

## Writing Response

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## Using your own examples or examples drawn from the text, describe how the body adapts to circumstance. Use 1 example from the text and 1 of your own choosing.

If you suddenly lost your voice and you could not speak, how would you be able to adapt to this sudden change? Would you keep attempting to speak? Or would you try to use another method to speak, and not attempt to speak again? Attempting to speak would be hard. You lost your voice, so you can't talk, no matter how hard you try. It may come back to you later, but by then, it would be too late. You would've already adapted to using other methods of communication. Even if your voice has recovered, you won't know it as you won't be using it.

In the Memory Police, the narrator's novel has a girl that has lost her voice and relies on a typewriter to communicate with her boyfriend. If her power of speech returns, how will she know? She is trapped in her little typewriter life. She knows nothing about communication beyond her writing utensil. She has adapted, and in doing so, canceling all chance of having her voice return.

The body can adapt; That's a good thing. But sometimes, with that good thing, consequences follow. Your life can shrink to what you rely on. The big picture is missing. All that is left is that little part that has not yet been taken away.