

What To Write?

Grades K - 8



Purpose of this activity:

To develop a list of interesting topics to write about for use during free write activity times.

What you'll need:

Paper, Twist N' Write pencil (or other pencil with pencil grip if needed), crayons for drawing, student friendly magazines/books for ideas (if needed).

How to play:

1. Think about the things that you like to do, like to eat, or people/animals you like to spend time with. Write down as many ideas as you can in a list form. Anything that pops into your head is an okay thing to write down. This is a brainstorming session so anything that comes to mind can be written down. *if you are struggling with ideas you can look through magazines or books for things that interest you and write down those ideas
2. Choose your favorite 5-10 ideas and put a star next to them.
3. Below all of the ideas you have written down, write the number 1 and then write down one of the ideas that you starred. Next to the idea, draw a picture that represents the ideas that you wrote down.
4. Repeat step 3 until you have written a list of at least 5 ideas with pictures (go ahead with all 10 if you are up to it)
5. Keep this list in a handy place so that you can add to it when you think of something that might be fun to write about or use it when you are given a writing assignment that you are allowed to choose the topic. You can also pull this list your when you feel like writing a short story or poem just for fun!

“What to Write” Sample List

My list of writing ideas

Cats, dogs*, horses, balloons*, swimming, playing video games, movie night with my family*, my best friend*, my pet fish “Jelly Donuts”*, race cars, my favorite vacation*, my trip to Hawaii*, riding my bike, favorite cartoon character*

1. My trip to Hawaii



2. My best friend



3. My pet fish “Jelly Donuts”



4. Movie night with my family



5. Dogs

