

Introduction

Writing prompts are helpful tools for improving students' writing skills. They provide a fun format for daily writing that inspires students to use their imaginations. They serve as an outlet for creativity and self-expression that can help students break through their inhibitions. Writing prompts can encourage students to look at the world around them in new and exciting ways, and help them see connections between concepts that they may not have otherwise noticed.

The writing prompts in this pack are designed to make writing enjoyable for students and to encourage them to express themselves freely in writing. They encompass all four types of writing styles; expository, persuasive, descriptive, and narrative. They come in three different formats; 1) a one page list, 2) a set of large cards, and 3) a set of small cards; so that you can use them conveniently in a variety of learning situations. For example, you can have students put the one page list in their writing folders to use for daily writing warm-ups. You can use the large cards for writing groups or literacy centers. The small cards can be folded and put into a jar so that they can be chosen randomly. Also included in this product are thematic journal pages as well as a half-page word list that can provide students with inspiration or spelling help. The resources in this pack can be used in a variety of situations including classrooms, after-school programs, homeschools, co-ops, and more.

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Super Sleuth #1



You're setting up your own detective agency in your family's garage to solve cases in your neighborhood. Describe your office in detail. What does it look, sound, and smell like? What's in it?



Super Sleuth #2



Someone has stolen the lips off the faces on Mount Rushmore! Write a detective story about this crime.



Super Sleuth #3



Write a funny story from the perspective of the pet of a clumsy, bungling detective. Describe how he keeps his master out of trouble and helps him solve cases.



Super Sleuth #4

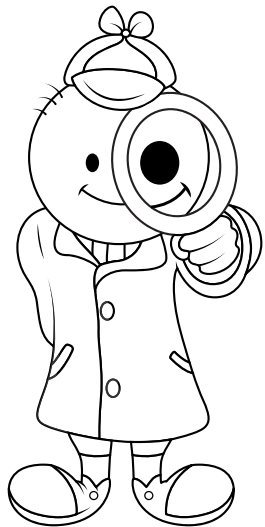


Invent a special gadget that a detective can use. Describe what it looks, sounds, and feels like as well as what it can do.

Name _____



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Super Sleuth Word List



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alias	conspiracy	follow	laboratory	ransom
alibi	convict	footprints	law	robbery
arrest	counterfeit	forgery	lurk	scene
assignment	crime	foul play	magnifying glass	search
badge	criminal	fraud	microscope	secret code
binoculars	decipher	gadget	missing	sleuth
breakthrough	deduction	gloves	money	smuggle
bribe	department	guilty	motive	solution
briefcase	description	gumshoe	mystery	solve
burglar	disappearance	handcuffs	notepad	surveillance
camera	documents	handwriting	observe	suspect
capture	duty	hunch	office	suspicious
case	evidence	identify	partner	testimony
chief	examine	illegal	perpetrator	thief
clues	facts	innocent	police officer	undercover
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