

Writing Prompts

Narrative:

Personal-

- Write about your first day in ____ grade.
- Write about a time when you were really happy.
- Write about a time when you were really sad.
- Write about a time when you were really excited.
- Write about the best day you ever spent with your family.
- Write about a time you slept over at someone's house.

Fictional-

- Write a story about a pet that gets rescued.
- Write a story about a boy or girl who goes on an adventure.
- Write a story about a boy or girl who gets locked in the zoo overnight.
- Write a story about a boy or girl who gets locked in a store overnight.
- Write a story about a boy or girl who gets to be the principal of his/her school for the day.
- Write a story about a boy or girl who gets to be the President of the United States for the day.

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Expository/Informational:

- Write about your favorite animal. Tell why it is your favorite animal.
- Think about your favorite game. Write a paragraph explaining why it is your favorite game to play.
- Imagine you have a new student in your class. Write a paragraph telling him/her what he/she needs to know to be successful in your class.
- Imagine you could go anywhere in the world. Write about where you would like to go and why you want to go there.
- Think of your favorite job at home or in the classroom. Write about why it is your favorite job.
- Explain why it is important to learn how to read.
- Think about an invention that you use a lot. Explain why this invention has been helpful in your life.
- Think about your five senses (sight, smell, taste, touch, hearing). Choose the one that you think would be the most difficult to live without and explain why.
- Think about careers/jobs that you might want to pursue in the future. Choose one and explain why you would want to peruse it, and what preparation you will need in order to work in that field.
- Think about music. Write to explain the importance of music in your life.

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Expository/Descriptive:

Imaginative Descriptive-

- Describe your favorite food.
- Describe your least favorite food.
- Describe your pet.
- Describe your favorite place
- Describe a garden.

Factual Descriptive-

- Describe yourself.
- Describe your favorite movie character.
- Describe a family member.
- Describe your best friend.
- Describe your favorite teacher.
- Your friend wants to build a snowman but has never done it before. Write directions for him/her that tell how to build a snowman.
- Think of something you just learned to do. Explain how to do it.
- Think of your favorite sandwich. Explain how to make it.
- Imagine you could "invent" the perfect brother or sister. Describe what he/she would be like.
- Imagine you could design your perfect room. Describe it.

Narrative Descriptive-

- Write about a time you were in a snowstorm.
- Write about a time you were in a thunderstorm.
- Write about the time when you lost your first tooth.

Realistic Descriptive-

- Write about the first time you rode a bike.
- Write about the first time you walked into school.
- Write about the time you met your best friend.

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Persuasive-

- Persuade your parents to let you get a pet.
- Persuade your teacher not to give you homework.
- Persuade your brother or sister to let you borrow something.
- Persuade your brother or sister to do your chores.
- Persuade your parents to let you stay up late.
- Persuade your classmates to clean up litter on the playground.
- Persuade your teacher to let you sit by your friends in class.
- Persuade your principal to let you have cell phones in school.
- Persuade your friend to learn another language.
- Persuade your friends to eat healthy foods.

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Friendly/Informal Letter-

- Write a thank you note to a friend who has done something nice for you.
- Think of something nice that your mother or father did for you. Write a letter of thanks to her/him.
- Your cousin is moving to your town. Write a letter telling him/her about your favorite things in your town.
- Ask someone to be your pen pal. Write letters back and forth with them.
- Write a letter to a friend telling him/her all about your vacation.
- Write a letter to a friend who goes to another school and tell him/her about your school.

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Business/Formal Letter-

- Write a letter to the Chamber of Commerce of a city or town that you would like to visit requesting information.
- Write a letter to a company to tell them how much you like one of their products.
- Write a letter to the President of the United States about an issue that is very important to you.
- Write a letter to the Editor of the Morning Call about an issue in your community that you feel strongly about.
- Write a letter to your favorite author telling him/her how much you enjoy his/her writing.
- Write a letter to your favorite celebrity telling him/her how much you enjoy his/her work.