

Novel Prep for Pantsers



You don't want to plan, but the blank page is scary...

The 3 Ps Activity: A Person In a Place with a Problem

1. List as many **careers** as you can. They can be anything from windmill salesman to SAHM, to post carrier. Time yourself for three minutes. Get mark, get set, GO!
2. Pick a couple of your favorites and highlight them.
3. List as many **places** as you can. They can be anything from a city like Montréal, QC to a desert island, to a haunted house. Quantity over quality here. Time yourself for three minutes. Get mark, get set, GO!
4. Pick a couple of your favorites and highlight them.
5. Final round, list as many **problems** as you can. They can be small like a flat tire, your credit card is rejected by the vending machine, or you get a piece of floss stuck between two teeth; or they can be huge like a zombie apocalypse, or an alien invasion. All levels and as fast as you can! Three minutes. Get mark, get set, GO!
6. Pick a couple of your favorites and highlight them.
7. Select one from each highlighted list and start your story Nov. 1 with **a person in a place with a problem**.

Woohoo! Remember to have fun!