

**Favorite TV Show:** What's your favorite TV show? Compare the episode you like best to the episode you like least.

**Back in Time:** This will test your memory! What were you doing one minute ago, one hour ago, one day ago, one week ago, one month ago, and one year ago? Write it!

**Butterfly and Frog:** What might these two say to each other? Write a conversation between the butterfly and the frog, and keep in mind that in nature, frogs sometimes prey on butterflies.

**Competition:** Think about a time when you competed and won (or lost). Now write about it from the perspective of an overly enthusiastic sportscaster or onlooker.

**Outer Space or Underwater?:** You must live in one of two places for the rest of your life: outer space or underwater. Which will you choose and why?

**One Instrument:** Imagine there can only be one kind of instrument in the world. If you could choose, which instrument would it be and why?

**Dear Future Self:** Write a note to your future self then seal it in an envelope. Put a date on the envelope (it can be in one week, three months, a year, or whenever you choose!) then open it on that date and read it. Then if you'd like, write a note back to your past self.

**A Community of...Eggs?:** You know that carton of eggs in your refrigerator? What would the eggs talk about while hanging out together? What if some of them didn't get along? Write it!

**To Help or Not:** You're standing in line at a local ice cream parlor. The person in front of you, who you don't know, goes to pay for a strawberry sundae but is fifty cents short. You have the extra money in your pocket. Do you offer to help and make up the difference? Why or why not?

**Choice:** A friend asks you over to play cards on Saturday night. You say yes, and she tells you how much she's looking forward to it and that she's baking cookies. Saturday afternoon, though, another friend calls and says she has an extra ticket to a concert you were dying to attend (it was sold out), but it's also that night! "Will you go with me?" she asks. What do you do? Explain your decision.

**Mothers are like ice cream?:** What kind of dessert reminds you of your mom? Explain your answer.

**Lightning:** Is lightning cool or scary or both? Do you like to watch it from your window or does it make you want to hide under the covers? Explain.

**Rain:** Are you a dash into the rain and get sopping wet kind of person or an always grab an umbrella before stepping a toe outside sort of person or somewhere in between? Explain your answer.

**All one color:** Imagine everything in the world was one color but you could pick it. Share which color you'd choose and why. What would it be like to live in an only one color world?

**Hugs:** Today's writing prompt is all about hugs. Do you initiate hugs or wait for others to hug you? What are your thoughts on "big bear hugs"? Would you ever wear a sign that read, "Free hugs"? Why or why not?

**Snow Angel:** Imagine what it would be like if a snow angel you made came to life. What would he or she look like? Would you be best friends or worst enemies? Where would she live? What would he eat? What adventures would you have together?

Brrrrr!!: Remember a time when you were freezing cold. Describe what that felt like from your head down to your toes!

Funny Fruit Face: Ask a parent for a piece of fruit and other edibles and create a silly fruity face with them (let mom or dad help with knives if needed). Next, write instructions so others can create the same funny face.

Yummy: Think of the most recent yummy food you ate and describe it in mouthwatering detail.

Spooky or Scary: What is the difference between “spooky” and “scary”? Share examples.

Free range: How much freedom should children have to roam around their neighborhoods by themselves, and how might it differ depending on their ages?

Directions: Pick an activity you enjoy. Now describe it step by step for someone who is new to it. Go!

Tattoo: Have you ever had a fake (or real) tattoo? If so, describe the experience. Then write your thoughts about permanent tattoos. Are they a good or bad idea? Explain.

Interview: What if your favorite toy interviewed you? What questions would be asked and how would you answer? Or turn it around and interview your toy.

Ruler: If you were the Supreme Ruler in your house, what rules would you make?

Dress up: Should kids be made to dress up for an event if they'd rather wear jeans and a t-shirt? Why or why not.

Headphones: Imagine this is you. What are you hearing that would cause this reaction? Describe it in detail so we can hear it, too!

Sorry: Think of someone who has wronged you in some way. If that person were to apologize, what would you like him or her to say? Now write the conversation between you and that person.

Take a break: Think of an ongoing activity that you're tired of doing. Now write a letter sharing why you need a break from that activity. Be convincing! Give at least three good reasons.

Shout!: Think about the last time you wanted to shout about something. Now use lots of capital letters and YELL WITH YOUR WRITING!

Mealtime: Remember a mealtime that was filled with emotion—humor, anxiety, sadness. Retell it so that readers can see, hear, taste, and smell it as if they were there. Make them feel what it was like.

Casting director: Pick a movie you've seen and enjoyed. Now, recast the characters with people you know. Explain why you chose who you did for each role.

Only one suitcase: Imagine your family had to suddenly leave your home, never to return. You have only one suitcase for your things. What do you pack in it?

Most like you: Are you strong like a tiger, timid like a rabbit, or playful like a puppy? Which animal (and feel free to choose a different animal, bird, reptile, or insect) is most like you? Explain.

Middle of the road: You see this piece furniture in the middle of the road. Tell how it might have gotten there.

Description: Think of a friend. Imagine he or she wrote a description of you. What would it say?

Home alone: Your family goes out to grab a bite to eat, and you stay at home because you have the sniffles. While they are gone a massive snowstorm hits! No one is hurt, but they are stuck at the restaurant till morning. What will you do?

By age 21: What are three things you'd like to accomplish before you turn 21 years old? Explain.

Proud: List all the ways you are proud of yourself this week.

Grateful: Remember a time when you were ungrateful for something or someone then became grateful later. What changed your mind? Write it!

Chores: Should all family members have to do chores? Why or why not?

LOL: Describe the last thing that made you laugh out loud.

Superhero: You find out your best friend is secretly a superhero. What do you do?

