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Many years ago, I read a book on the power of Self-talk and dismissed it as an interesting but not a practical approach to getting things done. Thankfully, I rethought the process and found it a useful tool to change my writing and editing behavior.

Self- talk thoughts are more effective when written down and said out loud multiple times during the day. Unfortunately, Self-talk can be destructive as well as constructive. Naturally, I recommend the constructive forms of self-talk. They are more beneficial when phrased in favorable terms. Positive Self-talk should be statements that are insightful, thoughtfully constructive, self-reflective, and motivational. See yourself as capable of accomplishing your desired outcomes.

Here are a few examples of positive self-talk focusing on writing.

"Today, I will write 1,000 words."

"Today I will research subjects that will advance my writing project."

"Today, I am going to spend at least 45 minutes editingmy writing project."

"Today, I will be grateful for the ideas I generate."

"Today, I will use visualization to see the direction of my writing project."

"Today, I will contact those people who can help me with my writing project."

Now a few examples of positive self-talk focusing on you

"I am good at what I do. I give myself credit for completing an assignment."

"I am going to carefully consider my options before making an important decision."

"I accept myself as who I am and will enthusiastically approach my tasks."

"I am a happy person."

Okay, now create your own positive self-talk statements that relate to your needs. A word of caution keep your selfalk to one, two, or three topics initially. Positive Self-talk will improve your writing and self-esteem. You will feel good about yourself, and it will show in your interaction with others.

