

## WordPress.com

Log in via

[wordpress.com](https://wordpress.com)

Login with the username or an email address

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Password

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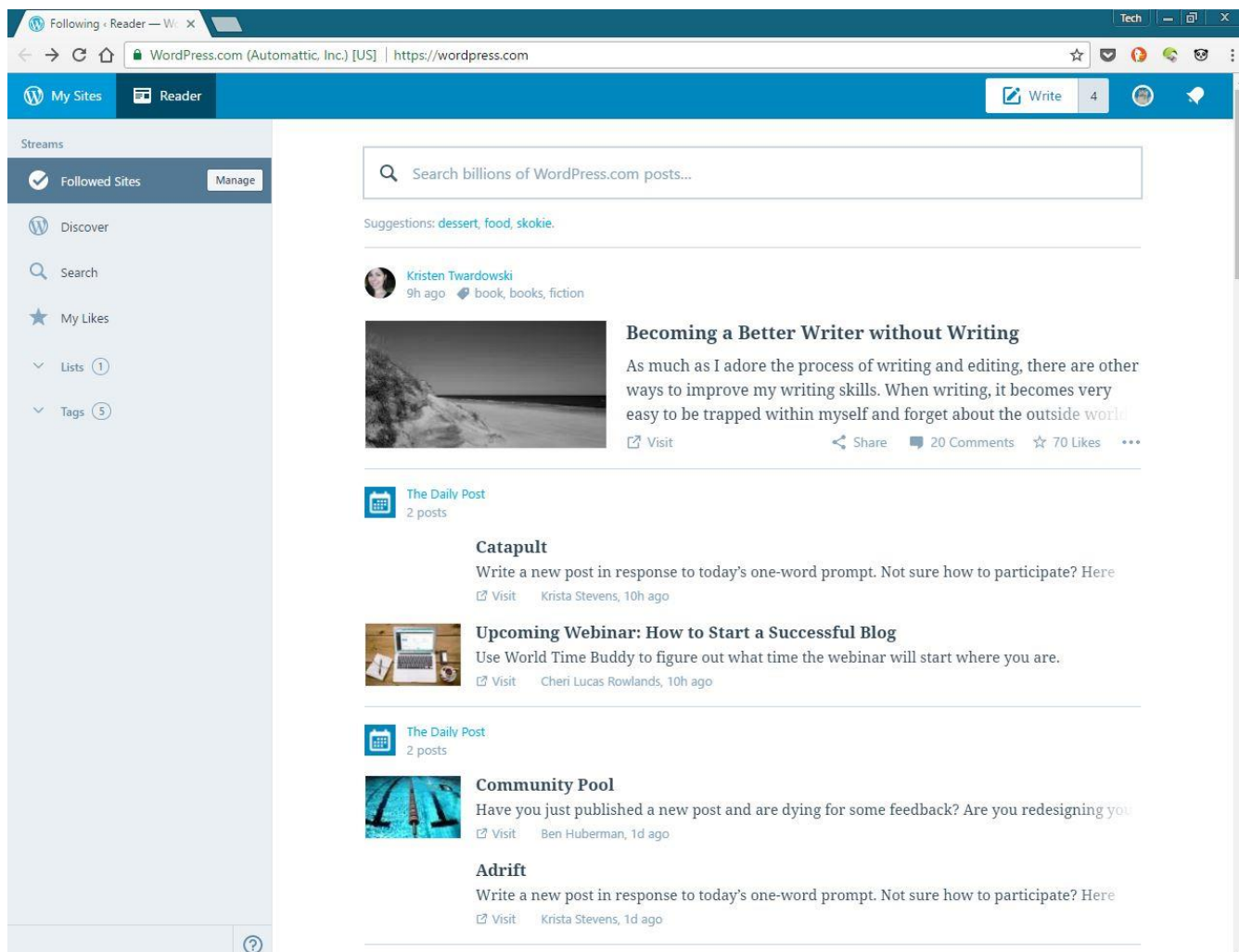
My website (or a blog) is

