

Say It All in Six Words

Legend has it that Hemingway's favorite piece of his own writing was a six word short story that he wrote to win a bet:

"For sale: baby shoes, never worn."

Your mission is to write a six-word memoir. Compose the story of your life in six words and transform it into a neatly and artistically rendered display.

Watch a little video to get you thinking about all the ways you can use six words to tell your story. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBnP0DoGjRI>

Some stuff to keep in mind for the six-word memoir:

- This is a memoir – so it is your true (or true to memory) story, not fiction.
- Present it in your voice. Put as much personality as possible into those six words.
- Choose those six words with care. Don't waste any of your words on boring or filler words (unless, of course, for a purposeful effect).
- Take your time, brainstorm for a while, and then try a bunch of different ways of wording your memoir. You might even want to write a longer version of what you want to say, and then cut it down.
- When you are satisfied with your six-word memoir, transfer it to a sheet of paper in bold writing (use felt pens).
- I will be **posting your six-word memoir at our meeting**, so create something that's okay to share.
- Don't put your name on the sheet as we will try and guess who belongs to the six words.

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