Detailed Responses for the question:

What motivates you the most to write?

In this document, I have copy/pasted every single reply from the writers. Some answers are edited due to typos I noticed (such as seeing the word "wriite" and changing it to "write").

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- I have good plotlines and i love my characters so that mostly
- I like sharing my words with people. I like the attention. I like... storytelling.
- Just the desire to write itself is enough motivation for me. Some days it's harder to get started but I love writing and it makes me feel less stressed about everything else in life when I just write.
- Wanting to put my ideas into the world
- I like having something I'm good at that people recognize me for. Additionally, I feel productive and accomplished when I publish a fic and it does well.
- Ideas
- I want my daydreams and plots to be on paper.
- Getting the characters into a scenario or a situation and then watching them try to get their way out of it. Or in the case of a romantic / sexy thing, how to get deeper in! I like being able to tell the whole story, the senses and the internal workings of the POV alike.

- I've only started writing, and I like the story in my mind so far. I can't do it enough justice on the paper due to my lack of experience and terrible attention span, but I keep going nonetheless because I would like it to exist. I want there to be a trope or a world like my current fic. That's all.
- I can never find the stories I'm looking for. I can write exactly what I want to read.
- Seeing things that keeps me thinking about what i should write next. And myself, friends, family, comments.
- It's usually the story itself that motivates me. If I think about a future scene I want to write, I feel compelled to get to that moment.
- feedback! people telling me how they feel about whatever i've written! reading the fics of other amazing writers makes me enjoy writing a lot too!!! i think my love for telling tales that i came up with also motivates me to just write.
- Just the idea of "I really want this story in my head to be in physical form so I could read it in its organized and structured form, rather than playing random scenes that kept haunting me" like some kind of puzzle you had to arrange. Because, I know someone would find it rad, like how we usually react to other artforms, and hoping that others might see what you used to only see alone finally be seen. (I hope that's not confusing oops TvT)
- My personal experiences. I use writing to work through the good and bad feelings that I have. Or to work through the toughest moments in my life through ff. It helps me deal with my emotions and the world around me to write it out.
- i like putting characters in fun and/or interesting situations. emotions, emotional characters and scenes are most exciting to me, but i write mostly bc i want to capture and explore moments in depth and detail. just sensations n feelings that happen for just a second make me wanna keep writing. however, i wouldn't write if i didn't have a community to share it with. so in a sense, as much as i love creating moments and pieces and having characters interact in the playpen that is my mind, at the end of the day i do it so i can share it with others.
- Love for the subjects I am writing about, usually a romantic ship of some kind.

- I enjoy it
- I have the neeeeeeeed to - and also i have a million and one ideas and I must write as many of them as I can
- I'd say my own love of writing and also my love for the fandom, for BTS. I write because I want to put my ideas out in the world and I want to get better at writing, so fanfic is good practise. I also write because I hope others will enjoy my ideas and I can make them happy, just for a moment.
- Feedback/when people like my work/when I'm really into the storyline
- When I come up w a fun prompt
- being awake at 2am; when my fic idea is super unique and touches a totally untouched area esp when it comes to lgbt/minority rights and issues; when i'm just super invested in an idea of mine more so than my other ones; when a fest deadline is due within 36 hrs lol
- coming up with new ideas and getting excited feedback from readers
- Knowing that I'm getting better at writing and world building. Writing queer stories in settings that we don't get to see on the big screen. Giving back to a community that has already given so much to me. Knowing that it's something I can look back on in future with pride (maybe).
- Idk gotta put my writing degree to use somehow. Just kidding. Sort of. Mostly. But for real if I have a story in my heart that I want to tell, then that's generally enough motivation for me to see it through to the end, even if it's a very slow process for me.
- Music! Sometimes personal experiences and observations as well.
- Inspiration, the way people show support when I talk abt new plots ideas
- Deadlines, haha. I basically have ideas 24/7, but the only way for me to make those a reality is to put a deadline on it. Otherwise I'll just spend hours and hours daydreaming without actually writing a single sentence about it.
- Getting new, exciting ideas, having my writing friends talk to me about it and hype me up.

- Other people
- Telling a story to myself that interested me, seeing people enjoy it via comments, and seeing my close reading friends message me about the story
- Honestly 2 things: persistent ideas, and comments. When an idea roots itself in my mind that just wont die until i write it then I write quickly. For long fics the comments showing interest really help keep me motivated. Even after years of not updating something, a single comment like "hope u finish this one day" can get me back into it.
- Seeing a finished, polished product
- I love having written - Having a finished fic that was once just an idea is a great feeling
- Getting comments
- Nice comments, people saying they felt something while reading my stories, people saying they look forward to reading more from me, but also being excited about writing my own story the way I want it to be is motivating as well
- creating a story, wanting to share a character's journey, understanding myself, having people relate to it
- comments, interactions, other fics and artworks in the fandom that inspire me
- writing is a journaling experience for me. i want to romanticise my emotions to a happier outcome
- The final product I imagined in my head.
- It's easy to write down ideas that I like, but actually sitting down and typing out fics are usually motivated by the knowledge that at least one person out there will enjoy them <3
- Music, and shockingly tik tok povs are good idea generators
- other stories, good writing, some au that I JUST HAVE TO write
- I just love writing very specific scenarios and if the fic is shiny, I'll definitely be writing it
- Inspiration, encouragement from friends and readers

- Spontaneous ideas and wanting to see them down on paper.
- Getting to put out content that feels like in some shape or another it tells something (abt character a or b, or sometimes about myself projected onto them)
- that the audience i have always engages with my fics, they livetweet my aus and they are really passionate when commenting
- im not v motivated most of the time, but it used to be just having an outlet to be creative
- being productive, creating something, being excited about an idea/storyline
- A well-thought idea, a good song, the support my other works got, the weather, the excitement of writing another piece
- dark media. good stories, the ones that you think about for weeks afterwards. the pervasive, constant, "waking up in the middle of the night and remembering a personal crisis, only to fall right back asleep" feeling that i can't seem to ever shake off. people doing nice things for me. doing nice things for others. talking on the phone. setting timers, reminders, alarms. wanting to beat mental illness. wanting to do something i know i'm good at.
- most of the time it's songs!! some songs have very specific Vibes and i can immediately come up with entire scenarios and characters for it. sometimes movies too. anything artistic that can produce strong emotions
- The thought of receiving validation for it
- learning and growing motivates me to write. especially because i write fics for bts, i usually have to do some research given the difference in culture, about staple foods and snacks and geography and other related things. i'm constantly learning about myself and about my patterns, both /in/ my writing and /while/ i'm writing. i'm also always growing, especially given that i'm still young and have a long way to go writing-wise, and that idea excites me.
- "People talking with me about specific things in my writing I guess? I honestly don't really need something specific, writing is just a thing I do, like breathing kind of

I do tend to not write when I'm stressed (which happens a lot sadly) because I end up not having enough spoons for it but if I'm not busy and stressed I absolutely will find the time to write wether I'm motivated or not

That said. Someone being visibly excited and someone just talking or engaging with me about my work is the best thing and makes me very very very giddy and happy and makes me want to write IMMEDIATELY "

- Positive feedback and a good idea
- uh passion? amazing writing and books i read. music!!!!! my friend who helps me with ideas <3 !!
- the music i listen to and the characters in my fic themselves!!! i am my own motivator. every character i write deserves to be born and that is what makes me write the most.
- the feeling of Finishing Something, writing things for my friends, hearing what other people have to say about my writing. i really enjoy just telling a story and working through all the plot and characters and development of everything.
- My most current idea and the want to express that idea in my head as best I can so others can see what I see and feel what I feel.
- I can't imagine what my life would be like if I wasn't writing. That's the biggest thing for me. I write because I have things to say and feelings I want to explore, and because I love the characters I'm writing about and the friends I've made along the way. Writing is a joy and a gift and sometimes a stressor, sure, but I think it's always felt more than worth it to me.
- The characters and readers
- Probably a combination of my own passion for writing and getting to share my writing with other people who are passionate about my ship or ideas. I just love writing in general and it's what I love to do/it's my biggest hobby so I'm always wanting to write, but when I get a really cool idea and share it with other people and they get super excited, that motivates me to write it so that I can share my ideas in actual writing form. I don't write for other people, but I get excited about

writing when I know that at least one person is looking forward to reading it. I also get really motivated when I see other content that inspires me, like movies, books, music etc that I can draw ideas from.

