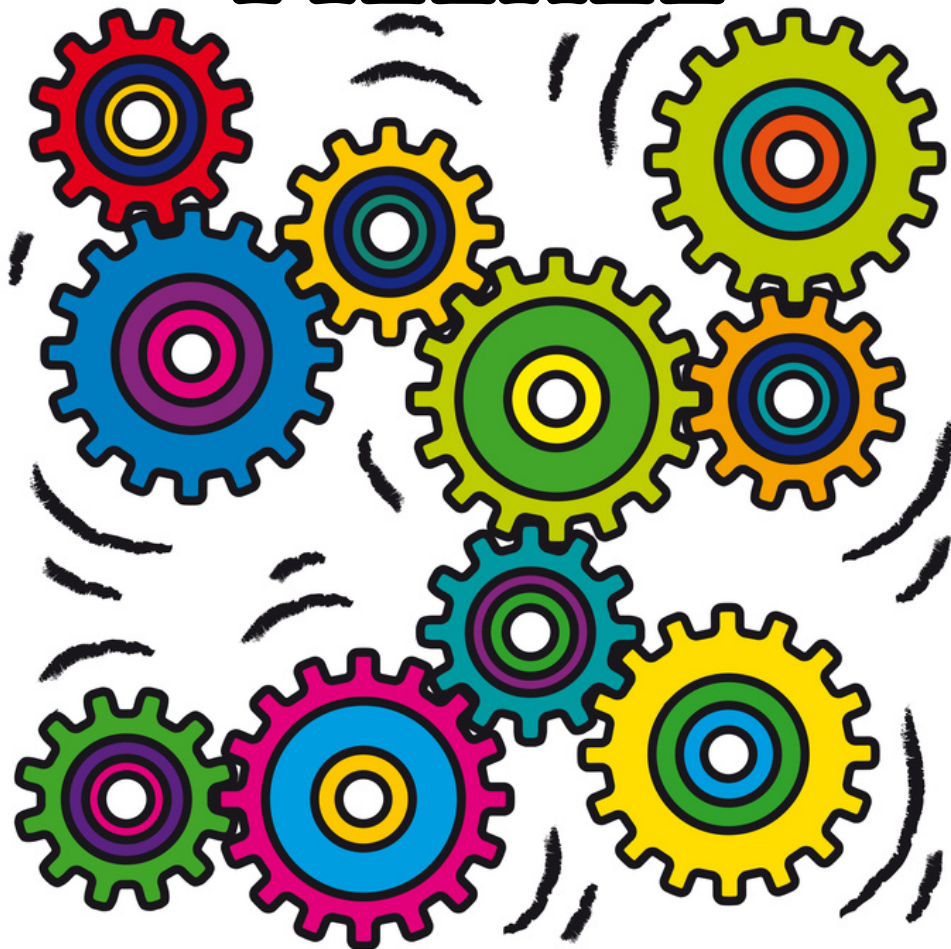


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**Writing Prompts
with
PIZZAZZ**



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What is Fiction?

***Fiction* is defined as writing that is made up such as novels and short stories.
Most fiction has several elements that hold the story together.**

Characters

Most stories that are fiction have a main character who is the focus of the action as well as several minor characters who receive less attention but help move the story along. The characters can be human or animals.

Central theme

The theme is the main idea of the story. A theme can be based on many things such as discovery, ambition, love, adventure, suspense, fear, or curiosity.

Conflict

Conflict is the main obstacle or problem the main character must overcome in the story. There are several types of conflict.

- person vs. nature
- person vs. self
- person vs. person
- person vs. society

Plot

The *plot* is the series of events that the main character experiences as he or she solves a dilemma. The plot starts with a triggering action and continues with a logical series of events to tell the story.

Setting

The *setting* of a story is the place and/or time in which the action of the story takes place.

Dialogue

Dialogue is the conversation that takes place among the characters in a story. The dialogue helps to move the plot along.

