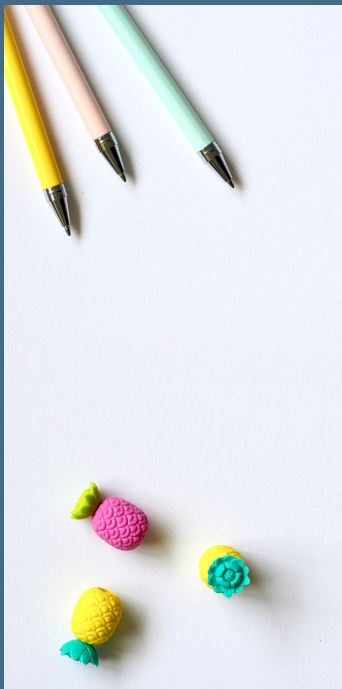




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A N I M A L S

Write a separate story about each of these animals:

1. Woolly Mammoth
2. Sloth
3. Llama
4. Megalodon
5. Wolf
6. Turtle
7. Koala
8. Cheetah
9. Labrador
10. Lemur

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T H E O C E A N

Use these ocean-based items as different story prompts:

1. Dolphin
2. Electric Eel
3. Lantern Fish
4. The Lost City of Atlantis
5. Pirate Ship
6. The Bermuda Triangle
7. Tsunami!
8. Blue whale
9. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch
10. Surfing



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FANTASY CREATURES

Imagine that you had these creatures as pets. Give them names and write a story about an adventure that you go on with each creature.

1. Unicorn
2. Dragon
3. Phoenix
4. Fairy
5. Griffin
6. Minotaur
7. Mermaid
8. Pegasus
9. Alien
10. Werewolf

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S C A R Y

Use these prompts to create different scary stories:

1. Your character has been dared to go into the haunted house overlooking the town where they live.
2. You find an abandoned castle in the middle of the jungle. What happens when you go in?
3. A pack of werewolves are howling at the moon.
4. You're all alone in the house and the lights go out...
5. You wake from a nightmare about a monster, only to find that the monster is now in your room!
6. Your character is lost in the forest and scary sounds surround them. How will they make it out alive?
7. Loud screams are coming from your basement. Your sister asks you to go and check it out. What do you find?
8. You're walking home from school one day. You hear footsteps and the sound of clanking chains behind you.
9. Zombies attack! How will planet Earth survive?
10. A ghost called 'Betty' is found crying on the steps of her local school. What's her story? Is she a good ghost or a bad ghost?

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F U N N Y

Make up a different funny story about each of the items on this list. Make your stories as silly and as exaggerated as you can.

1. The biggest burp that anyone has ever done.
2. A cat wearing a tuxedo.
3. Birds flying upside down.
4. A naughty camel named Horatio.
5. A tree called Gummy that walks and talks.
6. An orange monster called Boo who's lost his teddy.
7. A Minecraft llama that escapes into the real world.
8. The world's worst soccer player.
9. A farting superhero called Stink Man who has super powerful fart bombs as his special power.
10. A slime making experiment that goes horribly (and ridiculously) wrong.



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C H A R A C T E R

For each character below, start writing a story focused solely on describing that character. Include details such as what they look like, where they live, what their favourite things are, and what makes them happy or sad. Once you have a paragraph or two written down, move on to creating a complication and a resolution for the story.

1. An old wizard who has forgotten where he put his wand.
2. A 12 year old BMX bike riding champion.
3. A lost lion cub.
4. A 2000 year old goblin.
5. A mountain climber named Max.
6. A polar bear.
7. A basketball player name Riley.
8. A famous knight named Sir Itchyfoot.
9. A purple-haired granny who loves dancing, driving fast cars, and eating marshmallows.
10. A YouTuber called KO.

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SETTING THE SCENE

One great way to start a story is by describing the setting. Try starting different stories with each setting prompt below, focusing solely on describing that setting. Remember to use sensory writing and include details of what can be seen, felt, heard, smelt, or tasted in the scene/setting. Once you have a paragraph or two that 'sets the scene', introduce your character and their problem.

1. The Sahara Desert.
2. A distant planet called Absorbia.
3. An underwater world.
4. A school playground.
5. Your local park or football oval.
6. A dense jungle.
7. Paris, France.
8. Your house.
9. A deserted island paradise.
10. A billionaire's mansion.

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O P E N I N G L I N E S

Use these opening lines to start you off on different stories. The rest is up to you!

1. 'Help!' Alex cried. 'I'm stuck inside a ...'
2. I looked up and saw ...
3. The first time Finn ever went swimming was when ...
4. Scarlet didn't like ice cream because it reminded her of ...
5. Once there was a boy called ...
6. Boomer was the type of dog that always ...
7. Hi, I'm J.T. and I'm a ...
8. 'Don't come any closer!' Miller shouted. 'This dinosaur is about to ...
9. I looked at the footprints leading into the garage and knew straight away that ...
10. All Jed wanted for his birthday was a ...

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FAMILY & FRIENDS

Write a story prompt at the top of a new page. After the ellipsis, keep writing whatever comes into your head. For these exercises, you might like to give yourself a time limit to write your story, say 20 or 30 minutes. On your marks, get set, go!

1. Gulliver always fought with his brother. He never meant to, it was just that Rex was ...
2. All I ever wanted was a friend. A friend like Eva who ...
3. Every Sunday, my mum makes the absolute best ...
4. Pixie and Rose were sisters. They did everything together, even ...
5. George sat up and looked around. Where is everyone? he wondered. Where's Mum? Where's Dad? I hope they ...
6. Milo loved the circus. He went every year with his dad and little sister ...
7. 'Camping? Not again,' Lucas groaned. 'Can't we go to Aunt Sally's instead? She always has ...
8. Oliver watched as his Grandpa ...
9. Why doesn't anyone listen to me? Casey thought. Can't they see that ..
10. Kevin stared at his friend, Billy. What is that on his head? he wondered. Surely it's not ...

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K O O K Y C O M B I N A T I O N S

Often the best stories are the ones that surprise us because they include a combination of unusual items we wouldn't expect to see together. Write a separate story for each 'kooky combination' below.

1. A guinea pig and a giraffe.
2. A fish wearing sneakers.
3. A girl carrying a piano. While eating sushi with chopsticks.
4. Two llamas wearing pink pyjamas.
5. A tree sitting upside down on top of a car.
6. An alien walking his pet sabre-tooth tiger.
7. Two cupcakes tap dancing with a rhinoceros (who is wearing a pink tutu).
8. A granny wrestling a tiger shark. At a shopping centre.
9. A young Albert Einstein playing tennis with Justin Bieber.
10. A meerkat ten pin bowling with a penguin.

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