

# The Writing Process

# Exploring the Topic

## **Inexperienced writers**

tend not to explore different ways of addressing the task;  
decide on an approach rather quickly

## **Experienced writers**

spend considerable time exploring and evaluating alternative ideas, organisations and approaches to developing a text

# Planning

## **Inexperienced writers**

often make few plans  
before beginning to write

prefer not to outline

develop plans while  
writing

## **Experienced writers**

plan extensively before  
drafting

plan by making notes,  
sketches, diagramming  
ideas and organisation

revise plans while writing

# Drafting

## **Inexperienced writers**

often struggle to produce text

## **Experienced writers**

use techniques to produce early drafts of text, e.g. splurge writing

# Drafting

## **Inexperienced writers**

are preoccupied with  
grammar and mechanics  
in drafts

## **Experienced writers**

frequently stop to reread  
and reflect on the  
organisation and the  
content bearing in mind  
audience, purpose

# Drafting

## **Inexperienced writers**

write from their own point of view

## **Experienced writers**

are able to draft from the point of view of the intended readers

try to stand back from their drafts

# Revising and Editing

## **Inexperienced writers**

view revising and proofreading as largely similar

## **Experienced writers**

tend to revise extensively at sentence and paragraph level

are happy to discuss their writing and seek advice from peers