



Writing Prompt Creation

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Writing Prompts in a Box

The Box

1. Cover the box with paper (leaving the hole open).
2. Put your name in large letters on a strip of brightly colored construction paper at the top of the box.
3. Decorate your box.
4. When you finish decorating your box begin to work on filling it full of writing prompts.



Writing Prompt Exercises

- Find or make interesting pictures, advertisements, phrases or words in magazines, newspapers, postcards, etc... (These items should be thought provoking).
 - Provide one prompt for each of your fellow classmates.
- Once a week add 5 writing prompts to the community writing prompt bowl.
 - Take two prompts from the community bowl (no peeking) and put in your box.
- Write for 5 minutes anything you can think to write. Don't worry about what it is. Just allow the words to flow.
 - Copy any snippets onto slips of paper and place in your box.

*****Cut the prompts into strips, fold them and fill your box.**

Sentence Starters

1. Over winter vacation I
2. The first thing I want to do after I turn 18 years old is
3. Junior high school
4. My best friend became my friend when they
5. I don't like it when
6. I am afraid of
7. My favorite thing to do is
8. The sport that I am best at
9. A funny thing happened at the lake.
10. I planted a garden, but it was not like any garden you have ever heard described.
11. My hamster escaped from its cage. I bet you will never guess what happened.
12. He tripped over his own tail and
13. The worm refused to burrow into the apple and
14. The trick to getting a child to eat his vegetables is
15. The squirrel scampered down the tree limb to escape the
16. She yawned wide and a fly flew into her mouth
17. The snake rattled its tail in fear of
18. Andrew tripped over the log, fell on his face into
19. Abby pulled Elizabeth's braid when she
20. A tiny sip turned the boy into a
21. The frog jumped across the finish line and
22. Tyler skated across the frozen pond and

Phrases to Start the Ball Rolling

24. Six toes on a green foot
25. Smiling face with a tear running down it
26. A flower that blooms once before it dies
27. Each hiccup causes someone to blow bubbles
28. A legless dog
29. Disagreement between siblings
30. An itch you can't scratch.
31. Angry ant
32. A rabbit that can't hop
33. The King's favorite throne
34. A cloudless sky raining
35. An old man allergic to children
36. Short necked giraffe
37. Snowball fight
38. Runaway horse
39. Picky eater pig
40. A black and white rainbow
41. Chocolate covered ants
42. A zebra with rainbow stripes
43. Hot dog eating contest
44. Roller coaster
45. Animals escape from cages
46. Surfing noodle
47. A circus flea
48. Dog driving a race car
49. Sun shining in the rain
50. Dancing horse

The Business of the Box . . . Writing

1. Reach into your writing prompt box.
2. Take 3 from the box.
3. Write each prompt on a piece of paper.
4. Select the prompt you will use and begin your story or essay.
5. If a prompt sends your mind romping down a different road follow it.
6. Place the unused prompts back into the box for another time.