Why should you blog?

Readers increasingly expect to engage with authors in an online community, and posting to a blog is not only a great way to connect with them, but it is also a fantastic way of increasing your fan-base and the number of people that follow you online.

You should always remember that a blog post has the potential to reach a large online community so try to come up with interesting new content on a regular basis, and present information in exciting and varied ways (see ‘Adding those little extras’ section.)

Blogging can help to affirm your place as an expert in your field ... So why not get started today by creating your own blog, or even contributing to ours: fifteeneightyfour from Cambridge University Press

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What type of blog post should you write?

• An article that provides insight into your research or explores a theme from your book
• An opinion piece relating to a current news topic or something that would spark debate
• A written interview

Ask yourself...

• What motivated you to write your book? What current areas of research are you conducting? Who inspires you to write, and what authors work do you enjoy reading?

Think about...

• **Your audience:** Who are they? Curious general readers, peers or academics?
• **Article tone and length:** The tone of the article should be informal and accessible, with the length being around 400–600 words
• Encourage debate and comments from your reader
• A catchy title

Adding those little extras...

Once you’ve got most of the content for your blog written, it’s time to start thinking about adding those little extras to help to make your entry dynamic and engaging for your reader ...

• Video clips
• Photos
• Polls or quizzes
• Podcast interviews
• Relevant articles
• Musical playlists

If you need more information, or would like some help coming up with an idea for your blog, then please email us at authorhub@cambridge.org
Timeline of an article
What happens when you submit a blog?

1. Decide on subject matter
2. Think about the message – what do you want to say?
3. Decide on the content – what type of post will you write and will you include photos or video?
4. Write your post!
5. Editing phase
6. Send to blog
7. Article is published
8. Use social media to publicise – Tweet, Share, Email
Tips for publicising your article on social media

Tweet the link to your article on Twitter and one of our accounts will do the same. Try categorising your tweets using hashtags #blog #(related subject, e.g. Science)

Share the link to your article on Facebook and one of our accounts will do the same.

Engage in conversations related to the topic of your article online – think about posting in LinkedIn groups and, of course, remember to post a link to your blog on the Author Hub LinkedIn page to help inspire your fellow authors!

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Here you will find:

• A series of videos aimed at authors with different levels of online experience to guide you through the latest tools available and the impact it can have in raising the profile of your book

• Downloadable step-by-step guides to help you get started quickly

• Information on what Cambridge University Press are currently doing to support our authors

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