50 Kindergarten Writing Prompts

Kindergarten responses may be drawings, labels, dictated stories, copied words, invented spelling, or one or more sentences. Read the prompt aloud, invite the child to talk first, and record their words when transcription is the barrier.

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. What do you want to be when you grow up?
2. What is the most interesting animal?
3. Is there somewhere you want to visit far away from where you live now?
4. What is your favourite color?
5. If you could be an animal, which animal would be and why?
6. What's your favourite place in the world?
7. Once upon a time, there was a…..
8. What do you like most about your dad?
9. What do you like about Christmas?
10. What does your family do on Christmas?
11. What makes your mom special?
12. If I were the school principal, I would…
13. What do you think about when you visit the doctor?
14. Who is your favourite teacher. Why?
15. Do you like coming to school? Why or why not?
16. What's your favourite cartoon?
17. What's your favourite toy?
18. Do you like reading? Why or why not?
19. What is your favourite book?
20. What is your favourite room in your home?
21. What is your favourite type of food?
22. Name your favourite dessert
23. What is your favourite thing to learn in school?
24. Tell me about one of your pets or one of your relative's pets.
25. What does the word family mean to you?.
26. What is the best thing you have learned so far and why is it your favourite?
27. Do you have a best friend? Describe them.
28. What do you like most about the holidays?
29. Which is your favourite season?

30. What's your favorite thing to do at recess?
31. What did you do on your last birthday?
32. Do you have a favourite day of the week?
33. Why do kids have to go to school?
34. What is your most awesome talent?
35. Write about your best day and what made it so special.
36. If I had three wishes, I would wish for…..
37. Which is your favourite hobby?
38. What do you love to do with your family or another person who cares for you?
39. Have you ever had an argument with a friend? How did it work out?
40. Describe your home in three sentences.
41. If I could change one thing about this world, I would change….
42. What do you do before bedtime...
43. What are some parts of your everyday routine...
44. Can you think of a time when you helped someone. How did you feel?
45. What do you do during your vacations?
46. How does someone who cares for you show their love?
47. What is the best gift you have ever gotten?
48. The best dessert is…
49. What do you love about your school?
50. Describe a memory with your grandparents.

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.