50 Third Grade Writing Prompts

Third-grade writers can practice organizing a beginning, middle, and end; grouping related ideas; and supporting opinions with reasons. A quick list or story map can make the first draft easier to begin.

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. Write your favourite summer pastime activity.
2. What do you want to learn during your vacations?
3. Where do you want to go on vacation with your family?
4. Write a story about waking up on a rainy day during your summer vacation.
5. Mention your favourite cooking recipe.
6. Do you love gardening? Tell us what you love gardening?
7. Is there a family tradition that you follow? Tell us about it.
8. Make a short list of your favourite books and describe what you like about them.
9. Write a story about your future.
10. Do you like jokes? What are your favourite tricks?
11. Which is your favourite toy? Would you share it with your friends?
12. Why is it important to treat others nicely?
13. Do you remember your dreams? Can you share your favorite?
14. If you had to fly to the moon with a character from a book who would it be?
15. Which cartoon character would you choose as a pet?
16. Think of someone who you consider as a hero, what makes them a hero?
17. Describe your best day and make up a story around it.
18. If you get the opportunity to live anywhere in the entire world, where do you want to go?
19. Imagine one day you go out, and everything turns into candies and chocolate. What is the first thing you would do?
20. I am very proud because…
21. Describe your family vacations.
22. Write about a time when you were way too excited.
23. Write about the time when you were totally embarrassed.
24. How do you get ready in the morning for school every day?
25. Rewrite the story of snow white with your own perspective.
26. Rewrite the story of three little pigs.
27. Describe your favourite season and what you like about it.
28. What is your favourite thing to have for breakfast?
29. Write a letter to an imaginary friend in another country.

30. Write about your favourite animal.
31. Describe your best friend and what you like about them.
32. If you won the lottery what would you do?
33. Describe your favourite Halloween costume.
34. Describe what a perfect day means to you.
35. Would you like to pet farm animals? Why?
36. Which do you like better? Fruits or vegetables? How are they different?
37. If you could meet a famous person who would you choose to meet? What would you talk to them about?
38. What makes you unique and why?
39. What does courage mean to you?
40. Do you like fishing? Why?
41. Write a letter to your younger self.
42. Write a letter to your future self.
43. What are you grateful for today?
44. Suppose you are a writer for a prominent newspaper. Who you would want to interview.
45. Have you ever lost something that was very important to you? How did you feel and what did you do?
46. How do you take care of your pets?
47. What is your favourite holiday and why?
48. Describe a day in your life be like if you were a famous movie star.
49. If you had one wish what it would be and why?
50. Imagine you come to school and your best friend gets turned into a frog by a witch. What would you do? Narrate a story.

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.