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8 WORK FROM HOME SIDE HUSTLES YOU CAN START RIGHT NOW

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You don't always need to leave your home to get your side-hustle on. These 8 jobs have plenty of remote work options.

For a lot of people, having a full-time job isn't enough to cover the basic necessities. And even if you have the basics covered, you might not have a lot of wiggle room for an unexpected emergency, or a fun vacation.

This is why so many of us turn to side-hustles to boost our income. While many side-hustles can be done on your time, while working comfortably from home, some of them require you to be out and about, like driving for Uber, or delivering for Postmates, for example. But those side-hustles require gas money, and if you already leave home to work your 9-5, you might be looking for something a little more chill, that can let you knock out those hours from home.

This is why the type of side-hustle you do matters. We take a look at a few of them that can be done fully remote, with as many (or as few of) your hours as you have to spare. Take a look.

1. FREELANCE WRITER

Writing is one of the most flexible things you can do. Whether it's writing for online publications, local magazines, or even your college alumni magazine, writers are needed in many different industries, sectors, and outlets. (Even law firms and tech companies have a feed for writers!)

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There are so many types of writers, including copywriters, resume writers, curriculum writers, and content writers, that no matter your field of expertise, if you enjoy writing, you can probably find something that works for you. The salary will vary depending on the area of the country and your expertise.

2. SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

If you're already on most social platforms, and you enjoy writing and creating and keeping up with what's trending day-to-day, then it might be time for you to get paid to use your skills. You can help businesses start and maintain their presence on social media. You might also find agencies that hire people to run social media accounts for several different companies. Since all you need is internet access (and creative spirit) you can absolutely do this job from home.

3. TUTOR OR TEACHER

If you're a teacher with summers to spare, or if you've left full-time teaching, you might want to consider using your skills in other ways. For instance, you can be a private tutor online in a subject you've taught. This can be anything from English as a second language (ESL) or tutoring students in SAT or ACT test prep. Along those lines, you could become a test prep instructor. Teachers have such a versatile skill set. If you don't immediately see any opportunities on your own, check out an agency that might be able to pair you with work.

4. BOOKKEEPING OR ACCOUNTING

If you have a knack for numbers, put those skills to good use. You can help small business owners get their financials in order or even help people file taxes every season.

5. EXECUTIVE OR VIRTUAL ASSISTANT

Virtual Assistants tend to do the jobs that many people find themselves too busy to take on. Virtual Assistants tend to work for self-employed people who need a little extra help sending emails, organizing notes, conducting research, or setting up meetings. But really, tasks vary widely based on the person who needs an assistant. An executive assistant might handle these tasks as well. You can either find a position on your own, or go through an agency to be matched.

6. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

If you've ever had to call a company to fix something, inquire about your account, or literally anything else,, chances are you've talked to someone — and that person is likely working from home. Customer service reps don't always need to be in an office to work. And oftentimes, businesses want someone who can work off-hours without requiring them to come into a physical location. This is a good option if you want to do something outside of your 9-to-5 job, but don't want to leave your home.

7. PROJECT MANAGER

Your attention to detail and organization management will take you far as a freelance project manager. You'll plan and maintain a project based on budgets and schedules — which isn't always easy! That's why project managers are so important to have. Many different industries have project managers, so if you specialize in one area, try to find one that fits that specialization best.

8. GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Whether it's designing a website, mobile app, or flyer for a local business, designers are always in demand. Some work full-time for agencies or in-house for companies. Others are hired on a freelance or contract basis. If you do something in a different industry but love graphic design, you can start doing it as your side-hustle to build your portfolio.

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