

Sample Prompts

Personal Narrative Story Prompts

Think about a family friend or relation that you admire. It should be someone who is a role model for you. Think of a time when they did something that showed their kindness or other good qualities.

Think about a time when you had to do something you didn't really want to do. It could be a chore, a family day, or something in school. Write about one time when you were surprised at how much fun you had doing this.

Think about a time you did something special with a brother, sister, family member, or friend. Sharing this event made you realize how close you were. Write about what made this time special.

Think about a time you were surprised about something that happened to you. It could be a happy surprise or a disappointment. Write about the event.

Think about a time you succeeded at something that was hard for you to do. It could be something you finally learned how to do at school or in a game. It could also be a new way of behaving at home. Write about what happened the day you changed.

Write about a time when you made a special gift for someone in your family or for a friend. How did you know what they would like? How did you make the gift? What was the person's reaction? Write a story about this event.

Your family celebrates special events such as birthdays, holidays, or other special times. Choose one family event and write a story about it.

You have been on many field trips while at school. Choose one and tell a story about what happened on that trip.

You have learned many things since you started school. Tell a story about one thing you learned in kindergarten that you have used this year.

Think about a day when nothing went right. It could have been anywhere. It might have been at home or at school. Write a story about this bad experience.

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A narrative tells a story. Telling a story aloud is very different from writing a story down on paper. When a story is told out loud, we tend to "hop around", leave out important details, and forget to explain characters. In a sense all of that is okay, our gestures, expressions, and tones of voice can carry a lot of information. The reader of a written narrative expects more and needs more. The story cannot be simply "talk written down."

All of the important events and details must be organized, clear, and descriptive. A fully developed narrative story involves a main idea, which is introduced in the beginning, more detailed and eventful in the middle, and wraps up in the end.

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