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# Overcome Writer's Block

*Writer's block can be caused by fear or anything else that makes it difficult to write. The fact is that good writing is hard to do, but a rough first draft can easily turn into a polished final draft. The key to overcoming writer's block is knowing what to do when it happens.*

- 1** Read the quote below and write a reflection about what this nonsensical verse means to you. Use a separate sheet of paper if you run out of room.

**“Twas brillig, and the slithy toves did gyre and gimble in the wabe;  
All mimsy were the borogoves, and the mome raths outgrabe.” (Lewis Carroll)**

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- Was this verse difficult to respond to? Why or why not?

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- What methods did you use to write this personal response?

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- 2** Now try this one...

**“Making financial choices can feel like being in stormy waters in a rocky harbor.”**

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- Was this verse difficult to respond to? Why or why not?

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- What methods did you use to write this personal response?

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- Were there any differences between writing the first and second responses? What was different?

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## Information Is Power

### Be organized:

- Sit down with your parents to discuss finances.
- Apply for local and national scholarships.
- Keep your parents advised of financial aid application deadlines.
- Make an appointment with your school guidance counselor and collect financial aid applications.
- Show several people drafts of your application essay.

**TIPS:** Do the research: Look online at sites such as [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) for financial aid and scholarship listings; arrange overnight visits; attend classes at colleges you are interested in. For questions to test your financial smarts, log on to: [www.Students.UseCreditWisely.com](http://www.Students.UseCreditWisely.com).