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My example website is

[other123web.wordpress.com](https://other123web.wordpress.com)

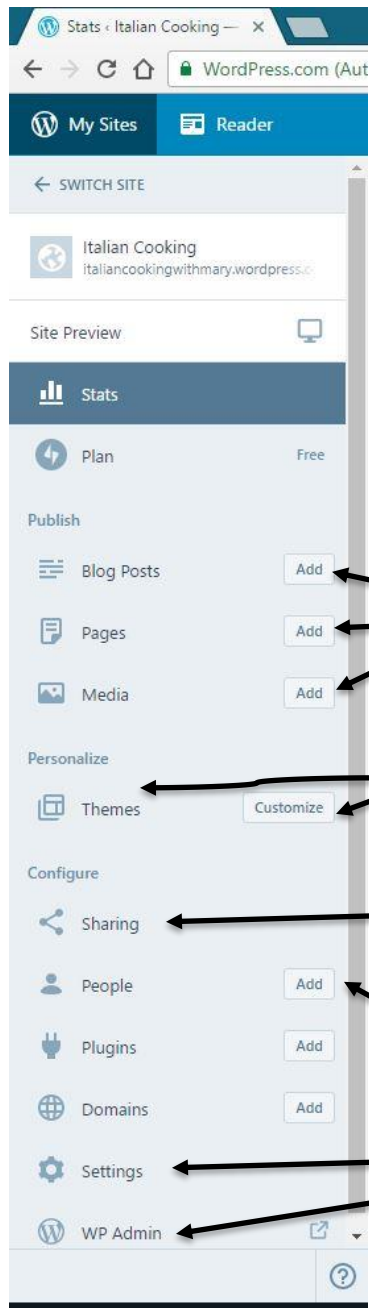
After I log in, I see the **Reader** page. I chose to follow a handful of sites, and this is where I can see the blog posts made by those sites.



The screenshot shows the WordPress.com Reader interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: My Sites, Reader, Streams, Followed Sites (with a Manage button), Discover, Search, My Likes, Lists (1), and Tags (5). The main content area features a search bar at the top with the text "Search billions of WordPress.com posts...". Below the search bar are suggestions: "dessert, food, skokie". The main feed displays several blog posts:

- Kristen Twardowski**, 9h ago, book, books, fiction. Post title: **Becoming a Better Writer without Writing**. Text: "As much as I adore the process of writing and editing, there are other ways to improve my writing skills. When writing, it becomes very easy to be trapped within myself and forget about the outside world." Includes a "Visit" link, "Share" button, "20 Comments", and "70 Likes".
- The Daily Post**, 2 posts. Post title: **Catapult**. Text: "Write a new post in response to today's one-word prompt. Not sure how to participate? Here" Includes a "Visit" link and "Krista Stevens, 10h ago".
- The Daily Post**, 2 posts. Post title: **Upcoming Webinar: How to Start a Successful Blog**. Text: "Use World Time Buddy to figure out what time the webinar will start where you are." Includes a "Visit" link and "Cheri Lucas Rowlands, 10h ago".
- The Daily Post**, 2 posts. Post title: **Community Pool**. Text: "Have you just published a new post and are dying for some feedback? Are you redesigning you" Includes a "Visit" link and "Ben Huberman, 1d ago".
- The Daily Post**, 2 posts. Post title: **Adrift**. Text: "Write a new post in response to today's one-word prompt. Not sure how to participate? Here" Includes a "Visit" link and "Krista Stevens, 1d ago".

