



4 Ways to Use Writing Prompts:

Most writers are familiar with writing prompts—one- or two-sentence questions or scenarios designed to give you a creative starting point. But you might not know that writing prompts are much more than just a way to spark inspiration. Here are four other ways you can use writing prompts:

1. Break Through Writer's Block

That blank white page can be intimidating, and if you're stuck on a scene, not sure where to start, or simply feeling blocked, writing prompts can help you bust through.

They're designed to be short, fun, creative and easy—exactly the no-pressure nudge you need to get started.

2. Warm Up Your Writing Muscles After Time Away

Sometimes, coming back to the page after a few days or weeks away can be a struggle. Writing prompts are the answer. Pick one at random and play with it.

Because they're short, prompts can help you warm up nice and easy. Think of it like doing a few jumping jacks before a workout.

3. Get To Know Your Characters

Trying to understand your characters? Writing prompts are the answer. Pick a writing prompt and use your characters from your work in progress.

By imagining them in new situations and scenarios, you'll start to understand who they are and what makes them tick—plus, it's a lot of fun.

4. Sharpen Your Writing & Editing Chops

Writing prompts can help you hone specific craft skills—dialogue, for instance, or description, or pacing.

You can also edit your response to your prompt, which will help to sharpen your self-editing skills.