6 WEEKS OF WRITING PROMPTS

- VOLUME 2 -

60 prompts

Creative writing, poetry, and journaling prompts Includes fantasy, horror, science fiction prompts, teaches poetry forms, and provides introspective journaling prompts

Promotes empathy and self-awareness in children Perfect for ages 5-12

A NOTE FROM RACHEL



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Dear young writers,

These prompts are meant to be fun ways to get your creativity flowing. No one is grading your poem or story, so **just have fun** writing.

Writing every day is great practice for developing your communication skills—not just your writing abilities, but your ability to speak clearly and have conversations with others.

Creative writing challenges your brain and exercises your creativity, poetry often gives you a new understanding of the world, and journaling can help you work through your thoughts and feelings.

I hope these prompts help you fall in love with writing and that your habit of daily writing will last a lifetime.

To those guiding young writers through prompts:

These prompts are intended to be fun exercises to get kids interested and invested in writing. It's okay if they don't strictly follow the poetry form rules, or if they don't have a beginning, a middle, and an end to their stories; it's best to refrain from making value judgments on their writing and simply let them create.

While young writers do often need encouragement to consider elaboration and revision, those are skills they will gain as they improve in their writing practice. You'll likely see some organic improvement throughout the course of these guides as kids get into the habit of daily writing.

I hope these prompts give you a springboard for encouraging kids to develop a daily habit of writing what's in their minds and hearts to write.



WEEK 1

WEEK 1 - CHOOSE ANY 7 PROMPTS

Creative writing

Prompt 1

Write a twisted fairy tale. Choose one of your favorites or one you recently read, and make the princess a ghost or the stepmother a step monster or the prince a terrifying being from another world. Now write a story about what happens to these characters—the problems they have, the adventures they go on, or the interactions they have with the other fairy tale characters.

Prompt 2

Rewrite your favorite fairy tale, or one you recently read. Change the story to become something completely different—change the ending or the characters or one or all of the events that happen.

Prompt 3

Two characters meet on the set of a famous baking show. One thinks pies are the best. The other thinks cakes are the best. They both challenge one another to make whatever the other thinks is best (the one who thinks pies are best challenges the other to make a pie; the one who thinks cakes are best challenges the other to make a cake). Write a story about what happens on the set of the show, how they fail or succeed in their baking, and who wins the competition.

Poetry

Prompt 4

Write a question poem (a poem composed entirely of questions) about all the things you're wondering about today.

Prompt 5

Write a poem about going to the dentist.

Prompt 6

Write a poem about all the things that make you cry.

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Journaling

Prompt 7

Finish the sentence, "I have a dream that ____." Write about all the things you'd like to see happen in your lifetime—with the world, with your current and future family and friends, and with yourself.

Prompt 8

Write one page in which you try to convince your parents to give you something or let you do something you really want to have or do. Outline all the reasons you want whatever this is, and make sure you include how your life will be better after getting what you're asking for or how it might benefit you in the future.

Prompt 9

Write a page about something you have learned from someone in your family and how it helped you become who you are now.

Prompt 10

Write a fake news article about something that happened in your neighborhood today. Use your imagination, and make it as outrageous as you possibly can.