- Life scenarios. I often use writing to get out feelings that I'm struggling to talk about to others. I try to take my life experiences and pick them apart and try to find something good/a lesson learned in them in a fictional setting.
- I have fun translating the stories in my head into words on a page
- i like when the stupid bastard fics are finished and i never have to think about them again !! very satisfying to go "sayonara dumbass" to a 45k fic and send it into the void. i also get excited to share them with my friends !! so they motivate me a fair amount too :)
- Ship weeks motivate me a lot, knowing theres interest in a prompt/ship I'd write for. Comments motivate me a lot too! Or just self indulgence tbh.
- Initially I started writing cause I had loads of free time. Now that I've been working for a couple months, I'm a lot more busy so writing serves as something that relaxes me. But the comments I receive are definitely my biggest source of motivation because it tells me that people are actually reading and enjoying my work.
- music is probably the biggest factor. most of my fic ideas come from listening to certain songs and just thinking of different scenarios that could fit the vibe. also, when ppl personally dm me about how they like my work, but honestly i don't think i'm as reliant on feedback as most writers, probably bc writing is a mere hobby and something i'm not looking forward to doing as a job in the future.
- I feel like comments/knowing there are people out there that read and anticipate your works really helps. Honestly, having a story idea that I really like is already a good start, but it's engagement that really pushes me to write sometimes.
- started writing for myself bcus i find it the most comforting and suitable medium for me to deliver my feelings and tangled words in my minds. but after putting out

the first fic, i start to think that its such an amazing feeling to know your work is loved by people and thats a feeling you cant get just anywhere

- "I'm not really sure about it. I never asked it to myself.
  I just love to write. I've been writing for more than 10 years. I have a lot of ideas. My mind is very bussy. Always thinking, thinking, thinking.
  I have anxiety and I passed a depression episode for a couple of years. Writing and thinking about plots helped me to distract myself of that negativity, forgetting about that sadness and focusing my energy in something productive, good for me. It helped a lot. "

- When there's a line or scenario that fit certain otp very much, and I feel the Need to write that. Also when there's no content of that otp, I feel "obligated" to fill up the ao3 tag lol

- It starts with an idea in my head that develops till I cannot have everything in my mind so I just start write it down and it makes me happy to see the story evolving, to see how I'm gonna write the characters growth and some scene I planned is what motivates me the most

- i want to share something with other people and if i can help someone even just a little by sharing this, then i want to keep doing it. like how other fic writers have helped me by sharing their fic. on a more personal level, writing fic gives me a way to work through personal feelings/etc through these characters, without feeling like i'm facing myself and all the truths, good and bad, that comes with that.

- To get rid of the stories in my head akd because it makes me happy

- stress relief, putting my own thoughts into words, working through my own issues

- ... praise

- when i get a fic idea i get so excited about it that i spend days coming up with scenes that could happen. what motivates me to start definitely is the excitement of bringing my ideas to life. tens of thousands of words later when it's getting harder to write, i motivate myself to finish for the sake of completing a fic

because i know i'm capable of doing so and i'll be very proud of myself when i do finish it because i put a lot of hard work into it.

- satisfying my own need to get the story out and done. most of the time, it becomes this itch i can't quite scratch and distracts me from every day things i need to do so writing helps satiate that urge
- songs and talking about the story
- arrogance at thinking i have a fantastic idea and a combination of pettiness/desire to see it breathe
- people's reactions to my work, art or mood boards made for me, music
- If there's a story I want to be out there or a story I really want to get out of my head, I'll write it. I've written for popularity and for other people in the past, but I'm enjoying writing mainly for my own amusement these days.
- Mainly, I want to see the ideas in my head come to life and see it develop under my fingers (if that makes sense). But I also do really enjoy working on stories for other people and tend to write them a lot faster, because it makes me happy to see them enjoy it
- Just the thought of being able to say "I wrote something, either long or short, and finished it!" because I have a bad habit of starting fics but never following through with them. I need lots of encouragement to keep writing, which to me is kind of bad, but it's still nice to be reassured.
- honestly? Reading. I read all of these wonderful fics and it makes me feel like i could be for someone else what those authors are for me.
- Write stories i would like to read!! Maybe other people also like that kinda story, would like to hear from like-minded ppl :3
- Want to read the kinds of stories I write
- "i'm in a lot of fests (usually >10 at any given moment) so what motivates me these days is all the deadlines i have. what i've started doing is creating mini deadlines by splitting my outline up into bite sized portions and i smear those out over a few days and put them on my calendar as tasks i can cross off because it

makes me feel like i'm actually wrestling my way through my fic, as opposed to when i just try to write as much as i can. it's more motivating for me to look back on my day and see how many tasks i've crossed off and how many i have left. getting comments on my works isn't a guarantee, so i try not to use those as motivator bc i'd be setting myself up for failure, as sad as that sounds"

- My love for creation, exploring different situations and sharing the feelings
- the source material/canon, and my love for a particular character; fics I read and loved from other writers; plot bunnies; my desire to be productive and put something out in the world; my inner validation demon
- I have ideas and I want to put them out there!!! I also love when my friends write snippets/drafts and support me :)
- Interaction from varied sources. It's nice to get support and appreciation from your friends, but sometimes it means more from people you don't know, if that makes sense. Like your friends are used to your writing and are more likely to hype you up, but if it's a stranger, I don't want to say it means more but... I hope you understand what I'm trying to say.
- "wanting to break my friends' hearts as thoroughly as possible and then put it back together again

also i wanna read highly specific things and/or watch highly specific movies involving my favorite people/characters but those don't exist so i MAKE THEM exist"

- Wanting to improve myself, and having many ideas I want to see written down. Reading other people's work, and wanting to leave the same effect on others as they did on me. When I write something I'm proud of and it is complimented.
- a mixture of enjoyment of writing and a want to hopefully make a little money off it
- Getting the damn ideas out of my brain so they stop haunting me Lolol, also comment and love from readers is HUGELY motivational 💖💖💖
- I always have a ton of ideas, and when I read other people's works, I sometimes feel as if I don't have enough, and I can't find a work that has all the things I want and enjoy. What motivates me the most is the feeling I get when I write though. I

create a whole world with characters who have their own stories and adventures to go about, I have the character developments to write, which I love, and I feel all the things they have to go through, whatever the emotion is. I can live through my characters, and it's like I'm in a multitude of universes all at once. There's no limit.

- My own enjoyment! I have been writing since I was a kid, and it's my favorite hobby. When I don't write, I feel unfulfilled/unhappy.

- i want to better my writing style and create stories that other people might enjoy or that i'd look upon later and be proud of, or just being fond of what i did. i guess i also want to raise my self-esteem and break from my shy shell; it is hard for me to post my fics and i constantly think that they're not good enough and i should delete them (i don't tho, i just think they're not sth ppl would want and enjoy reading, but the few comments i get are enough to stop me thinking). i also want to be a part of the fanbase and contribute with something, and if writing is what i feel comfortable with the most , and i also personally like it, then it's what i'll continue on doing. and hopefully i'll find myself along the way

- "What made me pick up writing was the ability to make stories and scenarios and the feeling of being able to put my imagination into words. Outlining or listing certain details for a fic is one of my favorite parts of writing especially when it's for an idea that I really like and everything just flows out. Deciding everything and picking details out of all the many possibilities is exciting though sometimes stressful but in a good way because it's like ""Oh I can make my characters do this! But I can also make them do THIS! Or what if I make them do both??? I DON'T KNOW"" and I take my time to weigh the options like seeing what I think I can write better, what I would enjoy writing more, what would be easier, etc. Though one of my constant goals as a writer and keeps me motivated to think of ideas and keep writing is that I want to make my readers really *feel*. I like writing angst the most so I always hope that the readers who come across my fic actually get hurt emotionally and experience the emotions as strong as my

writing makes them. I write fluff sometimes too and of course I want them to feel happy and get that giddy feeling of reading something soft and fun and the characters just being helpless in love and cute. I've never written porn but one day if I do I hope people get horny because of it (LMAO ALKSJD). But really, I started writing because I enjoy it but I can't help but still want attention and reactions for the things I create. Finding out that you had an impact on someone, whether it be making them cry at 3am, or making them sit down and feel empty afterwards, or even just making them laugh out loud or smile, is amazing and really boosts my self-esteem.

