

LIBERATED EXPRESSION: WRITING SERVICES – RATE SHEET

	Median Rate Per Hour	Median Rate Per Word**	Median Pace of Work**
COACHING/CONSULTING	\$61–\$70/hr	\$.05–\$.059/wd	4–6 pages/hr
COPYEDITING			
Copyediting, fiction	\$36–\$40/hr	\$.02–\$.029/wd	7–10 pages/hr
Copyediting, nonfiction	\$41–\$45/hr	\$.03–\$.039/wd	4–6 pages/hr
Copyediting, business/sales	\$46–\$50/hr	\$.04–\$.049/wd	4–6 pages/hr
Copyediting, medical/STEM	\$46–\$50/hr	\$.04–\$.049/wd	4–6 pages/hr
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$51–\$60/hr	\$.04–\$.049/wd	4–6 pages/hr
DESIGN/LAYOUT/FORMATTING			
Design/layout/formatting (print)	\$46–\$50/hr	\$.02–\$.029/wd	4–6 pages/hr
Design/layout/formatting (electronic)	\$46–\$50/hr	\$.03–\$.039/wd	7–10 pages/hr
DEVELOPMENTAL EDITING			
Developmental editing, fiction	\$46–\$50/hr	\$.03–\$.039/wd	4–6 pages/hr
Developmental editing, nonfiction	\$51–\$60/hr	\$.04–\$.049/wd	4–6 pages/hr
Developmental editing, business/sales	\$51–\$60/hr	\$.07–\$.079/wd	4–6 pages/hr
Developmental editing, medical/STEM	\$61–\$70/hr	\$.06–\$.069/wd	1–3 pages/hr
Developmental editing, book doctoring	\$61–\$70/hr	\$.06–\$.069/wd	4–6 pages/hr
INDEXING	\$36–\$40/hr	\$.02–\$.029/wd	7–10 pages/hr
LINE EDITING	\$46–\$50/hr	\$.04–\$.049/wd	4–6 pages/hr
MARKETING/PROMOTION	\$51–\$60/hr	\$.08–\$.089/wd	4–6 pages/hr
PERMISSIONS	\$46–\$50/hr	\$.04–\$.049/wd	21–25 pages/hr
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	\$51–\$60/hr	\$.04–\$.049/wd	4–6 pages/hr
PROOFREADING			
Proofreading, fiction	\$31–\$35/hr	\$.02–\$.029/wd	11–15 pages/hr
Proofreading, nonfiction	\$36–\$40/hr	\$.02–\$.029/wd	7–10 pages/hr
Proofreading, business/sales	\$41–\$45/hr	\$.04–\$.049/wd	7–10 pages/hr
Proofreading, medical/STEM	\$41–\$45/hr	\$.03–\$.039/wd	4–6 pages/hr
RESEARCH/FACT CHECKING	\$46–\$50/hr	\$.05–\$.059/wd	4–6 pages/hr
SENSITIVITY READS	\$31–\$35/hr	\$.01–\$.019/wd	11–15 pages/hr
TRANSCRIPTION	\$36–\$40/hr	\$.09–\$.10/wd	4–6 pages/hr
TRANSLATION	\$46–\$50/hr	\$.11–\$.15/wd	1–3 pages/hr
WRITING (WORK-FOR-HIRE ONLY)			
Writing (work-for-hire only), ghostwriting full-length fiction	\$51–\$60/hr	\$.09–\$.10/wd	1–3 pages/hr

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Writing (work-for-hire only), ghostwriting full-length nonfiction	\$61–\$70/hr	\$.11–\$.15/wd	1–3 pages/hr
Writing (work-for-hire only), business/sales	\$61–\$70/hr	\$.16–\$.20/wd	1–3 pages/hr
Writing (work-for-hire only), medical/STEM	\$61–\$70/hr	\$.16–\$.20/wd	1–3 pages/hr
Writing (work-for-hire only), journalism	\$51–\$60/hr	\$.31–\$.50/wd	1–3 pages/hr
Writing (work-for-hire only), other	\$51–\$60/hr	\$.21–\$.30/wd	1–3 pages/hr
OTHER (based on write-in response)	\$41–\$45/hr	\$.05–\$.059/wd	4–6 pages/hr