# Freewrite Journal Prompts

- **Past or Future?** You have one trip you can make in a time machine. Do you travel to a point in the past or the future? Explain your choice.
- **Fly on the Wall** - Have you heard the saying: “I wish I could’ve been a fly on the wall”? Most people simply mean they wish they could have been a hidden observer. But what might that *actually* be like? Pick an event (historical or fictional or from your own life) and describe it from a pesky insect’s point of view.
- **Underwater** - What if we were like fish and could only breathe and live underwater? Describe what a typical day might be like using as many water-related words as possible like: swim, dive, glide, submerge, float, splash, soaked, soggy, etc.
- **Library Book** - What’s your favorite book? Now imagine that it’s sitting on a library shelf and is hoping to be read but no one is choosing it! Write from the book’s point of view, and have it give visitors at least three reasons why they should check it out.
- **Superhero Breakfast** - You wake up and everyone in your family is now a superhero. Describe what breakfast might be like!
- **No Wading** - If a fountain has a “No Wading” sign posted but your friends are playing in the water anyway, would you join them? What if one of your friends fell and needed help? Explain.
- **Cold or Hot** - If you had to pick, which would you rather do: walk barefoot in the ice and snow OR wear a heavy wool coat in the sweltering sun? Now write what that experience might be like!
- **Toes** - Write a conversation your toes might have.

- Dancing - Imagine that, instead of walking or running, we danced everywhere we went. What might be the pros and cons to that?
- On the Outside - Ever feel outside the group? Describe a time when you felt excluded.
- Library Books - It's after dark, the library is closed, and all the books come to life! Write what they might say to each other when no humans are listening.
- One Place - If you had to stay in one place for the rest of your life which spot would you pick and why?
- Tour Guide - Imagine that your house is a museum and you are a tour guide. Write a script that you would use to show people your home (describe household items like they were the Mona Lisa!).

Here's a sample opening:

*Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. On behalf of (your homeschool), I welcome you to the (your last name) Museum. I will serve as your guide throughout the day and will be happy to answer any questions you may have...*

- Puppet - What might it be like to live as a puppet? What puppet would you be? Describe your puppet self. Who would you want (or not want!) to be your puppeteer? Share your reasons.
- Road Trip - Do you enjoy road trips? What might your family's vehicle think of them? Write a conversation between one of the tires and the steering wheel.
- Shipwrecked - Write a fictional story starring you and your family! Imagine you're shipwrecked on a deserted island. Highlighting your unique personalities, show how each might deal with the situation.

- One Message - If you could send only one message to every person in the world what would it be? And share why you chose it.
- Have a Heart - Here's a fun freewriting activity for Valentine's Day (or any day!): [print the images](#), cut them into squares, fold in half, mix in a bowl, select one at random, write a short poem inspired by the picture
- No - Make a list of questions that every answer would be "no!" to. They wanted to read them out loud and we all shouted "NO!" after each one.

"Do you want broccoli and kale for dinner?" "NO!"

"Do you want to go clean your room?" "NO"

- Yes - Make a list of questions that every answer would be "yes!" to.

"Do you want a puppy?" "YES!"

"Should we skip school today and go to a water park"  
"YES!"

"Do you want some ice cream???" "YES!!!"

- Table Manners - Different cultures have different table manners. For instance, in some places slurping is frowned on. In others, it's encouraged. If you could make your own etiquette rules for eating, what would they be? Write a list of your rules for tables.
- Snowman - Write about building a snowman (or woman!), either from your perspective or the snowman's.



- New and Old - Think of something that started out new then gradually wore old. It might be a clean softball, a bike with no rust, a fresh coat of nail polish, or a brand new year. Tell the story of how it began bright and shiny then grew worn and well-used.
  
- Dilemma - You discover that your best friend took money from her parents without asking so she could buy new shoes for a needy child who lives in her neighborhood. What would you do? Would you talk to her about it, tell her parents or yours, not do anything at all? Explain your answer.
  
- Food Fight - Imagine that the different kinds of food on your plate are angry at each other. Write a scene with dialogue so we can hear them fight!
  
- Dear Sleep - What is your relationship with sleep? Do you sometimes fight it, miss it, enjoy its company? Does sleep give you good dreams or bad dreams or both? Can you and sleep get along anywhere (like in the car or a strange hotel room)? Now, write a letter to sleep.
  
- Transportation - What is your favorite way of getting somewhere? Explain your answer.
  
- Who's the Turkey? - List all the dishes that were prepared for Thanksgiving or whatever your last big meal was. Now pair a family member (based on personality) with each dish. Explain your choices.
  
- Generosity - Imagine a good friend needs a coat but can't afford it. You break your piggy bank and give him a generous gift so he can be warm in the winter. How would you feel if he bought something else instead? Is your friend obligated to purchase a coat with the money? Why or why not.
  
- All the Same - What if all people were exactly the same? What might be the advantages and disadvantages?

- Candy – Candy has been banned in your city! Write a letter to the editor about that...from a piece of candy's point of view.
  
- Sore Loser - A sore loser gets easily upset or angry when losing a game or contest. Describe what it's like to either be a sore loser or to play or compete with one.
  
- In Reverse - Write a short story that's at least three sentences. Now put your last sentence first, your next to last sentence second, etc. until you've reversed the story. Make any tweaks needed like tense or transitional phrases. Read both versions aloud. Which do you like better and why?
  
- Talking with the Moon - Imagine that you have a conversation with the moon. Now write it!
  
- Shoes - Think of the last time you walked some distance. Now retell that event from the perspective of your shoes.
  
- You're a Dragon – You wake up one morning and realize that you've become a dragon! How do you react? What happens next?
  
- A Day in a Dollar's Life – Write about a day from the point of view of a dollar bill in a cashier's drawer.