Writing Prompts: Fiction





Fiction

- What would happen if your pet suddenly started talking? What would you ask them about? What kind of voice would they have?
- A spacecraft has landed in your garden. A landing platform extends itself towards you. What do you do next?



Poetry

- Picture your favourite place. What are the smells, sounds, colours? Choose a rhyme scheme, then write a poem about it.
- Write a limerick about your favourite book character. Remember, lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme with each other and lines 2 and 3 rhyme with each other!



Playscript

- You and your friends accidentally end up locked inside your school overnight.
 What is your top priority?
- Whilst on their way to a field trip, a bus becomes stuck in traffic for several hours. What do the passengers get up to?



Classic Novels

- Write a diary entry as a Roald Dahl character (e.g. Matilda, the BFG, Charlie Bucket) during a key moment in their story.
- You suddenly wake up in Alice's Wonderland or in the land of Oz. What do you do first? Who would you befriend?



Myths and Legends

- Think about the famous fable of 'The Tortoise and the Hare'. Choose two animal characters, then try to think of a lesson (a moral) that they could learn from one other.
- Investigate creation myths from around the world (i.e. stories about how the world came to be). Can you write your own?

Writing Prompts: Nonfiction



Journalistic Writing

- Choose your favourite film, then write about one key event from the film in a newspaper article. What would the headline be? Where does the event take place? Who would you interview?
- Write a newspaper article about an achievement of yourself or someone that you know. What are the crucial details?



Biographical Writing

- Create a biography for Alexa Dreams, a famous (fictional) popstar. Include information about their childhood, awards and achievements and maybe a song lyric or two!
- Write an autobiography as a famous explorer. Include information about how you became an explorer, your main discoveries and your lasting impact. Remember, this needs to be chronological!



Persuasive Writing

- Developers want to build houses on your school playing field. Create a poster explaining why they shouldn't. Make sure to include a slogan and plenty of persuasive devices.
- You believe that your school day should be an hour shorter. Write a letter to your teachers explaining why and what you would do with your extra time.



Instructions

- Create instructions for how to care for a boghog (or another made up animal of your choosing). This needs to be step-by-step and include an equipment list!
- Write a set of instructions about how to get from your house to a destination of your choice. Don't forget to include details of important landmarks.



Information Texts

- Think about your favourite hobby. Create a piece of text detailing key information about it. How does it work? Are there any famous people who do it?
- What is your favourite animal? Create a museum-worthy poster that describes how they look, what they sound like, where they live and what they like to do.