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50 Story Starters for Kids

Fun & Creative Writing Prompts

One small idea can open the door to a whole story.

Choose a prompt that sparks curiosity. Tell the story aloud, draw what you imagine, or begin writing. You can change the character, setting, or idea to make it your own.

How to use these pages

1. Choose one starter from any of the five groups.
2. Ask: Who is here? What happens next?
3. Draw, talk, act it out, or write a little.
4. Keep going if you want to. Save your idea for another day if you need a pause.

For grown-ups: Follow the child's ideas. Offer to write down their words if that helps. Enjoy the story before worrying about spelling or punctuation.

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Simple Story Starters for Kids

Choose one, change it if you like, and see where it takes you.

1. One day, a tiny dragon woke up and realized it could...
2. In a quiet forest, a little rabbit found...
3. A boy discovered a hidden door behind...
4. A girl found something shiny buried in the sand that...
5. One morning, everything in the house started to...
6. A lost puppy showed up at the door and...
7. A child opened a book and suddenly...
8. One day, the sky turned a different colour and...
9. A small bird couldn't fly until one day...
10. A child heard a voice calling their name from...

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Creative Writing Prompts for Children

Choose one, change it if you like, and see where it takes you.

11 Every time she drew a picture, it came to life...

12 There was a town where no one could tell a lie until...

13 A child found a glowing object that could change...

14 One day, time suddenly stopped and only one person noticed...

15 A secret path in the woods led to...

16 A child discovered they could talk to animals when...

17 Every time the clock struck midnight, something unusual happened...

18 A mysterious box appeared on the doorstep and...

19 A hidden room in the house revealed...

20 A child woke up with a magical ability to...

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Meaningful Story Ideas for Kids

Choose one, change it if you like, and see where it takes you.

21 One day, someone learned what kindness really meant when...

22 A child discovered they had a gift that could help others...

23 Everything changed when they chose to forgive...

24 A small act of kindness turned into...

25 A child who felt invisible suddenly...

26 Someone learned the importance of telling the truth when...

27 A moment of courage led to...

28 A child helped someone in a way they didn't expect...

29 A mistake turned into something meaningful when...

30 Someone discovered their strength during a difficult time...

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Fun & Silly Story Starters

Choose one, change it if you like, and see where it takes you.

31 One morning, everyone woke up speaking in rhymes...

32 A dog decided it didn't want to be a dog anymore and...

33 A child switched places with their teacher for a day and...

34 All the food in the kitchen started talking and...

35 A pair of shoes refused to be worn and...

36 A child's shadow started doing things on its own...

37 A banana became the most important object in the world because...

38 A classroom turned into a jungle and...

39 A child could only walk backwards for a whole day...

40 A cat became mayor of the town and...

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Imaginative Adventure Starters

Choose one, change it if you like, and see where it takes you.

41 A map was found that led to a hidden world where...

42 A child was chosen for a secret mission to...

43 A mysterious key unlocked a door to...

44 A journey began when they stepped into...

45 A magical creature appeared and asked for help with...

46 A storm brought something unexpected with it...

47 A hidden island could only be found when...

48 A child followed a trail of light that led to...

49 A secret message was discovered inside...

50 An ordinary day turned into an adventure when...

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Let My Story Grow

Use this page again with any starter. Draw, write, or ask someone to record your words.

Name: _____ Starter number: _____

My character and where the story happens

What the character wants or what goes wrong

What might happen next

A picture, a few words, or the beginning of my story