



Even Michelangelo's David Started Out as a Block!

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STUCK? CONFUSED? BLOCKED?

GET OVER IT BY FILLING IN THE BLANKS AND READING YOUR STORY ALOUD!

Boy, am I blocked! I haven't felt this bad since _____ . I've tried _____ and _____ , but nothing seems to work. It's almost laughable the way I seem to be spending all my time _____ . I feel so frustrated I could _____ . If I was a dog, I'd _____ . Damn, I hate it when _____ . It makes me feel like a _____ without a _____ . I'm so tired of _____ . Just yesterday, I felt so _____ I could see the light at the end of the tunnel. But now it feels like the tunnel is filled with _____ and the light at the other end has turned to _____ . What if I stay stuck like this forever? I can see the writing on my tombstone now: " _____ ."



What an epitaph! That would really make me feel _____ . I wish there was someone I could blame besides myself! Hmmm, maybe _____ would make a good person to dump on. If they were here now, I'd _____ . How'd I get into this situation anyhow? I never really intended to _____ . All I wanted was _____ . Why does it have to be so difficult? If only I could stop feeling so _____ . Just last week I got tons of ideas about my project – ideas like _____ and _____

_____. Either one of those brainstorm could be the key. Hey, even if they didn't work, I could always _____. I could even call _____ and _____. *They're* tuned into my idea! Maybe they'd have a clue about how to proceed. Actually, this is all quite funny. I seem to love focusing on my problems instead of possible solutions. Talk about creative! I must have _____ ways to avoid taking the next step. Which reminds me...I guess the next thing I need to do is _____. And after that I'll _____.. Isn't it interesting how this stuff works? In a little while, I'll probably look back at this time and realize that _____



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