Unfortunately, I, as well as a lot of other writers, don't really get a lot of comments let alone any long and insightful comments. I'm happy getting any sort of positive comment (but I always make it a goal to write something that will urge someone to write a long comment) but it does get pretty demotivating during bad days especially when I see other writers receiving long and enthusiastic comments. At these times, my goal of evoking feelings demotivates me instead because thoughts like ""My writing won't be good enough to do that"" or ""Maybe I should just stop because there's much better content creators out there"" go through my head. But what gets me out of this is the exact thing I'm insecure about, which is writing. It can take a while but writing again or taking a break from writing then coming back to it makes me remember how much I like doing this. This works especially when I get inspired with an idea that I really like. Honestly, the fact that I like doing it should be enough to keep me going but validation is great and very nice since inner demons can be annoying :(

So for a short answer, what motivates me to keep improving is wanting to evoke feelings in my readers and what motivates me to keep going is reminding myself of how much I enjoy writing :D"

- spite validation and praise
- It's really personal, actually. I write whatever I feel at the moment and sometimes I feel like I should share it. It's a personal pleasure, to create scenarios and meet

cute or putting characters in specific situations, especially situations which I am familiar too. Makes me feel not alone and closer to them.

- Thoughts, feelings, emotions, different realities I want to experience, different ways I wish I behaved, different words I could have said, different mindsets I could have been in, closures I needed but couldn't get. I write to heal myself which is why I doubt if my writings will strike others because it can be so personal sometimes, but the times I do post, I hope that it touches someone and heals them they way it did to me. I also write to explore things and to enrich my knowledge and to just broaden my mind about things. And, yes, I write to capture the scenarios in my head, it can be like a fun diary sometimes, to go through my writings and remember why I wrote a certain thing. I wouldn't exist if it wasn't for writing as an outlet and an extension of myself.

- people telling me they like my work

- Readers and friends who would comment or hype me up about. Ask how is going. Show more then a simple interest

- That I can make my fantasies no matter how trivial or unique available to others.

- usually, bts content or prompts on tumblr! these are usually the primary factors that get me excited to write but also the idea of creating a story that I wrote and that people can enjoy motivates me to do my best ☺

- To see something I've thought about in my mind come to life in my own way

- Honestly I write what I want to read. I want more fics without token straight Hoseok, more fics with poly ships, less stereotypical sexual dynamics and more SWITCH dynamics. Plus my favorite ships are all relatively unpopular so it's nice to be able to create content for ships that don't see it.

- The sense of achieving something, the praise, and seeing my stats

- i get lots of ideas and i want to put them out there !!! i've always been an avid fic-reader and an avid fic-writer in previous fandoms, so i thought it would be fun to get back into writing !

- implying anything motivates me ever? it's probably the reaction and excitement of others when i post tbh
- Making others happy
- just thoughts
- mainly the need for certain stories that i haven't found before and the fact that my writing might make people happy
- sharing something i love with people who might connect with it/me
- Anything really
- Bouncing ideas off other people or others showing interest in seeing an idea of mine written out.
- There are lots of stories I want to see exist in the exact ways that make them good for me and the only way to really do that is to write them for myself. Also, spite and horniness.
- Usually, my motivation is just an idea that hasn't left me. If I decide to write it and I manage to get it to a part where I feel that it's "done", I pass it on to someone else and I ask myself if this is something worth sharing. (I'm sitting on two things that were "finished" by my standards, but didn't feel appropriate to post.)
- I feel incredibly unmotivated at the moment. But normally when a friend lets me ramble about an au to them and then I end up writing snippets for them, which can then form a much longer piece. But I have to be really excited about what I'm writing in order to get any words out, honestly.
- Other writers! When others are writing, I am more motivated to write myself.
- Comments
- wanting to put these fanciful ideas to words so that others can see what i see and feel what the characters feel.
- I'm motivated by my powerful desire to talk about the human experience, so all my stories have a certain theme that I may have been recently pondering or felt important to me

- Myself! I enjoy making up stories and the process of planning a fic and what exactly I'm trying to say with a piece

- Honestly, pain. I cringe a lot at saying that, but I have nowhere else to express my deepest hurts, confusions, and struggles. Pain feels like such a tangible emotion at times, something I could physically feel in my mind, that I have to get it out. Also, seeing the comments from people saying I've helped them, because I never like to write pain purely for making my reader hurt with me. I want to show them that even though life can be nasty and thorny and seemingly impossible that there's always something good, even if it's in a simple glass of water or a yellow blanket. Writing is my way of exploring the world when I'm too depressed to leave my bed, and I feel a little more alive for it.

- Genuinely anything or anyone around me

- i think of story. i want to imagine story. there is no written story that entails the plot of My Story so i know what i must do and by all means i will Do It.

- Putting the stories in my head down and receiving external approval of them

- The sense of competing with myself pushes me a lot. Often what really gets me going is sheer spite and fury aimed at a situation.

- Sometimes it's the idea itself if that makes sense? How badly do I want this fic idea out there? Or this doesn't exist in the fandom so I'll just work to make it exist!

- Concepts. I try to write when my brain is brewing ideas of a situation my characters are in that i really like, and want too bring into further detail for myself and others.

- Getting that idea out of my head, giving a chance to my characters to live their "lives" and for them to leave my head, honestly! Then it's because I love writing, experimenting with words and situations. Also I've missed it a lot so I try to write because I really like it.

- I want to create the same safe space that I feel when immersed in a great story for others. I want my writing to be a place that readers can rely on easily for comfort and genuine catharsis.
- having a creative outlet for whatever i am feeling (good or bad!), personal catharsis
- The fact that I can transmit what my head creates, like it is incredible when you think about it my mind creates a scene and boom with words I can recreate it in other people's mind
- fun
- My friends!
- plain inspiration, it's what i live for
- frustration. The desire to read what I cant find or the feeling that I would have done it differently
- Every story is an itch I try to scratch, it used to be more about the end result than the writing itself but i'm learning to love the process as well. Therapy helps, turns out i love storytelling! (Even when it scares me a bit)
- I write what I want to see in the world. I also write to get better at writing.
- usually, new ideas and concepts drive me as i really want to see these ideas fleshed out
- The opportunity to share the ideas, plots and feelings the characters awake within me, hoping I can make other people enjoy all those emotions too.
- The desire to create and share cool stories and story ideas
- I don't know a reality where I don't have the desire to tell a story. I love making people smile and feel something deeper with my storytelling. People will find things in your writing at different times, unknowingly seeking out the words that will resonate with them the most in that moment, and so I think there's always motivation to be found in sharing an experience and feelings.