Narrator

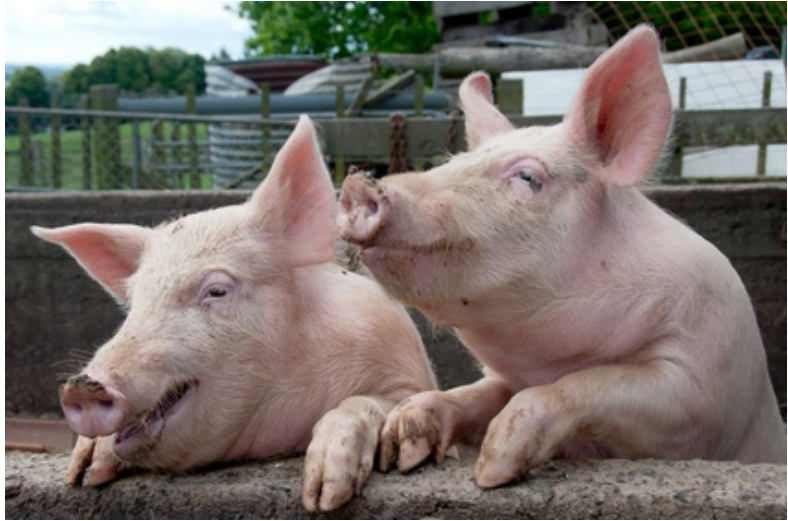
The *narrator* is the voice telling the story. The narrator can be the author or a character in the story.

Humorous Story Writing Prompts #3

On a separate sheet of paper, write a story about one of these topics.

Use the Word Box for ideas. Illustrate your story.

- ❖ Morgy and Porgy
- ❖ If Pigs Could Talk
- ❖ My Pet Pigs
- ❖ Pigs Plan an Escape
- ❖ On Farmer Freddy's Pig Farm
- ❖ The Day That Pigs Could Fly



Pigs in sty © Janecat

Word Box

pig	swine	farm
sty	piglet	piggy
conversation	porker	fly
oink	squeal	wings
preposterous	grunt	soar
escape	messy	hog
freedom	devour	pink

Humorous Story Writing Prompts #5

On a separate sheet of paper, write a story about one of these topics.

Use the Word Box for ideas. Illustrate your story.

- ❖ Doggy on Vacation
- ❖ Canine Spy for the F.B.I.
- ❖ Pooch on the Loose
- ❖ My Week at Camp Canine
- ❖ The Day My Dog Disappeared
- ❖ Zog, the Undercover Dog



Dog with luggage © Okssi

Word Box

doggy	spy	camp
vacation	investigation	paw painting
cruise ship	reward	disappear
airport	escape	search
luggage	pooch	undercover
criminal	dog catcher	assignment
suspect	amazing	incredible

Science Fiction Writing Prompts #1

On a separate sheet of paper, write a story about one of these topics.

Use the Word Box for ideas. Illustrate your story.

- ❖ Alxon, the Alien Planet
- ❖ Space Voyage to Planet X
- ❖ A New World Discovered
- ❖ In My Wildest Dream
- ❖ Crash Landing in Outer Space
- ❖ Journey's End



Alien Planet © ralwel

Word Box

alien	moons	crash
planet	mountains	escape
miraculous	desolate	magnificent
hazard	surreal	mysterious
asteroids	disoriented	lifeless
valley	dangerous	rugged
voyage	isolated	spacecraft

Futuristic City Skyline Photo Prompt

On a separate sheet of paper, write a story using this photograph prompt.
Use the Word Box for ideas. Illustrate your story.



Science fiction city skyline © AND Inc

Things to Think About

- ❖ When and where does your story take place based on the photo?
- ❖ What is amazing and unique about this futuristic city?
- ❖ What mode of transportation is found in this city?
- ❖ What major conflict takes place in this city of the future?
- ❖ How is the conflict resolved?

metallic
skyscrapers
dilemma

conflict
resolution
inhabitants

threat
cooperation
stupendous



Student's Checklist for Writing: I'm done! Now what?

Name _____ Prompt # _____

Title _____

I read over my work and edited it for mistakes.

I used this checklist as a guide before turning in my writing.

_____ My story has a strong beginning, middle, and end.

_____ My sentences are fluent and easy to follow.

_____ I indented each new paragraph or dialogue.

_____ Each of my paragraphs has one main idea.

_____ The sentences in each paragraph support the main idea.

_____ My sentences begin in different ways.

_____ I proofread my story to be sure I have used correct:

Spelling

_____ I checked to be sure all words are spelled correctly.

Grammar

_____ I checked for correct subject-verb agreement.

_____ I used the same verb tense throughout my story.

Capitalization

_____ I capitalized proper nouns.

_____ I capitalized the first word in a dialogue.

Punctuation

_____ I ended each sentence with the proper punctuation.

_____ I used commas to separate words in a list.

_____ I used quotation marks when a person in my story is talking.

_____ I used words from the Word Box.

_____ My handwriting is neat and easy to read with correct spacing between letters, words, and sentences.