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Traditionally, every serious writer has kept several books on writing as well as at least one excellent dictionary close at hand.

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Dictionaries and Thesauri

<http://m-w.com/netdict.htm> - Webster's hypertext dictionary.

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