- "you mean if I want this very specific content I have to WRITE IT MYSELF?" but honestly also my naive hope of my fics being hugely popular within the fandom. being the author of a fic the whole fandom knows.
- Images, videos and other fics too! I usually make moodboards of my fics so I can get a better idea of what I'm doing.
- Mainly I write the stories I like to read, so just providing more content that I enjoy.
- My close friends in fandom and the sense of accomplishment that I've created stories
- It makes me feel good to tell stories and share them with an audience.
- Picturing what I want to say with my writing.
- pressure?
- The pleasure it brings me
- Genuinely it's like want for attention and when i have a story in me that i just have to get out
- Encouraging comments - interaction - even looking back on kudos sometimes. The bare minimum really.
- I just get lots of ideas and i just have to get them out. For example, i currently got 10 ideas on hold and it would just be too much to not write at least a bit
- I think I'm most motivated when I'm (a) writing got myself and (b) don't have a strict deadline. I do just get random bursts of motivation sometimes though so I'm not really sure what that depends on. Getting nice comments/feedback on my fics is always motivating as well!
- New ideas and other people!
- It makes me happy:)
- "- Deadlines
- - Seeing my vision coming to life"
- Events like nanowrimo, friends who write as well, sharing ideas, and reading other works!
- An idea I'm excited about, anticipating readers' responses, deadlines (for fests)

- worldbuilding and having stories in my head that i want to share
- sharing a story
- "I write to rebel; I go against common tropes or put a spin on it, I write social commentaries, political activism, I put secret messages with lessons. I write to educate, present my opinions and display a perspective, I write to anger the ignorant and feed the intellectuals.
- I write because I have something to say and I want people to listen, I write because I feel safest behind a pen name to express things people don't want to address. I write because it soothes my soul, and sometimes, in a rare moment of solidarity, it soothes a reader's soul too, and that's enough for me.   "
- i write what i want to read, if i see there isn't a fic of a scenario i just created in my head, i'll write it myself
- Comments, likes etc and my own imagination
- Comments
- honestly when i feel an itch to write i just write immediately but when i don't feel like it anymore i just don't because my brain isn't giving me ideas and forcing it just makes it worse so yeah i just wait until the itch and the ideas come back lol
- I haven't been motivated in a long time, but it was stress relief & escapism. I had ideas that I liked that I really wanted to write down & put out there.
- I adore writing — being able to execute and detail an idea that has been living in my head! I hope with everything that I write, that someone who is reading it can experience a similar enjoyment to the one that I felt while writing it!
- It's just a part of who I am. I've always been a writer and always will be. Words come to me as naturally as breathing really (whether they're good or bad!). But I definitely keep going because I know my stories give people just a moment of escape. That's what books/fics did for me and still do for me so I can only hope my writing does that for others as well.
- i love how it feels to be able to create something new. thinking of a new au also motivates me like crazy

- Reading my half-finished drafts after a break
- "brain static noises very loud Much Thoughts
- (right now, it's the pitifully small amount of fics in a certain tag. it makes me cry and determined to boost that number up.)"
- taking a walk, listening to music, car rides, having someone that you know that wants to read your writings, that feeling of accomplishment
- the story itself. I love thinking of the plot and the whole flow of events and sometimes, just talking about it inspires me so much
- I write what I want to read
- music, reading other ppl amazing fics, the idea of creating something nice
- I need to put all my creativity into some sort of outlet, so I figured why not share that result?
- people's reactions, but mostly just what i want to see in the world. i try to write for things i want rather than readers.
- Ideas, dreams, nightmares, books, movies, scenery, instrumental music
- Writing prompts I like, getting certain mental images or scenes that in my mind look or sound so good in written so I can share it, and also when I haven't found something I wanted to read I end up writing eventually.
- there are stories and emotions that i feel, and i really want to express them so that i can share a part of my living experience with other people. sometimes, it's because the dynamics between the ship members just sways me so much that i feel like i must!! do something about it!! but mostly, it just makes me happy to write something and see it take shape. sometimes i write things i see ppl wishing to read, and it's so nice to see them happy!! fics brought me so much joy and comfort in some of my hardest times, and now that i can write them myself i want to be there for someone out there as well!
- SOMETIMES, it is spite because people are being shitty about something Good. Most times, though, it's just having a story in my head that I really want to write, either for myself or because I'm into it and it would make a friend happy.

- Being able to take my imagination/thoughts/feelings/experiences and bring them to life; to create magic.
- Honestly, I just like thinking about plots and narratives and characters, writing is just an extension of those thoughts. I love the sense of accomplishment that comes with writing and completing fics
- I want to write what I want to see. I want to write engaging stories and good content. But I also want to write to satisfy myself.
- idk man, i have so many feelings
- friends, help, other writers, art
- Wanting to be a better author, wanting to pour my imagination and inspiration so others could enjoy, wanting to fill in a lackness of either genre or pairing
- "it is... wanting to give an idea and story life through the characters, their relationships, and (if it's a plotty fic) their struggles.
  self-indulgence is also a big biiiig contributor because why not create the things you want to see! (even though rereading is usually impossible outside of editing ehe).
  also, i want to wax poetic about my chosen topic at least 80% of the time
  less frequently, it's knowing someone else would like to read that thing! and i say less frequently because, for me, knowing someone has specific expectations stresses me out to a sort of writing stalemate (end up focusing on trying to make it exactly as what i assume they might want which means obsessing over the outline and not actually writing... sorrow...)"
- Looking at others' writing and also encouraging words from my friend who knows I'm a writer.
- My ideas
- The intensity of the plot I planned in my head and the flow of new idea like I have to write those down
- Half seeing people's positive reactions and half getting to tell a good story I've created.

- This might be egotistical but what motivates me to write is me. Urrrrggh i feel kinda weird saying it but anytime i really just want to write, it's for me. Writing is my safe space and my outlet, so writing for myself helps me relieve stress and i just get lost in the fictional world.
- wanting to read the ideas i come up with myself
- Sudden bouts of inspiration which might as well be divine intervention, also like long comments that makes me and my fic feel needed and helpful to someone.
- Sometimes it's a plot that will not leave my mind. Sometimes it's a random breeze that decides to sit on me until I open up the Google Drive and write where I left off. Sometimes it's other stories that motivate me.
- Regardless of how big my audience is, I will always feel the urge to write. Still, I need at least a few people cheering me on. That, combined with my own joy in creation, is enough.
- i write mostly ideas for me, so i get motivated when i'm really into it. sometimes i think of the reaction people will get and even if it's a good or bad reaction, thinking that someone will read what i'm writing motivates me to keep doing it.
- this year, i set a goal where i write for myself every day. currently, i've gotten to around 110k from january to july, which is so much more than i wrote last year. i mostly write for myself because it's something i find relaxing and genuinely enjoy doing in my spare time, even if it can be stressful sometimes. i write stories that i want to see (i'm a very indulgent writer), whether it's original content or missing scenes or whatever grips my mind at that moment. the extra pressure of "write every day" certainly helps things get done, especially since i let myself miss days if i'm feeling under the weather. sometimes i look at my word count and feel so so happy because? i wrote that much?? the amount i've written this year is longer than the hunger games??? i think my main motivation is what happiness it brings me
- Writing stories that others wouldn't have ever thought about. Presenting something fresh and original.

- My emotions and my inspiration: if I see something that inspires me and my ideas start flowing, then I just need it to be out. And when I'm feeling something that inspires me or hurts me, that I wish I had someone to support me through, I feel compelled to write those feelings out. To write out the support I wish I could get, the healing I wish I could have, the catharsis that I need.
- Wanting to share a story / plot that has been floating around in my mind, wanting to improve my writing and storytelling, and also wanting to receive comments
- hmmm. i want to improve, and i want people to have a fic they really love like i have fics that i really love!!
- honestly my biggest motivation to write is that i could share stories that i like to others. also seeing people enjoying my fics, especially when they comment / give thoughts about it / send me stuff on curiouscat :)
- the story that's being told, followed by the reception of the story
- Talking to other people about it, looking at pictures, watching videos of the pairing on the tl. What motivates me to write most of all is myself
- Exploring my own imagination. I have too many thoughts, and too many ideas that it's quite cathartic and just nice to let it all out and go somewhere with it.
- "writing - I love writing and studied lit but don't have a career in it. my job doesn't fulfill my personal passions, so I get to keep doing smth that I love.
- validation - love that sweet sweet external validation "
- it depends! i gets bursts of motivation every now and then, but if something especially cools happens one day or i get inspired by something i or someone else did i'll definitely open my notes and write my ideas down
- most of my motivation is horny
- friends who like my writing ♡♡ and bts eheheh
- I don't really have motivation. I do this as a hobby whenever I have free time and have a good day, it makes me relax. I post when things are done and I feel good about them.
- The kind comments and my friend's encouragement.

