FREE PARENT RESOURCE

TLP 10-Minute Writing Prompts Pack

Perfect for car rides, dinner time, or lazy weekends

9	3	10
writing prompts	everyday settings	minutes each

A NOTE BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Dear Parent,

These 10-minute writing prompts are all about sparking your child's imagination — not about being perfect.

Please remind your child:

This is free writing time.

They don’t need to worry about grammar, spelling, punctuation, or handwriting. That can all come later.

Right now, we want them to focus on:

01 Sharing their thoughts

02 Exploring big ideas

03 Playing with words

04 And most of all — having fun with writing

The more they feel safe to express themselves without judgment, the more confident and curious they'll become as writers.

LET IT BE THEIRS

Let writing be a joyful experience — messy, creative, and theirs. That's how the magic begins.

HOW TO USE THIS PACK

Ten Minutes, Four Steps

Keep the routine simple so it can happen anywhere: in the car, at the table, or on the sofa.

1

Let them choose

Read two or three prompts aloud and let your child pick the one that makes them smile.

2

Set a timer for 10 minutes

A clear end point makes starting easier. When the timer goes, they can stop.

3

Keep the pencil moving

If they get stuck, they can write "I'm thinking about..." until the next idea arrives. In the car, they can tell the story aloud instead.

4

Share only if they want to

Invite them to read a favourite line aloud. Sharing should feel like a gift, not a test.

WHAT TO SAY AFTERWARD

TRY

"Tell me more about that part."

"What happens next?"

"I loved the way you described..."

SAVE FOR LATER

Correcting spelling

Fixing punctuation

Commenting on handwriting

01 ON THE GO

Car Ride Prompts

Quick ideas to spark creativity while you're on the go:

01 Imagine your car starts flying. Where do you go first?

02 You're driving through a tunnel and enter a magical land. What do you see?

03 Describe the most interesting person you've seen while driving.

02 MEALTIME

Dinner Table Prompts

Turn mealtime into storytime:

04 If your dinner could talk, what would it say?

05 Tell the story of how your fork and spoon became best friends.

06 Invent a silly restaurant where all food is backwards (e.g., dessert first!).

03 SLOW DAYS

Lazy Weekend Prompts

Perfect for cozy afternoons and quiet moments:

07 Describe your dream weekend from morning to night.

08 You find a secret note under your pillow. What does it say?

09 Your pet (real or imaginary) writes you a letter. What do they say?

04 YOUR TURN

Invent Your Own Prompt

Once your child has tried a few, ask them to write a prompt for you. Then swap, and both write for ten minutes.

MY PROMPT

MY WRITING

PRINTABLE

My Writing Log

Keep track of the prompts you try. Circle a face to show how the writing felt.

DATE	PROMPT	HOW IT FELT
		Easy · Okay · Tricky
		Easy · Okay · Tricky
		Easy · Okay · Tricky
		Easy · Okay · Tricky
		Easy · Okay · Tricky
		Easy · Okay · Tricky
		Easy · Okay · Tricky
		Easy · Okay · Tricky
		Easy · Okay · Tricky

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