

Topics and Suggestions for Free Writing

1. Choose a topic which sounds interesting to you.
2. Write as much about your topic as time will allow.
3. Include as many specific details as you can, especially sensory details.
4. Try to write at least one new, unusual, or funny thing about your topic.
5. Listen to and read free writings of others.
6. Keep a journal (diary) of your own and write something in it every day.

Best and Worst, First and Last

- ◊ My worst day
- ◊ My best day
- ◊ My craziest experience in a restaurant or shopping mall
- ◊ My most memorable babysitting experience
- ◊ My most memorable Halloween
- ◊ My most memorable fair or amusement park experience
- ◊ A holiday I'll never forget
- ◊ My first flying, boating, or motorcycling experience
- ◊ An unforgettable horseback-riding experience
- ◊ My most "dangerous" experience
- ◊ An unforgettable dream
- ◊ The worst things to wait for
- ◊ The hardest thing I've ever done
- ◊ The commercials I can't stand
- ◊ My most memorable snowball or water balloon fight
- ◊ My best vacation
- ◊ My worst vacation
- ◊ My most embarrassing moment
- ◊ My first enemy
- ◊ My first friend
- ◊ My most unforgettable bike ride
- ◊ My favorite neighbor
- ◊ My favorite food

People, Places, and Pets

- ◊ Staying at a friend's house
- ◊ A visit to a relative's house
- ◊ A "visit" to a hospital, doctor's office or dentist's office
- ◊ A guided tour of your neighborhood
- ◊ A pet sitter needs instructions to care for your pet
- ◊ My bedroom from top to bottom
- ◊ Identify the members of _____ from craziest to sanest

- ◊ A day in the life of my pet
- ◊ Let's hear it for your favorite senior citizen!
- ◊ A misunderstanding with a neighbor
- ◊ Coping with brothers and sisters
- ◊ Measles, mumps, and chicken pox
- ◊ The stuffed animals I'll never give up
- ◊ My secret snacks
- ◊ Holiday customs
- ◊ Canoeing, boating, rafting, and swimming
- ◊ Sledding, ice skating, and skiing
- ◊ Summer vacations mean...
- ◊ My pet's strange habits
- ◊ Morning madness
- ◊ My father or mother made a mistake!
- ◊ My chores
- ◊ A typical evening at home
- ◊ Place to visit in your city or county
- ◊ A special secret place
- ◊ Help a stranger identify your best friend in a large crowd of people
- ◊ Whose bark is worse than his or her bite?
- ◊ Who makes a mountain out of a molehill?
- ◊ Who knows you best? What do they know?

Classes, Cliques, and Coaches

- ◊ A classmate I worshipped when I was young
- ◊ My "real" activities throughout the school day
- ◊ A race I've been in
- ◊ When I was a "discipline" problem
- ◊ The rewards and frustrations when practicing a sport, musical instrument, a play, etc.
- ◊ What I like/don't like about my class schedule
- ◊ Introduce a new student to your school
- ◊ You have been suddenly swept into _____ class. What will you see?
- ◊ You're principal for the day. Plan your schedule of events.
- ◊ You're the author of the next episode of "As the school swings."