

Narrative and Descriptive Writing Prompts

- **Challenging yourself to write developed answers under timed conditions can make a huge difference to your GCSE success in English.**
- **On the following slides, are 20 story and descriptive writing prompts that you can use to help you to get yourself used to writing in detail in 45 minutes.**

Year 8 – Aim for 1 to 1.5 sides of A4 in 45 minutes.

Year 9 – Aim for 1.5 to 2 sides of A4 in 45 minutes.

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When writing, remember to keep in mind the following which you can check after you have finished:

Spelling, punctuation and grammar.

High-level vocabulary

Correct content for genre, audience, and purpose.

Use of language techniques.

Use of a wide range of punctuation.

Use of a wide range of sentence structures for effect.

Descriptive

Write a description of a busy bus station or airport.

Descriptive

**Describe a natural wonder that you have seen. What was so amazing about it?
How did it make you feel?**

Descriptive

Imagine you are taking a walk in nature on a sunny day when the weather suddenly changes and you see a storm coming. Write a description of the change in weather and the storm.

Descriptive

Describe walking through a street market. Remember to use sensory language.

Descriptive

Describe driving through an unfamiliar neighbourhood.

Descriptive

Describe an exam. Describe the students as they are waiting to enter the exam, when they are taking the exam, and when they leave the exam.

Descriptive

Describe a rocket launch.

Descriptive

Describe a journey in a hot air balloon.

Descriptive

Describe a place that you have never been, but have always wanted to visit. Use all of your senses to bring it to life for the reader.

Narrative

Write a story titled 'The Man in the Long Black Cloak'.

Narrative

Write a story about two people who hate each other.

Narrative

Write a story in which a character wakes up one day to find that they are completely alone in the world.

Narrative

Write a story which includes the line: What he/she found in the attic would change his/her life forever.

Narrative

Write a story in which a character must face their deepest fear.

Narrative

Write a story which starts with the line: Looking back, I wish I'd never agreed to go to the funfair that rainy afternoon.

Narrative

Write a story in which a character makes a deal with the devil.

Narrative

Write a story about a character who invents a new technology.

Narrative

Write a story titled: The Escape

Narrative

Write a story about a time when you did something you knew was wrong.