

Creative Prompts

Blank page? Write about one of these things!

Titles Without a Story

1. The Awkward Meeting
2. There's Another One?
3. Trouble at the Farm
4. Starbound and Down
5. Merry Christmas, Monster
6. Count Your Cats Before They Claw
7. The Last Message
8. Instructions for Leaving Quietly
9. The Day the Lights Went Out
10. Who's There?

Scenarios to Write About

1. Two people are having dinner. They both have a secret they are trying not to reveal.
2. A school reunion. Someone arrives very late and no one is sure if they were invited.
3. A mother and son sit in a café. He is laughing, but she is watching him like she doesn't recognise him.
4. You wake up and a cat is at the end of your bed. It is not your cat.
5. A phone rings in a house that has been empty for years. Someone answers it.
6. A job interview where the interviewer already knows everything about you.
7. Two strangers realise they have both been dreaming the same dream.
8. A wedding where one guest is clearly there to stop it happening.
9. A bus arrives at the wrong stop but nobody seems surprised.
10. You find a letter addressed to you dated five years in the future.

Writing Challenges

1. Write a story with a colour in the title
2. Write a story that has the following words in it: band, mean, rose, bow, tear, and address.
3. Write a story about the first day on earth
4. Write a story entirely made up of emails or texts
5. Write a story that revolves around a lie
6. Write a story where something ordinary slowly becomes impossible to explain
7. Write a story that takes place in only one room, but over three different time periods
8. Write a story about being lost
9. Write a story entirely in song lyrics
10. Write a story where a single sentence is repeated by different characters, but each time it means something slightly different

Questions to Ask Your Characters

1. What's your name?
2. Where do you live?
3. Do you like it there?
4. What's your favourite song?
5. Do you get on with your family?
6. What's in your pocket right now?
7. What are you most afraid someone will find out about you?
8. What do you pretend to like but secretly hate?
9. When was the last time you lied and why?
10. What do you want most?

Questions to Ask Yourself

1. Who's the most interesting character I know?
2. What is the most interesting thing that's ever happened to me?
3. What are the biggest feelings I have ever had and what triggered them?
4. What would I change about the world if I could?
5. When have I laughed the most?
6. What moment do I keep remembering for no obvious reason?
7. What's something I misunderstood at the time but understand now?
8. What do I wish I had done differently?
9. What story do I keep telling people and why that one?
10. What do I want most?