



Welcome!

Hi!

**I'm Kara, a former teacher, a writer, and a creator.
I hope you love these writing prompts!**

Who are these prompts for?

As you read through them, you will discover that the prompts depend on your child.

Your child will need to know how to write.

They will also need to be able to have the imagination to connect an idea, the prompt, to how they experience the idea or what they feel about it.

My guess, is starting around age 9 and many of these prompts are good through 15.

What are writing prompts for?

The quick answer: to help your child gain confidence and skill in writing.

If you use writing prompts in conjunction with quick writes, children are not intimidated to write.

They get used to writing regularly, for very short periods of time.

And they do not face a blank sheet of paper and wonder what in the world they are supposed to write...this is why you give them a prompt!

Do I have to use the writing prompts in order?

I make up writing prompts quarterly.

I usually come up with 50.

That means if you did a quick write with a writing prompt 3X a week, you would only use approximately 36 of the suggestions I give you.

Bounce around from category to category.

Choose prompts that your child will enjoy writing about or think about and then have something to say.

Where do I get my ideas?

Random holidays!

And then I run the idea spinning in my head through an AI program.

Sometimes I like the spin the AI gives and I tweak it to make it my own, sometimes it is just plain awful and I keep working to bring you something fun, thought provoking and unique.



50 Fall or Autumn Writing Prompts

Seasonal:

1. Imagine you are the designer for a corn maze. Draw the design for it. Do you have clues in the maze itself? What are your objectives?
2. Create a legend about how and why leaves change colors in the Fall.

Holidays:

Halloween:

3. If you could become one of the following supernatural creatures for 48 hours, which one would you be and what would your life look like? Werewolf, Vampire, Witch, or Ghost
4. How would you prepare for the Zombie Apocalypse?
5. Create a floor plan drawing and the attractions of the most amazing haunted house ever!

Thanksgiving:

6. What does your family Thanksgiving look like from the perspective of a family pet?
7. Identify your pet and talk about the holiday through its eyes. We often hear of the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims and the Natives from the Pilgrims perspective. Tell it from the Natives' perspective-what did they think of the newcomers?
8. What is your favorite Thanksgiving food? Do you only get to eat it at the holiday? What makes it special?

Christmas:

9. You recently discovered that there is a university for elves to learn to be Santa's workshop elves. Talk about the training they go through and how they are eventually chosen for this special job.
10. If you could write a letter to Santa for your mom or dad, not for yourself, what would you write?
11. Santa is getting old and tired, he needs to retire. What is his retirement plan? Who will he train to take his place?
12. Plan a neighborhood Gingerbread House competition. What will the houses be judge on? What do some of the entries look like?

New Year's Eve:

13. If you could go into the past to one day, which day would it be and what would you tell your self or what you do to make a change?

14. It is the last day of the entire year, what is your happiest memory from this year?

Events

15. Clean up the world weekend:

Worldwide, we have more trash than we recycle or get rid of effectively.

Create a committee of world leaders and write about their solutions to this problem.

16. Friday the 13th: Is this a lucky or unlucky day? Write a story about a character who believes completely in one way or the other.

17. Columbus Day: Write a debate between two friends who respectfully express their differing opinions about Columbus Day.

18. Election Day:

Sometimes it is hard to get adults to vote during elections.

What would life be like if children could vote? What would they want to vote for?

Would children vote regularly?

19. NASCAR:

You are a mechanic for a famous racer in NASCAR.

What is your racer like? What is it like on game day?

Talk about your day and responsibilities.

People:

20. Write a journal entry about Noah questioning one of God's choices for the animal pairs.

21. The house next door to you goes up for sale.

You get to determine the next people to move in.

What are your qualifications for you new neighbors?

22. Pig Pen in the "Peanuts" cartoon always has a cloud of filth around him.

After you were in an accident where you were knocked in the head, you start seeking clouds around certain people. You realize these clouds are signs of despair and sadness.

Is this a gift or a curse? What do you do?

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People Cont.

23. Who is your favorite famous person?

What makes this person/character so great?

What do you want them to teach you? What can you teach them?

