

HELP! NOVEL EMERGENCY!	<i>My main character is totally boring!</i>	<i>My plot makes absolutely no sense!</i>	<i>I'm 10,000 words behind!</i>	<i>I have carpal tunnel syndrome!</i>	<i>I've run out of story with 5000 words to go!</i>	<i>Real life is interfering with my novel!</i>	<i>I hate my novel but I'm too far in to turn back!</i>
<i>My main character is totally boring!</i>	Kill him or her off and focus on a secondary one	Add a dinosaur. Or a ninja dinosaur!	Send your main character on an acid trip!	Main character cures CTS! Might help!	Hire a hitman to assassinate your main character!	Take out your frustrations on your main character.	Main character becomes a vampire!
<i>My plot makes absolutely no sense!</i>	Add a ninja. Or a ninja monkey!	Embrace the insanity! Make things even crazier.	Have your town be invaded by pirates.	Have a monster who stomps on CTS.	Turn your story into a musical!	Make it more realistic with real-life elements!	Main character becomes a spy!
<i>I'm 10,000 words behind!</i>	Have your main character go insane-then write about it!	Insanity=word count! Add totally random scenes.	Flashbacks! Alternate endings! Evil twins!	Hire a quick typist and dictate your novel!	Time travel! Cloning! Alternative Universes!	Leave the house for the day or take the day off work.	It was all a dream!
<i>I have carpal tunnel syndrome!</i>	Give a character CTS. Therapy through art!	Try to write your story with only one hand!	Get voice recognition software.	Ice, Advil, ice cream, & frequent breaks	Use short words as much as possible.	Prescription drugs solve many woes.	Start putting in as many dares as possible.
<i>I've run out of story with 5000 words to go!</i>	Have a lengthy death scene for your character!	Get all your characters drunk and see what happens!	Change it to choose your own adventure!	Blackmail your children to type for you.	Write fifteen different versions of the last scene.	Start eavesdropping and add in what you hear.	Have the last scene feature the burning of your novel.
<i>Real life is interfering with my novel!</i>	Turn people in your life into characters in your novel!	Turn your life problems into plot ideas for your novel!	Pay off your family to stay out of your way.	They say all great artists must suffer for great art!	Revenge fantasies should wrap things up well.	Beg, bribe, blackmail, or barter with the interruptions.	Give yourself super powers in your novel to solve all the problems.
<i>I hate my novel but I'm too far in to turn back!</i>	Kill off your main character and make it a ghost story!	Change your setting to an alternate reality!	Have your main character write a novel that they hate.	Try typing with a poking stick a la Homer.	Kill off your characters in an elaborate fashion.	Write an alternative universe of your life.	End the current story and start a new one!