

Some more ideas to get you writing:

Things that you could write:

- Write a poem
- Write a story
- Write a letter to someone you admire
- Write an autobiography about your life
- Write about the world from something or someone else's perspective.
- Write a diary for some-one to read in the future.
- Become a film critic- Watch a film and write a review
- Write a recipe for something.... Happiness? Love? Change?

Tips for writing a poem:

You can use this activity to warm up your brain!

Choose List 1, 2, 3 or 4. Write a **poem** that uses as many words from that list as possible or you can make up your own list of words and use them.

List 1: *brick, alley, broom, kittens, nervous, window, slam*

List 2: *red, swing, squeak, envelope, gust, photo, exhilarating*

List 3: *forest, jeep, gate, key, blue, rickety, wild*

List 4: *Sunshine, spring, breeze, yellow, life, flowers*

Ideas for writing a short story

Using at least 10 words from each list below, **describe a scene or situation**. Try to capture emotions along with sensory details of sound, smell, and touch. You can also come up with your own list of random words to use.

- **Nouns:** *boat, swamp, boots, light, hole, splash, eel, night, shore, boy, dock, wire, stick, rope, reeds, noise, dog, pail, flower, sunshine,*
- **Verbs:** *fall, drop, steer, slosh, seize, hope, reach, grasp, turn, hide, glide, howl, shake, chase, yell, laugh, lurch, leak.*

Ideas for writing a letter to some you admire

- This could be someone you know, like a family member, friend, teacher, social or support worker or someone famous.
- What do you admire about them?
- How have they influenced or changed your life?
- How do they make you feel?

- What questions would you love to ask them?
- What things do you want to say thank you for?

Write an autobiography about your life-

An autobiography is a story about your own life. Here are a few ideas to get you thinking-

- Think about your past, present and future.
- Write about your name- what is its mean? Do you like it or not, why?
- What are the milestones in your life? Important events or times in your life.
- What have been your achievements?
- What have been the ups and downs? The good moments and the bad moments.
- What have been funny moments, sad moments, proud moments?
- What were your childhood dreams and goals?
- What people have been important to you, who do you admire?
- What is your neighborhood or area that you live like?
- Think about a significant day in your life and write about that.

Write about the world from something or someone else's perspective.

Describe a place from an **unusual point of view** or vantage point, such as:

- Your bedroom or den from your pets viewpoint
- A winding mountain road from a car's point of view
- Your neighbourhood from a birds view point
- Your backyard from your dog's perspective
- A grocery store from the point of view of a loaf of bread
- Your refrigerator from the viewpoint of a wrinkled old apple
- A day in the life of your mobile phone
- A day in the life of your favourite pet
- Or, come up with your own idea!

Write a diary for someone to read in the future.

Here are a few ideas to get you thinking-

- Think about who you are writing it too...Dear Diary, Dear Future, Dear friend...

- You could write it to yourself as you were a year ago.....Dear past me... and tell yourself all the things you has wished you had known.
- Use a date for each day you do.
- Write in the first person and use I did, I felt, I wanted...
- Where did you go, what did you do
- What did others do
- What happened
- How did you feel- You can use embodies and doodles to help show your feelings
- What would you do differently?
- What actions will you take in the future?
- What are your hopes for the future?
- Sign each diary entry off for example- Say goodbye or good night, or with love from and your name.

Become a film critic- Watch a film and write a review

Ideas for writing a film review-

- Start with the title
- What type of film is it? -rom com, horror, thriller, comedy
- Explain the story, but don't give away the ending
- What is your opinion and why do you think this way?
- What were the best/worst bits?
- Describe the characters – who was your favorite/least favorite and why?
- Would you recommend it to others?
- How would you rate it out of 1-10?

Here are some other writing prompts and starters to give you some inspiration

- Write a month-long diary from the perspective of another person, character, animal, etc.
- Re-write the ending of a historical event. For example, what if Columbus had never sailed the ocean or what if he had landed where he intended?
- If you were going to write a book, what would the main character be like?
- What do you think should be invented and why?
- List one major world problem and how you think we should solve it.
- Do you think that there is or ever was life on another planet?
- Do you think that we can ever sustain life on International Space Stations? Why or why not?

- What would happen if it suddenly started raining spaghetti and meatballs?
- Is it important that a President not lie? Why or why not?
- What is the most important issue facing your age group today? How should they deal with it?
- Declare your undying love for your favourite food in the form of a love letter.
- Write a break-up letter to an item of clothing that no longer fits.
- The expression, 'You are what you eat...', turns out to be true. What have you turned into? Write about your day as your new food item.
- You have the opportunity to receive one superpower. What is it and what do you do with it?
- Your carers suddenly become kids. What rules do you insist they have?
- Find the last photo on your cell phone. Caption it and explain the story behind the photo. You can write anything you want, as long as it's not true.

Some useful websites-

- Creative writing prompts - <https://selfpublishinghub.com/ya-writing-prompts/>
- Creative writing prompts - <https://thejohnfox.com/2016/06/creative-writing-prompts-young-adult-ya/>

We can't wait to see what you've written!

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Don't forget to tell us how old you are and your name and how we can get in touch with you,

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