



4 Writing Activities to Inspire Kids' Creativity at Home

Summer—or any break from school—is a great time to encourage kids to get creative with writing. When kids write, it helps them gain confidence in their writing, and their reading comprehension grows, too. Here's how kids can practice writing in creative, personalized ways to make their writing meaningful—and prompts to get them started.

1. Start a Blog

Blogs are ways for people to share opinions and thoughts with others. Have your child think of a name for their blog and titles for each article they write. Include their name in a byline to add to the pride they have in their writing. Then, have them share their blog with family and friends. Help them get started with these prompts:

- What's your favorite book? Why?
- What's the best advice you've ever gotten?
- Who's your favorite teacher? Write about them and the best thing they taught you.
- What would be the coolest job to have? Why?
- What's the funniest memory you have?

2. Keep a Journal

Journaling gives children the opportunity to put their feelings, thoughts, and ideas down in a private manner. It cultivates creativity, enhances communication skills, improves mental health, and the benefits go on and on.

Help kids build a habit of writing in a journal before bed, writing about whatever comes to mind or using these prompts to get the creativity flowing and encourage reflection.

- What are three fun things that happened today?
- What accomplishment are you most proud of?
- What do you want to be when you grow up?
- What's your favorite thing about yourself?
- If you could talk to your past self, what would you say?



3. Try Investigative Journalism

Have your child interview people in their lives—parents, grandparents, friends, or a neighbor—and write articles about them. This process helps them build curiosity, enhance notetaking skills, and practice active listening. Kids can tailor these prompts during their interviews:

- Tell me about a pet you had and how it influenced your life.
- What's your favorite holiday? Why?
- What's your favorite memory?
- What was your first day of school like?
- What's the best way to spend a rainy day?

4. Explore Creative Writing

Using their imagination through creative writing helps kids think beyond their own world. Show them their imagination is as big as they want it to be with these prompts that encourage kids to think outside the box.

- Would you rather be the size of an ant or as large as a house? What would you do? Why?
- What would you do if you were the main character in your own fairytale?
- If you had a time machine that could travel to the past or the future, where would you go? Why?
- If you could have a superpower, what would it be and what would you do with it?
- Would you rather it always be summer, fall, winter, or spring? Why?