

Creative Writing Prompts: Open the Page, Open Possibility

Personal & Reflective

1. Write about a moment you realised something wasn't what it seemed.
 2. Describe a journey that changed your mind — physically or emotionally.
 3. Tell the story of a gift, but from the giver's point of view.
 4. Write a letter to your future self — or from your future self to you.
 5. Begin with: *"I wasn't supposed to be there..."*
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Magical & Speculative

6. Everyone wakes up speaking a different language. Write what happens next.
 7. A door appears that wasn't there yesterday. Only you can see it.
 8. Time reverses for one hour a day. What do people do with it?
 9. Describe a character who can read emotions — but not words.
 10. Begin with: *"The sky was the wrong colour again."*
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Observational & Strange Perspectives

11. Describe a room from the point of view of its oldest object.
 12. Tell a story from the perspective of the wind.
 13. Write the daily diary of an inanimate object of your choice.
 14. A CCTV camera catches something it wasn't supposed to see — describe what.
 15. Begin with: *"I could tell by the way the light changed..."*
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Stylistic & Structural Play

16. Write a story using only questions.
17. Describe an argument without any dialogue.
18. Tell the same event three times: once as myth, once as fact, once as memory.
19. Write a piece that never uses the letter "e."
20. Begin a story at the ending and work backwards.

Character & Identity

1. Write a scene where a character introduces themselves with three lies and one truth.
 2. Someone discovers a long-lost object that once defined who they were — describe what changes.
 3. Invent a secret society with only three strange rules.
 4. Your character loses their name. What happens next?
 5. Begin with: *"I didn't recognise myself in the mirror..."*
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Situational & Unexpected

6. Everyone forgets one word overnight — and it's a very important one. Write how people adapt.
 7. Describe a town where nobody can sleep — and nobody knows why.
 8. A message arrives that was never meant to be read. Tell the story.
 9. Write about a train that only travels to forgotten places.
 10. Begin with: *"It started when the clocks refused to tick."*
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Sensory & Memory-Based

11. Describe a scent you associate with safety — and build a scene around it.
 12. Write about the most silent sound you've ever felt.
 13. Capture a memory using only colours and touch — no sight, no sound.
 14. You hear laughter in the rain — but no one else is there. What do you do?
 15. Begin with: *"The light hit everything differently that day..."*
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Form & Play

16. Write a story backwards in time, one paragraph per year.
17. Write using only metaphors — no literal statements allowed.
18. Create dialogue between two characters who speak in rhyme.
19. Tell a story using only five-word sentences.
20. Begin your piece with the ending — then try to earn your way to it.