50 First Grade Writing Prompts

First-grade writers may be composing several related sentences while still developing handwriting, spelling, and sentence conventions. Encourage imaginative, personal, informative, and opinion responses. Help the child say the sentence aloud before writing when useful.

How to use them: offer two or three and let the writer choose, or change one. Talk first, then plan, draft and share. A writer can always pick another prompt, answer with a made-up story, or pass.

1. A special birthday for me would be…
2. What is your favourite time of the day, and why?
3. I am the happiest when...
4. Tell me about one thing you do well
5. Insects, insects everywhere!!! Describe what you see!
6. I'm happy when…
7. Noisy times and quiet times are…
8. For lunch today I…
9. If I were a raindrop, I'd…
10. I like to make them because…
11. I am always kind to because
12. What if you grew a tail?
13. What makes a person kind?
14. No one knows that I….
15. If I made dinner, it would be….
16. What would you do if no one could see you?
17. When you feel sad, what do you do to feel better?
18. What do you like to do on your birthday?
19. What do you do when you get upset about something at home?
20. My favourite stuffed animal or toy is…
21. What would happen if it actually did rain cats and dogs?
22. If I could choose a different name, I would choose, and this is why…
23. Let's go _____. Describe your adventure in detail.
24. If you could be a dessert what you want to be?
25. This is how I think plants grow.
26. Would you want to be an astronaut? Why?
27. I am afraid to _____ because
28. What is your favourite room in your home, and why?

29. Describe your best day ever
30. One day, I met a talking mouse….
31. What if you could only bark instead of talking?
32. Write about a scary night in the woods.
33. You can not use your hands for a day. Tell what happens.
34. You find a magic rock. What does it do?
35. What does a super-fun day look like to you?
36. Climbing trees is…
37. I wish trees could.. because…
38. I want to be a... when I grow up.
39. The perfect place in the whole wide world is…
40. What can you do to help you feel better when you're feeling sad?
41. Walking in the rain is…
42. Describe your first day at school.
43. Write about something new you learned.
44. Write about your last picnic.
45. Write about the time when you were bored, and how did you get over it?
46. Write about your first bicycle ride.
47. What would you be a pirate or a soldier?
48. What would you do if the sky turns red and grass yellow?
49. Do you want to be tiny or tall? Why?
50. If you had the power to be a superhero what would you be?

When a prompt becomes a story

Plan it: growmindgrow.com/tools/story-starter builds a beginning, middle and end you can print.

Revise it: growmindgrow.com/blog/articles/revising-writing-examples-for-kids shows a draft becoming a revision, with a free revision card.