

# Some answers for Henry Gee

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Henry was the first Nature Network blogger to answer a few questions about science blogging that we discussed in the Nature Network Bloggers forum. Some more posts can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

## **1. What is your blog about?**

I am interested in how the internet is changing the way we publish and communicate science. I write from the perspective of someone that consumes and sometimes produces science. Journal publishers, science librarians, patients and others will look at this topic from a different angle. This blog started as Publish or Perish 2.0, but I later changed the name to Gobbledygook. Mainly because I liked the word.

## **2. What will you never write about?**

Of course I don't know. But I hope that I will not have to write blog posts that are evaluated, measured and put on a resumé similar to scientific papers now.

## **3. Have you ever considered leaving science?**

As a medical doctor in a university hospital I spend part of the day treating patients. I very much like the combination, but sometimes it is very exhausting. And research, both basic and clinical research, can lead into many dead ends. I've been there more than once.

## **4. What would you do instead?**

Start a Web 2.0 company. Become a professional chef. Not really.

## **5. What do you think will science blogging be like in 5 years?**

I wrote down some of my thoughts on this in the post [Science blogging is the new email](#). Science blogging will be very common and at the same time very specialized. Some science bloggers will be able to make enough money to earn a living from it.

**6. What is the most extraordinary thing that happened to you because of blogging?**

Many, many things. Most importantly, meeting a lot of very interesting people both online and in real life.

**7. Did you write a blog post or comment you later regretted?**

Fortunately not too often. When I sounded patronizing.

**8. When did you first learn about science blogging?**

From an article in Cell by Laura Bonetta: Scientists enter the blogosphere.

**9. What do your colleagues at work say about your blogging?**

Most of them don't know about my science blogging. The rest doesn't really care. I hope that will change in 5 years (see #5).

**10. How the heck do you have time to blog and do research at the same time?**

Only because blogging means something else to me and doesn't really count as work. I don't blog during work hours. And I blog for fun and not money.

**11. Extra credit: are you able to write an entry to your blog that takes the form of a poem about your research?**

There once was a doctor from Hannover,  
it was cancer he tried to uncover.  
Doing a mouse model was all the hype,  
but instead of a phenotype,  
all he got was a hangover.