- wanting to read a very specific genre and not being able to find it
- Engagement and knowing people love the story really helps. But mostly I need to be enjoying the story myself and it should make me excited to update or post
- at first wanting to see more fics for my rarepairs lol (as they say...write the fic u want to see in this world) but then as i met some more writers in fandom that inspired me a lot, i also was motivated by the desire to write something for them/that they could enjoy/inspired by them
- Reading other great stories, if I had a really good idea of a prompt to write, or if my friends tell me a prompt for me to write.
- Thought about readers and desire to let it off my chest
- Getting a really great idea, worldbuilding, people enjoying the fic
- My emotions. My longing for love and to be loved. My what ifs and maybes. My passion for it. Other people's happiness. Wanting other people to feel seen and comforted. Wanting to create something that touches you and makes you think. A lot ♡
- needing to tell a certain story or write a certain characterization
- Music in general, setting an adequate mood to write usually makes inspiration flow. Moments and conversations, maybe other pieces of writing make me move
- For the most part, it's the character dynamics that make me want to dive into their interactions more. But at the same time typing is hard work and the way sometimes words just do not flow make me procrastinate a lot. Words of encouragement at that moment seem paramount and basically a saviour.
- (to feed myself with rare pair ships lol) I like to write because I love to read. I truly admire the way that other authors use words, and am constantly reading as a method of learning how to develop my own language. I write stories with the hope that I can look back one day, read the words that I wrote years ago that are now unrecognizable, and think, "Wow, I really wrote that."
- Most of the time, its music. I try to come up with playlists for stories I'm writing. I add songs based on the mood I hear, sometimes because of its lyrics. Weirdly,

comments don't motivate as much, maybe because I don't receive as much to back up the motivation. So I rely on music which also helps me set the mood while writing.

- personal greed lol i usually just write self indulgent stuff and hope people like it
- everything in life, being inspired by my surroundings. having a good day usually motivates me
- I think maybe the desire to get my own thoughts out? Like i've got all these ideas and thoughts rattling around in my brain and if I don't at least get some of them out I'll go crazy.
- The desire to get my ideas down on a page, the plots I come up with, the desire to be part of the fic community
- creating stories that others can enjoy. it always fills me with joy and happiness when i hear that people liked my worked and it makes me feel like i'm contributing something good to the fandom
- Any kind of positive response motivates me to write, it can be one like/kudo, one comment, anything makes me happy.
- The story I want to tell! Getting to write a scene I imagined and really liked!
- my dream of becoming a published author
- myself, thinking of a nice scenario and getting to write it out, live in that world while doing it
- writing is an outlet for cute ideas, and also a place for me to project about romance and my kind of complicated feelings about it. a lot of times my characters experience or feel the same things i have and i think my nicest work is when i'm coming from somewhere really profound. also i love compliments.
- Reading other fics and listening to music
- My own excitement motivates me to write. The excitement of my friends/loved ones is a close second.
- If I receive comments, but honestly I mostly write to get things off my mind, not bc I'm motivated

- Comments and encouragement from people.
- My otp, when there's a new moment and if it's an ongoing fic I feel bad with my reader
- the need and want to express myself. the fulfillment in finishing a work and knowing the characters that have been living in my mind for some time are released to the world and living their own life
- at first I write because I have an idea and I think that's awesome idea so I tried to write it and I think it's not that bad and I continue writing until now
- I write what I want to read so if I'm looking for a particular topic or type of fic or dynamic and I don't find it, I'll usually end up writing it. Other than that, definitely comments and interactions with my fic tweets is helpful.
- Inspiration mostly, because when I write without inspiration I don't like what I write so I find that's my biggest motivation. And people that follow what I write and enjoy it, because I want to provide more good material for them to read and enjoy.
- my own desire to create
- When I have an idea in my head and I can't stop thinking about it, or if I'm afraid to forget that idea, I quickly write it.
- Positive comments, reading other people's writing, and getting exciting new au ideas.
- Comments, even once as simple as "update?". And stupidly enough, my new keyboard haha. It makes writing comfortable and exciting because I get to use my new keyboard!
- Reading something/writing something that I've been wanting to read for a while
- It gives me peace and meaning
- it's the thing i'm best at, and it makes me feel good (for the most part)
- Comments, kudos, etc. Whenever someone shows in some way they liked my fic. When I show it to a friend or a mural and they say they enjoy it. Whenever

someone shares my work it makes me really proud. Any kind of positive reaction motivates me to keep writing

- Having fun in writing and putting out content that's not there yet
- Positive feedback. Makes me wants to wrote even more
- Sometimes seeing YouTube videos or things that inspire me, getting a new prompt or idea from someone, or just having a good idea about a fic (or an idea) and just getting motivated from that. Receiving nice comments (or any in general, usually) and likes/rts for the tweet for fics reminds me people are still interested in my writing.
- I want to share my thoughts and have them be coherent both to other people and to myself (both in fics and for my non-fic stories).
- Mostly the compulsion to tell the story that's sitting in my head. It's sort of different from what motivates me to publish what I write, which is the desire for external validation and also to share something with people that they'll hopefully enjoy. I think the writing impetus is much more internal -- I want to tell this story and I want to get good enough to be able to tell it exactly the way I want to.
- Not wanted to let a story rot in my brain
- random things. anime i've watched recently, places i feel nostalgic in, people that i wish i was
- comments! it really keeps me going. i'm grateful that my hard work is acknowledged and to see that people enjoy my work — that is so rewarding.
- Well mainly the ideas I have and the reactions I get from those around me.
- other fics tend to motivate me, random impulses, canons, good music, encouragement!
- the story mostly. like, having it in my head and wanting to bring it to life and flesh it out and see what kind of imagery/symbolism/other important meanings i can bring to it are - normally when i write i only have the plot and emotional plot but not like. the PURPOSE of it. and i love discovering it as i write. i am also motivated by sharing my writing with my friends and seeing them read it!!!

- validation lol
- my love for characters and/or the book series/fandom
- Stuff
- telling good stories
- "The stories come to me often in one big chunk. They will write themselves in my head and I must write them down (either verbatim or an outline) or i will lose them. I can't write unless I have that experience. If I try to force the story out of me, it is almost literal crap.
  If the outline is done, I wait for scenes to write themselves. I often think about them when I'm alone and quiet and if it's meant to be, it will come to me and I can then write it down. "
- I like it
- to tell stories that i want to read honestly.
- Mainly an outlet for steam! Or my overactive imagination
- to tell the story I have in my head
- Creating something that is solely mine. Creating a world in my mind and being able to put it into words. The readers, too. Their love.
- i really love writing and it's really something i want to do all the time. i feel much more motivated to continue writing if i receive validation in the form of comments or kudos or someone talking about my fic.
- A simple idea motivates me a lot to start a story, but positive feedback always motivates me to finish it.
- Brain worms. I really have no idea what motivates me besides random ideas that get in my head and i have to get them out.
- My feelings, which sucks because if I feel shitty then I can't write a happy scene. But in order to change that, I love watching/reading other works of art!
- when i feel sad writing makes me happy, so on days when i want to feel happier i try to write

- it really depends, but mostly positive reactions (in the form of comments/qrts mostly but kudos/likes too)
- publishing, being able to finally write the scene that's been in my head that the whole fic revolves around
- Someone legitimately being a fan of my writing style and telling me, fic exchanges, outlining fic ideas in one on one conversations, in depth feedback, writing gifts
- i think what motivates me sometimes is writing this one scene that i have planned and wanting to see how it would turn out if i wrote it! motivation also comes from the thoughts of my friends whenever im telling them about the fic im writing, and i get immense motivation especially if they love the small snippets that i occasionally send to them. so what i can say about what motivates me is wanting to see the fic come out like what i had envisioned when i first prompted, the excitement of reading my friend's reactions and most of all, the feeling of accomplishment whenever i finish writing one.
- just the thought of my favorite characters talking and maybe making someone's day!
- i just like it? i don't write consistently usually i'll just work on one story and take a big break before working on the next and what motivates me if when i have a spark for something new and feel like it's actually a good story to tell. i think i want my writing to be too unique though and that gets me down because there are ideas i could explore but i feel like it's been explored too many times before so i don't. but in general i'd say i just like writing. and also a big motivation for me is wanting to impact ppl in a positive way and when i start getting feedback and ppl say like wow this fic makes me wanna get back into writing or x character made me feel so valid or things like that. i love how my writing can have an impact on strangers.
- My own need to be a better writer and to share all of the stories I create in my head.