24. You have a “Yes Friend.”

This friend will support you, go with you, and try anything with you; you never have to be alone.

You are that friend’s “Yes Friend” as well. What is this like?

Do you trust each other to not you into trouble?

What have you each tried that you would not have otherwise?

25. You are a child detective.

You did not mean to start solving all of the neighborhood’s mysteries; it just happened.

Describe how you got started doing this and some of your cases and how you solved them.

Animals:

26. Create a legend around why penguins cannot fly.

27. You and your friends discover a baby Raptor and nurse it to health and take care of it, secretly. It grows up and gets a lot bigger! What do you do?

28. Write about the threats to a rainforest-whether natural or manmade.

Now create a team of animals that band together to save their rainforest home.

Who are they, their animal and their names, what do they do?

29. Imagine you are a dog (or a cat).

What is your name, family like, do you like your life?

Go through a day in your life.

30. Imagine that animals now are able to be understood and can talk.

We have reached point in politics where many people feel that an animal may be the best option for president.

What kind of animal do you feel embodies the aspects a president should have?

Explain your animal choice.

31. Squid have teamed up to create a media campaign to not eat calamari.

Who are they advertising to (who is eating the calamari-people, other sea animals)?

What will they encourage to be eaten instead?

Create ads that show their efforts.

50 Fall or Autumn Writing Prompts Cont.

Animals Cont.

32. Bears typically hibernate for five months a year, every year.

What would happen to our country, economically, if we, as a human race, all hibernated for the same five months? Do you think this would be a good thing at this time in our lives or a catastrophic one?

Random:

33. Good manners:

Think of something you are supposed to do that is polite.

Then say why you think this is silly,

Or, in reverse, why is something bad manners that you think is really not impolite?

34. How are people identified and put into groups today?

Now change that.

Have everyone identified by hat.

What will different hats look like to identify different kinds of people?

What will the groups be?

35. Have you heard of a tough mudder?

It is a type of challenge and obstacle course-but you get really dirty!

Talk about our family becoming a team in a tough mudder competition.

36. Write an interview with someone (or something or some animal) who was there to know, which actually came first, the chicken or the egg. (First Person Account)

Tell that story.

37. Create a comic strip that educates young readers about the process of honey production: from nectar collection to honey extraction.

38. You have a passport that allows you to travel anywhere, to any country.

It states you are a citizen when you get there and you speak the language, like a native.

There is only one condition....(what do you have to do for all of these amazing gifts?)

39. Choose a wild animal, whether it is land, sea, or air.

You were raised by this animal.

What are your values?

What is your life like?

40. You wake up on Monday morning to discover it is "Messed-Up Monday."

Everything you know is out of place, abnormal, or completely different in ways that completely delight you.

Describe your "Messed-Up Monday."



50 Fall or Autumn Writing Prompts Cont.

Random Cont.:

41. Can you be respected, but not liked?

Can you be liked, but not respected?

Would you rather be liked or respected?

42. If you could tell a lie, that everyone would believe, and that you would never get caught for, what would it be? Why this lie in particular?

43. Create a community that has achieved complete traditional energy independence through solar energy usage.

What does this community's life look like?

Their jobs, their social life, their cars, the way they do housework, etc.

45. Write an autobiography about a star, in the sky, that feels insignificant because the other stars shine so much more brightly than it does.

46. If you were to create a cookbook of the most important recipes and dishes for your family to cook, which ones would it include? Who would this cookbook be given to?

47. Exercise on wheels-cast your opinion.

Roller skating, roller blading, skateboarding, or scooters, which one is better and why?

48. What is your favorite myth, legend, or fairy tale?

Put yourself in it as one of the characters and retell the story.

49. You are the judge in a cake decorating contest.

Describe the different kinds of cakes, the people who entered them, and how you decide upon the winner.

50. Guardian Angels-do you believe in them?

Talk about them.

If you want to be more creative than introspective, create a school where Guardian Angels are taught how to do "what they do."

What is that? And how are they trained?

I do these quarterly-which prompt or prompt type did your child love the most?

Did you and your child enjoy these prompts?

I create these quarterly and am always trying to improve and make even more captivating prompts!

Wishing you exciting writing-

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