

English activities

Please find below a range of activities (without themes) to get your children writing in general...

Build a story

Using scrap paper, each person writes the following each time in order and folds paper passing on to the next person after each time...

1. Adjective- e.g. colour, feeling, size
2. Noun- an animal
3. A verb
4. A setting, e.g. a museum, a park, a beach
5. Adjective
6. Noun- a person, e.g. policeman, lady, girl.

Once everyone has filled in last instruction, they pass it on one more time and open to reveal the stimulus for their story.

25 word story

Can the children write a story using just 25 words? This is where they will discover how important each word is! An example:

Once, a ladybird flew into a window. He didn't know he'd landed on the truck of a travelling circus and became part of the show!

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/writing-prompts/>

This is a fun scholastic story starter prompt that will generate story ideas for children to write!

One word story

Sitting in a circle, everyone tells a story but they are only allowed to say one word- it must link to the word the previous person has said.

Alien words

Have a selection of nonsense words prepared and children have to describe what each word is, e.g. The snarfblass is a musical instrument played during football matches. You blow in one end and it makes a whooping sound every time a goal is scored. It is blue in colour and has five buttons on it to control the pitch.

Some very thought provoking printable story starters from this website...

<https://www.doinggoodtogether.org/bhf/story-starters>