- Any music or images that are simply aesthetically pleasing! Much of my inspiration comes from pretty settings.

- Myself.

- Happiness

- i need the creative outlet, i love constructing stories

- Writing is super personal for me, so it depends on the stuff going on in my life I think? Some of the fics I'm most proud of were written bc I was really sad and lonely and needed to vent...

- mostly to see things that haven't been written before actually out in the world. I have so many ideas and it's really fun! Plus is great knowing I've made someone's day better if they liked it

- (Please excuse my English !) I've never truly had a motivation. It's something I've been doing ever since I learned how to put my ideas on a paper. (So for almost ... 15 years ?) Maybe it's a problem of ego because I'm very sure about wanting to be a writer but I was never really goal-oriented, I just write because it's who I am. I'm always thinking, always trying to see connections, patterns, seeking for a better understanding of the world ; writing is just like an extension of my brain. I like to stimulate people, try to make them think things in a different way and make them play with their thoughts, their perspective, their opinions. I want my books to be a playground where people think.

- uhh when a scene pops into my head and i just akajsjdj

- Getting better! Also, I love finishing a fic sooo much because I know I can finally share this very intimate piece of me with close friends!! (and then post it online for anyone to see ;))

- Disregarding a deadline (fic fest, a friend's birthday), the story is what motivates me. If I'm strongly attached to a certain plot point and reaching that plot point or a certain concept, I want it to be real and that makes me write.

- My own imagination and desires for certain stories, plots, and dynamics. I write what I like to read, and I like exploring certain situations and character

interactions. It's incredibly satisfying to craft a scene and write it into fruition, and to be able to read it back afterwards. I love thinking up pieces of dialogue and small moments of intimacy between characters, I love dramatic exchanges; all these little things that excitement that I find I can't always get reading other people's writing. So I do it myself. It's a hobby that gives me a sense of accomplishment and fulfilment. There's a small part of me that like to write for a audience, whether it be a very small circle of friends or the internet as a whole when I do choose to publish a fic, but if I ever stopped enjoying it, then pretty much all of my motivation would vanish. It sounds cliche, but I am very much my biggest motivation.

- writing out what's in my head and hoping people can read it and relate to it. maybe even be comforted by my words. that my stories touch them in some way

- Sometimes it's a single short comment, sometimes a long comment, a song I'm listening to, a single quote I read in a book, a colour, a look, a smile but most of the times it's because of my love for the story and characters and the scenarios I build in my head for the narrative.

- Honestly, my partner and I head canon a lot about our ship and many AU's, and the many lifetimes they would spend together. I like following the romance movie/book story pattern of "two people meet, catch feelings, something detrimental happens where they separate and realize they're in love, and have to find each other to confess", in any universe it can be in. I ultimately just love Love, in any form it can be—good, bad, ugly, soft, rewarding, all of it. Real people in real lives but experiencing one feeling.

- I want to be able to make my ideas tangible on paper and then share them with people who might care to listen to all that I have to say.

- the knowledge that it has been objectively proven that i am good at writing and it would be a waste if i did not share my talent with others

- wanting to get an idea Out There

- Feedback

- I just enjoy the creative process of writing. not writing feels weird, like it's a part of my identity now and to just not do it would feel weird. This can suck sometimes bc then I feel guilty when I'm not writing or feel like I'm losing an important part of myself when taking a break
- Wanting to finish the story and share it with people, because the story is dear to me I want others to read and hopefully enjoy it too
- Having friends to talk over ideas with
- I am miserable when I'm not writing. just that.
- Having writing friends with the same interests is my main motivator. I adore talking about plots, prompts and bouncing ideas back and forth. It gets me really hyped up to write.
- A combination of my want to become better as a writer and my want to touch people with my writing.
- My imagination!! Writing makes me happy because I can express ideas that make me happy. I also love seeing it entertain other people too, that motivates me to try harder for next time.
- Wanting to bring something to others that has an impact on their lives in some way.
- Hmmmm my ideas and how people seem to enjoy what I do
- What motivates me to write is to know that when my best friend arrives from work, she will read and comment on what she thought of what I wrote.
- when I feel happy, or when i feel good about myself i always write. sometimes i cant even brainstorm because i get this feeling like I'm not capable of nothing, so i even avoid opening the docs. but when I'm fine i always try to write something.
- I write my own representation most times!
- Nice comments and getting kudos, the way I'm able to tell new stories via writing.
- I get a story in my head that just won't shut up until I get it on the page
- I like being able to craft any idea that comes to mind exactly how I imagine it

- growing up is tough. the real world is tough. writing is my escape from reality. it grounds me. it's something i enjoy in general. i like it a lot.
- The feeling of accomplishing something at the end
- "Perhaps, "to connect" is a correct answer for me, but it's such a tiny part of the reason why I write. Ever since I was a child I created imaginary worlds in my mind. Before going to sleep I made up my own fairytales in my head as a bedtime story.For years I thought it's a totally ordinary thing which everyone does on daily basis. Until one day I asked my sister and mom that what kind of stories they usually create in their minds. Their answer was they don't know what I'm talking about.I was so confused because I truly believed everyone does this. I started to ask more questions like aren't they wander in their minds creating whole new worlds filled with magic. They said, no. For years I just spaced out and teleported my mind to a world created by me. When I was fifteen I met someone who opened my eyes that everything I create in my mind can be written down as a story. That time writing anything down, even just a word, filled me with anxiety because of my dysgraphia.For years I told myself writing is impossible for me, how someone with dysgraphia would be able to write a decent story. As more years passed, more imaginary worlds made a nest in my head. When I was reading books all I could think of was; Yes, this is the magic what I love about this. This the magic which I would love to create. At first, I started to write to create magic. Then once I had a very dark year mentally and writing also has become a therapy. Now it's a mixture of everything I need to cope with life.The mixture of; creating magic so my mind won't explode from these imaginary worlds swirling in my head endlessly. A therapy for coping with what happened or happening in my life. The only way I can express myself, my thoughts, my perspective about the world.I still have a lot to learn about how to create a good story, but this is my soul, the core of my whole self and if it's mean I have to keep trying and struggling with it for an entire life I will gladly do it."
- the story idea i worked out

- Desire to see certain stories come to life and improve as a writer
- My otps interacting bc thats when creativity hits
- I've always liked writing but I'd be lying if I said I didn't also have the attention I get from them in mind
- When I think I have a good plot, some photos or visual reference I have for a fic
- Getting the ideas out of my head and seeing them take shape. Sharing my love for the characters.
- Likes, comments, the positive feeling I get when I read through a finished fic and like what I've written.
- If there's a feeling I want to materialize, a story I want to tell, a picture I want to paint - having an idea is what motivates me.
- The fact that I have some scenes already planned in my head and I really want to write them and let other peoples read them
- General inspiration? Reading really good fics and wishing I could write like that. Wanting to make my ideas into reality and believing I'm the only one who can do them justice
- Inspiration from passing thoughts / ideas that I feel must be shared with fellow fans bcs hopefully they might enjoy it as much as I did
- the positive comments, because when i get a comment of someone expressing how much they enjoyed my work it just makes my day
- I love using my imagination to create fictional worlds and scenarios for my favorite characters. It brings me great joy to write about them, but I also hope that they can bring joy to other people, as so many others works have done for me!
- my scenarios. i tend to write stories heavily focused on healthy relationships and trust and communication etc because its really important to me so having an outlet to sort of manifest/project that is really nice haha also being able to write scenarios where lgbt people can live their lives and find happiness and find a community that accepts them as they come, that's also a big motivation since i

live in an increasingly homophobic country so i kinda live vicariously through my writing lol

