

## Writing Prompts

Grade	Prompt	Text Dependent Y/N	Type of Writing
3	Write an essay about the best way to do something at school or in your neighborhood. You can present your opinion as a speech, then share it in a book or blog.		
4	Imagine that you are playing at a park and suddenly a dog runs up to you and says, "I'm lost and need help finding my owner." Write a story about what happens next.		
5	We have just read several articles about the advantages of staying active all day. You and some of your friends have been talking about how you do not get enough physical activity in your day. Write a blog for your school web page to explain the advantages for student learning for having more time for physical activity in the school day. Use evidence from our readings to support your explanation.		
4	Write a story about a boy or girl who already has a pet and is now getting a different type of pet. Write about what happens when the two pets met for the first time. When writing your story, find ways to use the information and details from the sources to improve your story.		
3	There are many forces of nature that can change the surface of the earth.. Some are weather forces and others are caused by movements of the earth like an earthquake. Write a report about a force of nature that can change Earth.		
4	Imagine that you are going to clean up a vacant lot. Think about the steps that would be involved. Write to explain how you would clean up the lot.		
2	Write a report about a partnership in nature. When you write your report, you will use information from the texts we have studied in this unit. Your report will be included in a classroom science magazine that will be read by other second grade students.		
4	Think about a time when you helped another person. Now write to describe how you felt helping that person.		

5	The author of <i>Counting on Grace</i> tells this story from Grace's point of view. How would this story be different if it were told from Miss Lesley's point of view? Using details from the story, rewrite the story telling the same events from Mrs. Lesley's point of view.		
3	Write a letter to your classmates or your teacher. Try to persuade your audience to take a field trip to a place you find especially interesting.		
5	The author of "The Emperor's New Clothes" includes two minor characters, the minister who serves the emperor and the child watching the final procession. Write an essay that makes and defends a claim about the different ways each of these characters reacts to the emperor's situation. Include details from the text in your response.		
3	You have just read an excerpt from the book "The Country Mouse and the City Mouse". If you had a choice of visiting a farm or city, which would you choose? Write an essay telling what your choice would be and explaining the reasons for it.		
4	People sometimes take trips to big cities. Think about what you would like to see in a big city. Now write about what you would like to see.		
K	Have children draw a picture of something they ate for breakfast and write about it using describing words.		
1	We read about many animals this week. Which animal do you think is the best survivor? Why?		
5	In both passages, the authors provide evidence that Marco Polo's tales may or may not have been true. Integrating evidence from both sources, write an essay that either claims that Marco Polo told the truth in his book or claims that Marco Polo made up stories. Be sure to use information from both passages to support your answer.		