

Writing Prompts for Grades 1 & 2

This packet contains black-and-white handouts with writing prompts in several categories. The same prompts are also provided as color photos.

Suggested use: Assign a prompt at the start of class. After allowing time to write, give students the option to share.

Creative Narrative & Spelling

- Write a story with the words **bird**, **gift** and **wig**. (short i spelling practice)
- Write a story with the words **bike**, **kite** and **find**. (long i spelling practice)

Descriptive

- Listen to your environment for five minutes. List every sound you hear.
- Write an ad describing a magical house.

Expository

- How would you make a fruit salad? List the steps.
- How do you brush your teeth? List the steps. Start your sentences with words like **First**, **Next**, **Then** and **Last**.
- Combine sports into a new game! Describe the game. Then list the rules.

Narrative

- Write about a time when you helped somebody. Include a beginning, a middle and an end.
- Retell a favorite story that you've heard about a family member.

Opinion/Persuasive

- What book would you recommend to a friend? Why?
- If you could pass a new rule or law, what would it be? Why?

Poetry

- What poem would a tree write?
- Write an acrostic about autumn. Illustrate your poem.

Miscellaneous

If you could open a business, what would it be? Describe your product or service. Then brainstorm some business names.