- i think it's just the itch of having these amazing ideas that i have not read before just come to life. I also love to hear comments (and validation) from others. It's also kind of a way to force my overly perfectionist tendencies to stop worrying so much, because those tendencies always end up with regret in the long run because i keep putting too high of an expectation on myself.
- My OTP combines with my imagination, the thought of giving the reality what we don't have is so exciting and promising.
- feedback! nice comments! people being supportive!
- If I want something, I write it
- Feedback from my friends who often know of the concept/outline before I even start writing.
- enjoying the idea
- nothing, really? if i have an amazing idea i'll write 3000 words in a day and then never again. i guess compliments like "i look forward to seeing more from you!" do help, though
- I want to put out what maybe hasn't been put out yet before.
- Personal feeling of accomplishment linked to finishing a task
- aaah the idea of putting my thoughts out there in a tangible format, of being able to explore myself through my characters, and the feeling of catharsis i get when i write something to comfort myself,,, they're all unmatched.
- Having an idea i really want to write or giving a present to a friend
- When other people engage with my content, or when someone asks about my writing and wants to talk about it
- a desire to tell the story. some stories just deserve to be told. no matter how long it takes me to cobble together the words
- the desire to write what i want to read, particularly if it doesn't already exist; and to increase aspec representation in fic

- Other people's works usually. there are beautiful authors out there and they write so well it motivates me to write as well.

- Writing is fun, playing with words and syntax, getting humorous dialogues across, daydreaming about character/ relationship developments. Playing out and working towards that one special dramatic scene you need to get out.

- Getting out my feelings/working through them + (hopeful) validation when the fic is finished and posted for other people to consume

- Wanting to create my own worlds or my own scenarios. And wanting to share those with others who may also enjoy reading my work and perspective.

- Inspiration ? If I have an idea, I need to write about it, to give it life.

- The feeling of closure of a certain plot prompt in my brain uwu

- It's usually ideas, if I have an idea I really like then I'll write it out!

- Sometimes when I'm feeling something very specific I like writing it and fleshing it out into a character. Sometimes I just really want to create a particular scene. Mostly, I just want my otp to kiss honestly.

- When I see the lack of update of my favorite pairings' tags. I love rare pairings the most, that sole fact actually is the one that made me a writer

- "Many different things motivate different fics.

- I like to write for my friends, so when I get ideas that do stick with me, talking with them motivates me a lot. Sharing little pieces of ideas and getting enthusiasm in return also pushes me a lot.

- I also write as an indirect form of self-reflection or expression, so writing those for that feeling of relief or weight lifted off your chest kind of sensation tends to be a good motivator (not as prevalent, but it does happen still).

- As I write, comments mean much more to me than numbers (even though I'll still check kudos/hits/likes, but that's also because I don't get that many comments). I like to see when my writing is relatable, funny, upsetting, sad or incites the feelings I intended my words to.

- I have a few trusty friends who are my betas that actually do something like that for me and I for them. When they go through my fics they not only check for grammar/syntax, but they leave reaction comments on numerous parts of the chapter or fic. It's comments like those that give me life and increase my motivation to write more."
- Usually spite over something canon did very wrong. But I'm also the most motivated when I have a clear idea of what I want to do with the fic.
- Because I want to express certain things
- Usually having a story I want to exist in the world and that no one has written yet. Having friends who write and who support me and talk fics with me. Reading other people's works and feeling moved by them and wanting to make someone feel like that. (That one comic where a dude comes with a sorta basic looking cake and there is already a fancy cake there and he's all discouraged by that, seeing how the other cake is much better than his. Then the next panel is just a guy (reader in our case) coming in and being super happy because "WOW TWO CAKES!")
- bts, other writers & feedback !
- just writing. wanting to get better at it while also creating a story that someone else could like. i don't know if it's ever happened to me... but if my story inspired someone else to write that would surely motivate me even more!
- When people tell me specific things they love about my writing, that helps a lot, but mainly I'm motivated by my friends, who support my writing to no end. They are so kind and always take the time to read my fics and tell me their thoughts.
- Kudos, comments, friends
- Comments and getting my ideas out (posting wips) and get someone excited about them
- The sense of freedom writing gives me.
- it can be rly random things.. i've gotten inspired by short anecdotes heard at work or different movies and that motivates me to write... also comments if i'll get them

on old fics ie or some unfinished ones i'll feel more motivated to sit down and try to finish

- Writing it something I enjoy and think I am skilled at. Also, some sort of emotional investment in the canon source that makes me want to use it as a diving board to create stories.

- Normally how involved in the fandom I am (the more involved, the more motivated). Also if a story I've thought about is super interesting that motivates me too. And of course my friends, who always support me and cheer on me.

- Mostly, I want to work on my writing for myself, to make myself happy with it. But I used to write about original characters, where I would receive next to no response on my work. Writing fanfictions gave me the motivation to improve not just for myself but for other people's enjoyment too. It helped me build a small writer community, so even if a fic doesn't do well, my writer friends will be there to reassure and praise. Not to be on your own while writing. is very important to me.

- Getting better at writing, needing to get the story out of my head, wanting to write what I want to read, building my readership

- Having a good idea that I want to share! I am inspired primarily by an idea coming together and then unfolding in writing can be exciting. Telling a good story provides satisfaction like nothing else.

- Spite. I was told that I was never going to be a strong reader or write all through school, so writing became a passion project. I keep writing because I want to prove I'm not limited by what people tell me I can and can't do, as well as the joy of getting to bring to life the ideas that hang out in my head.

- a great canon story/relationship that gives me inspiration to write

- Loving the story I'm writing is always the main motivator.

- feedback, comments, telling a story and getting it out to the world

- The simple fact of finishing a work I put my love and dedication on is encouraging, also the intrigue of the feedback I might get

- That it'll be something that I can read, and the feeling of completing a fic is quite satisfying so I find myself motivated to write and write again. Also there's a few people that I know who would appreciate my fics so it keeps me going.
- A plot idea I like and am interested in, feedback as well but my interest in what I'm writing is more important
- Comments play a big part on my motivation but the act of writing itself its the main motivation. I normally write very self indulgent fics so making this story come to life with these specific characters is very exciting for me. Also when I have to research things for a fic (like details about the universe its going to happen and all) the act of searching for information and making the fic as accurate as possible motivates me to write.
- comments, especially on multi-chaptered WIPs. i rarely get recommended so that's pretty special, too
- Having an idea that I love and want to see exist in the world. I do my best writing when I'm feeling particularly inspired about how I want a scene to play out. I do also find a lot of motivation in outside validation. Positive reactions to my writing make me want to push forward a lot more than when I get no response.
- spite..... boredom.... if i signed up for an exchange and there's a deadline coming up
- I get lots of ideas for fics and now knowing I can write them if I just really like the idea I want to write about it and flesh out the idea/au as much as possible.
- Mostly other people! Even when I'm writing the things I want to write, my primary thought is "There must be someone out there who wants to read this as much as I do, so I will write for them!". I also like to write for my friends or people who like my writing because it makes me feel like I am doing one thing right in my life.
- i love to explore characters and worlds! I want to play with ideas and scenarios, and hopefully hone my craft a little with everything i write
- I'd like to make people feel things. I also want to explore things, topics, type of love and friendship.

- Deadlines lmao. I always have too many ideas and I love writing when I'm actually writing but when I'm thinking about writing... there's somehow always something else to do, things to watch, games to play etc. That's why joining fests and exchanges help me a lot.
- Generally that I have specific themes or scenes I want written for specific fandoms or characters. Sometimes I get very inspired by other fics. Sometimes, a fic is tagged and summarized to seem like exactly my jam and then it very much is not for some reason, so I try and write a version that is my jam out of spite.
- I've always got a million plot bunnies, because my fandom has always got new content, but the actual motivation is to get it out of my head on the page, to tell a story in a way that makes you feel something and hopefully connect with the characters in some way. Even if I'm writing supernatural or abo or whatever, I always want my characters to feel real, to feel human, so a reader can connect in the same way I did while writing it.
- I have so many ideas floating around my head and some are so exciting to me - that excitement motivates me to write, and I'll find myself just sitting and writing this one idea for hours. Sometimes nothing comes of it and I don't post it, but it's fun!
- Externally, I am motivated by positive reactions from readers. It is very motivating to know that people find my stories interesting/entertaining. Internally, I am motivated to write because it is a creative outlet that provides me stress relief and because it is an opportunity to improve a skill that I really enjoy.
- my friends or wanting to use a creative outlet. it's nice being able to write about my favorite characters finally getting their happy ending.
- i hate a/b/o and gender bends bc they're transphobic so i gotta provide good trans content for me and the rest of the lgbt fans, but also i want to heal through the characters i write
- Ideas and feelings about the subject.

