50 Second Grade Writing Prompts

Second-grade writers can often add details, sequence events, and give simple reasons for an opinion. Invite them to reread a draft and choose one place where a reader might want more information.

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 is your favourite thing to do while you are playing indoor games?
2. Go for a morning walk and write about your experience.
3. Invent a harmless, funny surprise for someone in your family.
4. What is your most wild dream?
5. Where do you want to go on your next vacation?
6. Make a list of groceries you think you should pick up from the grocery store.
7. Which is your favourite movie, and why?
8. How do you want to spend your summer?
9. What do you want to learn in second grade?
10. What would you do if you didn’t go to school?
11. What is your favourite sport, and why?
12. What scares you the most?
13. Imagine you get a magic wand for one day, what would you do with it?
14. What is your favourite food, and why is it so good?
15. Do you know how to cook anything?
16. Does anything ever make you angry?
17. What do you love the most about bathtime?
18. When was the last time when you were kind to someone? How did it feel?
19. What is the funniest thing you have heard?
20. What did you do today?
21. What kind of pet do you think the teacher should bring to the school and why?
22. What kind of pet do you want and why?
23. If you could be an animal for a day, what kind of animal would you want to be?
24. Which cartoon character do you want to adopt and why?
25. What is your favourite outdoor activity?
26. If you could be president for a day, what would you do?
27. What do you know—or imagine—about how your name was chosen?
28. Describe yourself in your own words.
29. Write about a superpower you want to have and why it’s important.

30. Do you have anyone that you look up to? What's special about them?
31. What do you enjoy doing when you're not in school?
32. If you were a teacher which subject would you teach?
33. What's the best thing to do on a hot summer day?
34. What to do on a snowy wintery day?
35. What do you wish for on your birthday when you blow out the candles? Do birthday wishes come true?
36. If you could be a movie star, which movie would you love to star in?
37. Do you like to dance? What's your favorite kind of dance?
38. If you had to eat one type of food for the rest of your life, what would it be?
39. Which is your favourite kind of music?
40. Would you rather live in a city or farm?
41. Write a story about an invisible man.
42. Write your unique talent, and why does it make you unique?
43. If you had the power to stay the same age forever, which age would you choose?
44. Narrate the story of your life with an added twist of your own.
45. Ask an older person to tell you an interesting story from their life, then retell it in your own words.
46. Which kind of dinosaur interests you most, and what would you like to learn about it?
47. What would the ultimate amusement park be like?
48. Do you get scared in the dark? Why?
49. How do you handle a fight with your friends?
50. What is your favourite thing about going shopping?

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.