

How to Write Your Own Affirmations

Affirmations are everywhere, and they have the strong ability to ***lift your spirits to get through hard times***. This is because we're all highly suggestible, even if we think we're not!

Affirmations help us to keep a positive attitude about life. It's only natural that we'll get more out of these positive sayings if we formulate them ourselves. Writing our own affirmations makes them personal to us, which can then help us to get through our own individual situations.

When you start writing your own affirmations, keep these tips in mind:

1. **Make them personal.** When you write affirmations, it's important to remember to use "I" in them. They *are* personal to *you* after all.
 - Example: *"I am having an exceptional day today!"*
2. **Use the present tense.** Affirmations are built in order to change our feelings *now*, which is why you want to stay positive and strong in this moment. When you use the past tense, you get nostalgic. When you use the future tense, you get hopeful. The present tense helps you feel the difference right now.
 - Example: *"I am feeling relaxed."*
3. **Be down to earth.** This just means to use your own style and try not to make your affirmations too formal or wishy-washy. You want to capture your own voice.
 - Bad Example: *"Presently I feel the urge to enjoy my existence."*
 - Good Example: *"I enjoy my life."*
4. **Be short.** Affirmations are meant to be short, simple and sweet. Stay on target and make your affirmation a one-liner. If it's too wordy, try breaking it up into a few affirmations. ***The trick is to stick with one simple idea at a time.***

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- Example: *"I am in perfect health."*
- 5. **Make it positive.** Affirmations are positive statements, so avoid negative words like *"not."* You're using affirmations to make a life improvement and positive statements motivate you to make this improvement.
 - Example: *"I am at peace with my mind."*
- 6. **Make it believable.** You don't want your affirmation to sound like something out of this world. If it's not believable, you won't take it seriously and your subconscious will just dismiss it.
 - Example: *"I am choosing to be happy today."*

Believe in the Power of Affirmations

When you say your affirmations, ***believe them to be true.*** Affirmations are truly powerful sets of words as long as you believe what you're telling yourself.

Affirmations alone have been known to help people cure addictions. Women even use them during childbirth to help them stay calm and collected during natural delivery.

First, set your eyes on your goal and then write your affirmations to get yourself there.

Write Them Down

Practice always makes perfect. Write down the affirmations you're feeling. Then go over the list above and make sure that your affirmations follow the rules. Once they do, start using your affirmations and feel the difference. ***Say your affirmations to yourself daily.*** Take deep breaths and keep your eyes on your goal.

Also if need be, tweak your affirmations. These positive sayings aren't written in stone, so as you change, your affirmations can change, too.

It's best to keep your affirmations in a place where you can see them. You can simply keep a list in your pocket or you can post them around the house. Paste them on the bathroom mirror, on your computer, or wherever you know you'll see them each day.

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Affirmations can make all the difference in reaching your goals. Give them a try and enjoy the benefits these positive statements can make in your life.