
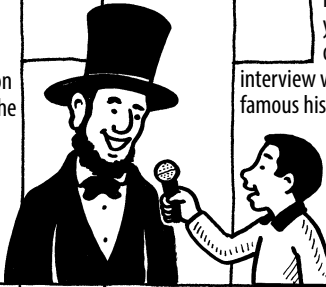

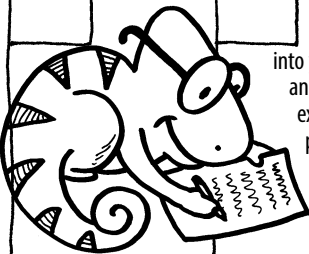






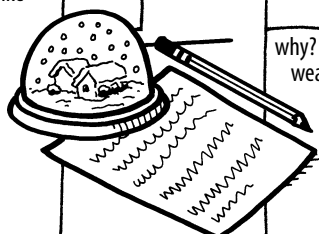
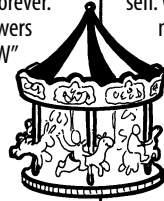
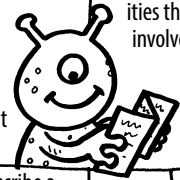
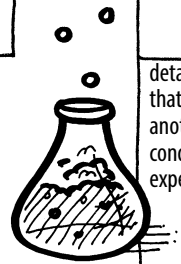
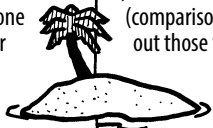


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Writing Prompt of the Day

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Imagine you're invisible. Write a story about a day in your life. Where would you go, and what would you do? How could you help people if you were invisible?	You meet a time traveler from the past. Write a letter to persuade him to buy (and use) a smartphone.	Write step-by-step instructions that a kindergartner could use to tie his shoes. Have someone test your instructions.	Would a kangaroo make a good pet? Write an argument for or against it. Be sure to include kangaroo facts.	Describe something you're an expert at. Tell another person how she could become an expert, too.
Rewrite a story from a different character's point of view. For instance, retell <i>Peter Pan</i> (J. M. Barrie) with Captain Hook narrating the story.	Fill in the blank: My favorite thing to do on vacation is _____. Then, explain the reasons behind your choice.		Imagine you've conducted an interview with a famous historical figure. Write a news article about the person.	Write a letter introducing yourself to a new teacher. What should he know about you?	Onomatopoeia is when a word sounds like its own name (<i>buzz, pop</i>). Write a graphic novel-style story, and work in 10 examples.	Write the alphabet down the left side of a sheet of paper. Create a poem in which each line begins with a different letter.
Pick two very different characters from your favorite book. Imagine that they're having a conversation, and write dialogue for them.	Write an adventure story about travelers lost in space. What problems do they encounter, and how do they solve them?	What's a chore that you do regularly? Write a "help wanted" advertisement for it. What information should your ad contain?	Select an interesting photo from a book, magazine, or family album. Now make up a story about it, with a beginning, a middle, and an end.	Describe your favorite meal. Choose specific words so that someone who has never tried it gets an idea of how it looks, smells, and tastes.	Think of a person who was kind to you or helped you with a problem recently. Write a thank you note to that person.	Choose an important lesson you learned when you were younger, and write a "how to" story about it. <i>Example:</i> "How to Make a Friend."
$3 \times 4 = 12$ 	Make up a math story problem based on a fairy tale. <i>Example:</i> "Three bears lived in a cottage. If each bear invited four friends to a party, how many guests would there be?"	Pretend you are starting your own business. Write the script for a commercial that will convince customers to buy your goods or services.	Use a board game to inspire a story. Maybe Colonel Mustard will solve a mystery in Clue, or perhaps your class will take a field trip to Candy Land.	Invent a holiday to celebrate today. What will you name your holiday? How will you celebrate? Write all about it!	Uh-oh, there's a word shortage. You get only 10 words to describe yourself, so choose carefully. Which words will you pick?	Write about a difficult choice you have made. What were your options, and how did you decide what to do?
	Imagine that you have been turned into your favorite animal. List and explain the pros and cons of your new life.	Name a cause that you care about like animal rights or the environment. Design a flyer filled with information that will persuade others to help, too.	Write a "Did you know?" booklet that includes fascinating facts about your favorite sport, hobby, or place.	Think about your most valued possession. Use vivid adjectives to help a reader "see" your treasure as she reads about it.		

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		Write a haiku about your favorite sound. A haiku is a poem with three lines. The first and last lines each have five syllables, and the middle line has seven.	Come up with a story idea that would make a good movie. Write a summary of it—and an argument for why a movie studio should film it.	Exchange writing prompts with a friend. Each of you thinks of three prompts for the other. Swap and write!	Craft a story from a pet's point of view. What does the pet think about? What does it do when no one is home?	
Should robots have rights like people do? Write an argument defending your answer.	Make a card for a friend. Draw a picture of him, or glue a photo onto the card. Include a caption for the picture. 	Think of an idiom like "when pigs fly" or "bite off more than you can chew." Write a story that explains where the saying came from. 		What season do you like best, and why? Describe the weather and your favorite activities of that season.	Write about a job you would like to have when you grow up. What would your typical workday be like?	Explore alliteration! See how many times you can use the same beginning sound in a single sentence. <i>Example:</i> "She shopped for shiny shoes."
Interview someone in your family about the most interesting thing they've ever done. Write and illustrate a picture book about it, and share it with the person.	Make up a poem titled "If My Day Were a Rainbow." Use a different color word in each line.	Write about an event you want to remember forever. Include answers to the "five W" questions (who, what, when, where, and why). 	Invent a secret identity for yourself. What would your name be, and what superpower would you have?	Create a travel brochure for an alien from another planet visiting Earth. What places are "must see"? What does he need to know about humans? 	On separate index cards, write instructions for different boredom-busting activities that don't involve screen time.	Write a nice description of a family member that doesn't include the person's name. Can your family guess who you described?
Use hyperbole (extreme exaggeration) to finish this sentence: "The fish was so big that _____."		Do a science experiment. Write detailed instructions that would allow another scientist to conduct the same experiment.	If you were traveling to a deserted island, what three things would you pack? Write about what makes each one important for your trip. 	Describe a stuffed animal using at least two similes (comparisons that use <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>) and two metaphors (comparisons without those words).	Close your eyes, and put your finger on a spot on a map or globe. Now open your eyes, and write a story with that location as the setting. 	Write a menu for your dream restaurant. Be sure to include mouth-watering descriptions of the appetizers, entrees, sides, and desserts.
What do you think is the hardest part of being a grown-up? How does it compare to the hardest part of being a kid? Explain both sides.	Invent a new card game. Make up a fun name for it, and write the rules for playing it.	Write a play or skit based on your favorite book, movie, or TV show. 	You discover a secret door. Write about what you find on the other side.	Pretend you are running for a seat on the student council. Write a persuasive speech about a change you'd like to make at school.	