- Being able to enjoy reading your own work at the end and being proud of it.
- people saying that they like what i write
- People reading my fics and asking for more.
- I'm motivated a lot by music and other people's writing in film and fics. If I watch or read something and I end up really enveloped in that world, I get inspiration from it and I try to write something that makes someone feel the way I did.
- Someone once told me that if i write every once in a while, it's a hobby. but if i write every day, it's my passion. and that's what motivates me the most is to never let writing be just a hobby, but my passion, my life.
- A story in me wants to be told.
- I want to be able to write the things I want to see in the literary world. I want to make myself proud with what I can do. It's my passion, so I try my best.
- Wanting to see my hard work completed, the self-indulgent need to see the content I want (so I do it myself lol), and friends/readers who are encouraging and excited for me.
- Seeing the story in my head come to life. Being able to read it in "book form" over and over as many times as I like
- myself, my urge to create stories; depending on fandoms also official content or other content creators content (mood boards, art, prompts etc)
- I usually write about less common ships, so I love to bring to those fans all the content I can possibly give out. It's also a way for me to write cute small stories and share it all with everyone, because making others happy makes me happy
- people liking my work. the comments and likes let me know that they are liking it and that they want to read more of it. so, I know that i don't have to write just for me but for the people who read it.
- The thought of sharing my story with people and knowing their opinion. Also music

- The feeling of seeing the story unravels itself and how it flows to form the bigger picture. It's amazing to see that tiny idea in your mind branch into something so beautiful that you can claim it as yours.
- okay this is going to be funny but I work best when I have too much assignments/studies to get done. when I am free, I don't usually progress much with my fics. but ironically, when I am busy, be it studying or doing some other things, I would just feel like writing, and once I got to it, I would progress A LOT. songs also motivate me a lot. I usually listen to a specific song(s) when I'm writing something so it could briefly shape the mood and tone of the story. sometimes I would just put three songs on repeat and listen to them until I get a one shot done. my conversation with other people or conversations I heard people having are also a big motivation. some of my fics were purely from a sentence or two that I heard and liked, and so I developed a whole fiction from that.
- I enjoy knowing that someones reading so even though hits (ao3) don't really judge the overall experience for me its nice to see older works I have still being read and shared.
- Hitting that fugue state where the characters come to life and the fic writes itself. Also, the satisfaction of knowing I wrote something really good like a fantastic turn of phrase, a really unique observation or plot point
- I just get excited about story ideas, and want to share them. fests keep me more motivated to finish things than just regular writing though, because then there's a deadline and (if it's a prompt fest) i know at least one person is looking forward to reading it.
- If someone really want to read my writing and actually ask for it
- The new ideas as well as the people who continuously read my work. They inspire me, as do other writers.
- I'm not sure? But I do realized these days that I can't write anything if I feel numb so I think feelings are the one who motivate me the most.

- i read fanfiction all throughout my teen years, it was a great source of escape for me. so now that i'm older (20) and feel capable of writing fanfics, i like to think i'm helping contribute to the community in a small way. i'm very thankful to all fanfic writers. it also helps me practise my writing :)
- The enjoyment of writing and the way a world can take shape
- The comments I receive
- The catharsis of it all. It helps me make sense of complex emotions or experiences around me and it helps me process. I look forward to the conversations that can be had afterwards about it, if any at all.
- Comments, pretty fanart, imagination
- That I can read the exact niche fic I want to see in the world, and exercise my vocabulary since I'm writing mostly in English as second language.
- My own ideas, comments or kudos on my fics
- Writing is a sort of validation for me. So when I think about the readers interacting with the fic in any way, it motivates me to write.
- The first fic I wrote was just something very personal that I hoped other's would enjoy. When I saw that it touched a lot of people, that made me happy. I started writing for myself and still do, but now the idea that my works can touch others and either make them think or just make them smile is amazing. Whether it's a serious fic or something completely tropey and indulgent, it's great that others can enjoy it with me.
- The idea, bringing it to life, sharing it with others
- I think being in the right mood? Firstly, I love writing just in general. I think if anyone loves something enough then that's enough motivation but other times, it's definitely watching or listening to a song that creates the right mood for motivation. Oh and always; comments.
- Spite, missing things in the fandom
- Inspiration & the excitement to share and receive feedback

- nice feedback, when my ship interacts, having a good day. i have a routine before i start writing (i make tea, sit at my desk, light an incense, etc.) and it also helps to read, whether it be other fics or books in general.
- i write so i can create content that i enjoy seeing! that really makes me genuinely enjoy writing, which in turn motivates me. when i publish fics i rly liked writing and get comments on them, it makes me happy that i'm creating content that i like that other ppl can also enjoy!
- desire to get my ideas out and completed
- It's mostly the little things, like a message someone sent me, a landscape I saw that day, a meal I had, a conversation with a friend, a simple thought sometimes. I start making up scenarios in my head and before I notice it, I'm motivated to write about it and explore more of the world I already created in my mind. Also the feedback I get sometimes in my fics helps me realize that I must be doing at least something right and that motivates me to keep writing more.
- the feedback and the response from people who enjoy what i create but also the community of friends that i have made that is supportive and helpful to boost motivation and bounce ideas off
- My imagination. A lot of things inspire and motivate me to write but when it comes to my imagination, nothing and no one can stop me from writing.
- People who enjoy my concepts and ask me to write them
- To improve my skills
- It's always been a outlet for me, creatively and otherwise. I haven't ever gotten the hang of other forms of art, writing has been the one that's really stuck, and it's also been a really good way for me to process/work through emotions growing up. It was one of my biggest ways to escape from my real life when I was in high school, and it still is today. Also, it helps me to structure my life a little bit (because I build writing time into my schedule to help keep everything else organized)

- Seeing ideas suggested on my timeline, especially if someone posts pictures with a concept. I also like writing things my friends specifically ask for because I know they will be reading it
- Wanting to share a story and make people happy
- Music, talking about it with my best friend, reading good fics from others
- my other fics doing well or randomly coming up with a good storyline or someone telling me to write something for them
- music, very late hours of the night, actually imagining a scene in my head so vividly and i write about it
- An inner drive to tell stories that I've had my entire life. Also, music.
- reading other wonderful fictions and wanting to produce one of my own wanting to write something that i want to read and haven't found in other fictions Sometimes including personal experience in my writings something i want to share. The process of creation and publishing and receiving feedback even if it was 1 positive comment is something i enjoy
- Being able to write something that I wanna see.
- compelling ideas that will not vacate the brain cell i need for other things until i put them somewhere in written form
- my own self indulgence does (and music, music gives me lots of ideas)
- Having the space and time to daydream.
- Knowing that the people I am writing for really enjoy reading what I write. Whether it be for casual people who stumble across it, or a friend I'm writing specifically for. As long as they give positive feedback I want to write even more.
- Exploring and sharing a new plot with people! It's fun to do.
- It varies from the prompt or just if people are looking forward to it
- I enjoy writing and I love reading fic! When there's a fic I wish I could read but it doesn't exist, I try my best to write it. I also think writing and reading makes us feel less alone; I published a fic about a problem I thought was pretty much just me and had so many people reach out and say they related.

- haechan.
- A combination of my self-development as a writer, my own ideas (wish fulfillment) and the feedback
- currently i just like gay people, if u want to get deep it's the most special thing in my life that i have ever had.