process?
Strategy
What?
Audience
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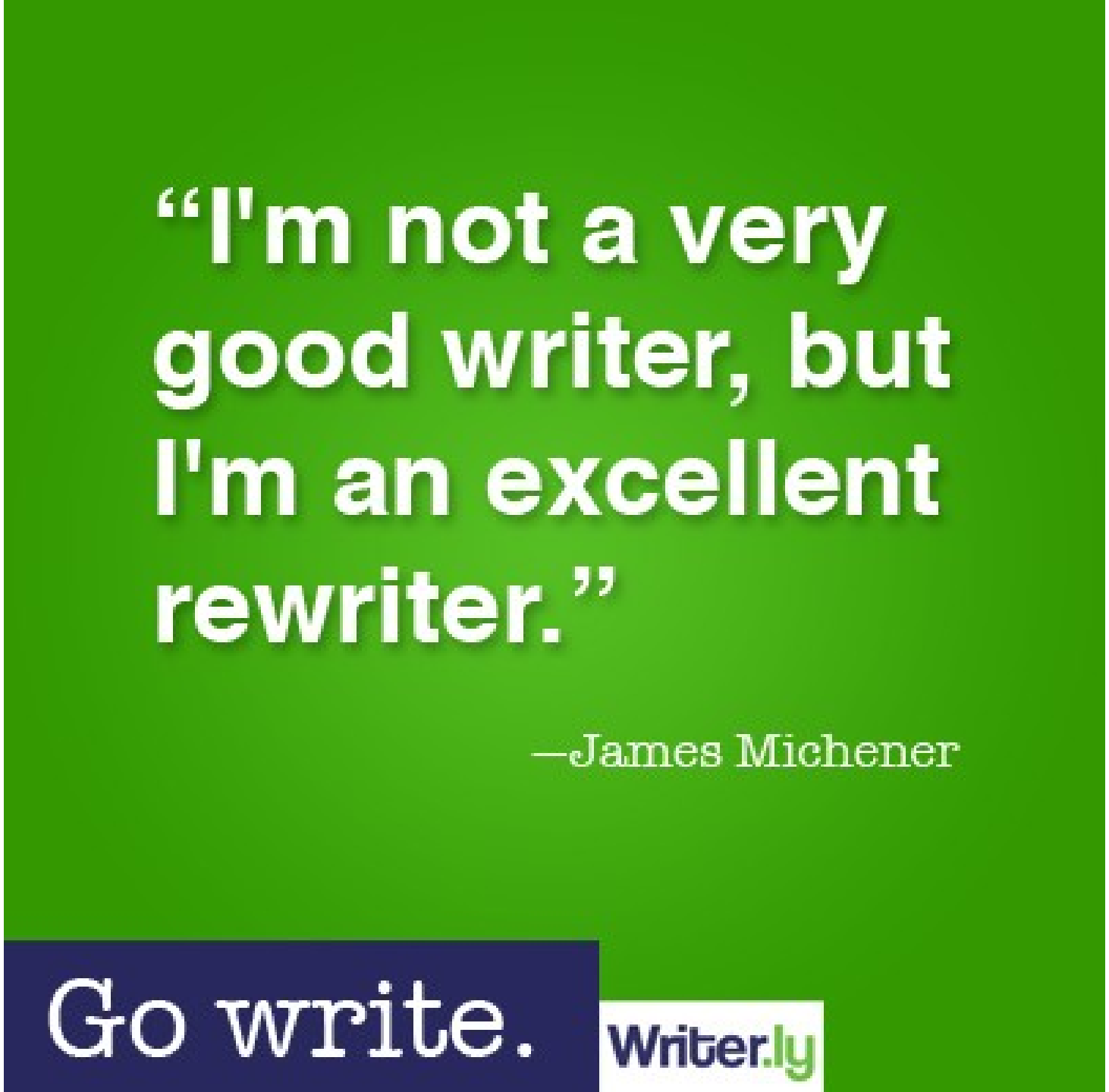
What other writing techniques do you use?


“I'm not a very good writer, but I'm an excellent rewriter.”
—James Michener
Go write.
Writer.ly

Resources

Library resources on Moodle:

https://moodle.napier.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=1571

Pat Thomson's blog about academic writing:

http://patthomson.wordpress.com/

Thomson, P. and Kamler, B. (2013) *Writing for peer reviewed journals*, London: Routledge.

Interviews with Routledge Editors:

http://www.educationarena.com/expertInterviews/

PhD to Published

http://www.phd2published.com/2011/02/17/how-i-went-from-phd-to-published-part-i/