
Blogging: Your First Steps

#1 Preparations

1. Please go to the site www.en.wordpress.com and click on “create website”-
2. In setup step 1, choose a **theme** you like. You may also switch later.
3. In setup step 2, give your blog a name and choose the “free” option.

Step 2 of 4
Let's find a domain.
Choose a custom domain, or a free .wordpress.com address.

Search: IfYouComeSoftlyBlog

ifyoucomesoftlyblog.wordpress.com	Free	Select
ifyoucomesoftlyblog.com	€18.00 /year	Select



Do not use your “real” name

Do not provide any information on where you live

Do not provide any information on your school, age etc.

4. In setup step 3, choose the free option again 😊

Step 3 of 4
Pick a plan that's right for you.
Not sure which plan to choose? Take a look at our plan comparison chart.

OUR MOST POPULAR PLAN

Free	Premium	Business
Just get started	Supercharge your site	Take it to the next level
Free for life	€99 per year	€299 per year

5. In step 4, give a valid e-mail address. Beware that your username **will** show on your own blog and when you leave comments on other blogs (look under 3 for guidelines).

Step 4 of 4
Create your account.

Your email address
peter.schildhauer@uni-bielefeld.de

Choose a username
ifyoucomesoftlyjournal

Choose a password

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#2 On to the Blogging!

1. **Explore** the WordPress dashboard.
 - a) Choose your own header image and a background colour that appeals to you.
 - b) Change the site title and create a tagline (the *slogan* of your blog).

2. Browse the web to find a picture that could be the new cover image of the novel. Post it in your first blog post and give reasons why you think it might fit (ca. 100 words). Make it sound bloggy if you wish!



3. Leave **one comment each** on **at least three blogs** of your classmates. Answer the following question (ca. 40 words per comment):

Is the picture posted there a suitable cover for the novel in your opinion? Why / why not?

You could start like this:

Hi [username],

I really like your blog! In my opinion, you have chosen a good cover picture...