To get to my **dashboard** I need to click on “**My Sites**”:



Name of the site I am working on

If I wanted to preview how my site looks like on a PC, or a smartphone screen

I currently have a free WordPress access

If I wanted to make a new blog post I would click “add”

If I wanted to make a new page I would click “add”

If I wanted to upload a photo to add to my site I could do it from here

If I needed to change my theme or customize the current one this is where I would click

If I wanted to set up so that my site updates get shared via my Facebook or Twitter

Or add extra people to edit my site

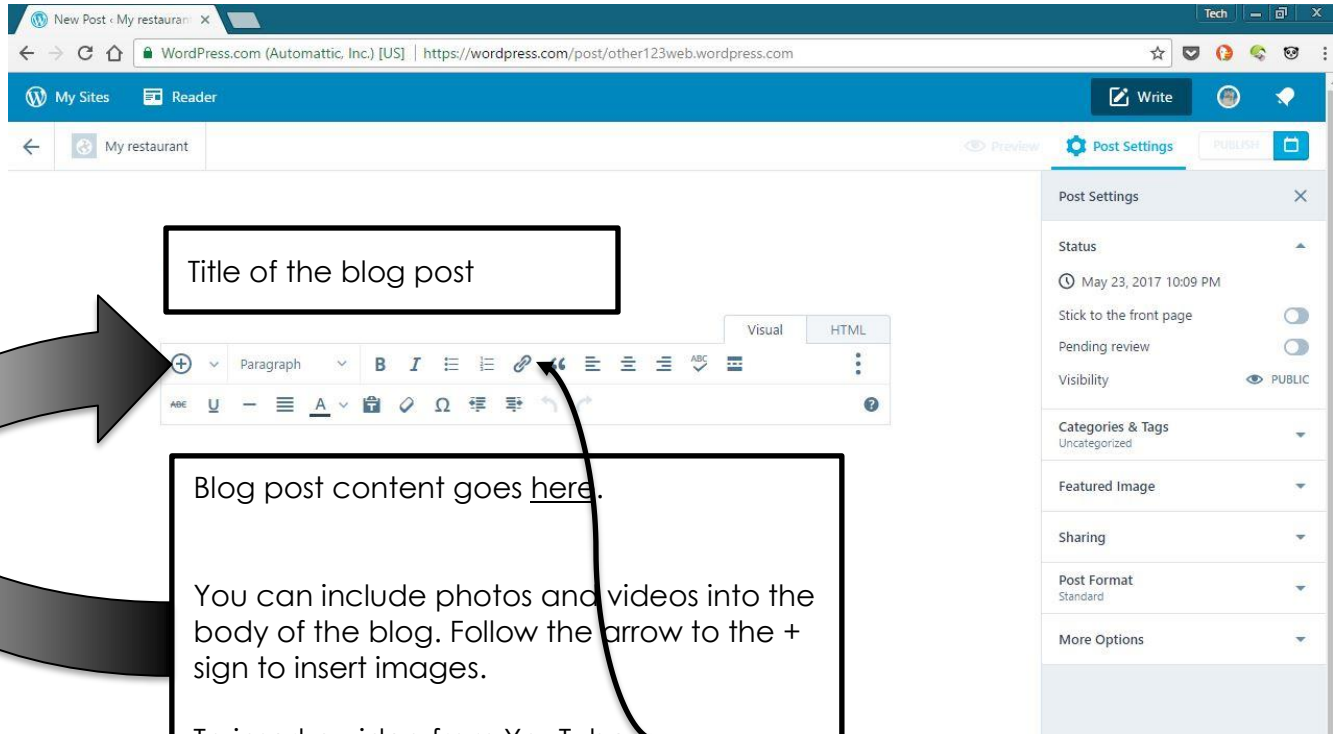
Things for my sidebar or footer (if the theme allows)

I can add a custom domain name

Other behind the scenes stuff

Behind the scenes extra (old style WordPress) dashboard access via: [yoursitename.wordpress.com/wp-admin](https://yoursitename.wordpress.com/wp-admin)

New blog post page:



## Ready to learn more?

### Online:

WordPress.com support:

<https://en.support.wordpress.com/>

Lynda.com (via library login): <https://skokielibrary.info/resources/online-training-tutorials/>

Search: "WordPress.com Essential Training"

Treehouse.com (via library login): <https://skokielibrary.info/resources/online-training-tutorials/>

Are you interested in the technical aspect of web development? Request access and check out "WordPress Development" section.

### Books:

WordPress Web design for dummies by Lisa Sabin-Wilson

WordPress in easy steps by Darryl Barlett