Writing Prompt #1

Write an acrostic poem with the letters of your favourite dessert.

Learning Objectives: Using creativity to come up with an original poem. This exercise allows the students to focus on using specific kinds of adjectives that may potentially describe the chosen nouns.

Constraints:

1. 10 minutes to write the poem
2. Only can use nouns that have to do with food or adjectives that have to do with texture or feelings to describe taste.

**C**reamy

**R**ich

**E**nveloping

**M**ango

**E**uphoric

**B**uns

**R**ice

**U**don

**L**avish

**E**ggs Benedict

Writing Prompt #2

Think about your favourite super hero. Write about a time where they were trying to do a task that regular people would do, but they are in their super hero outfit. Record their thoughts while the event unfolds.

Learning Objectives: Allowing the students to practice writing in the first person. The writing prompt also adds a creative and free writing component for the students to write a narrative without any formal grammatical rules. Practice writing from different points of view (1st to 3rd)

Constraints:

1. 15 Minutes to write
2. Write the superhero’s actions in first person, but also add a third person objective voice of a narrator at some point in the writing

Can’t a guy buy milk and eggs without being harassed? I mean come on! Have they never seen me on television before? I guess my bright red cape and blue spandex body suit is very eye catching, but still! Even Kryptonians need to eat too. I should’ve listened to my mother when she told me to hide. Clark Kent is so boring though, I can’t stand another day in that god awful two piece suit, pretending to be a journalist. I told my girlfriend that she should have gone to the grocery store instead, but being the bossy one she always wins!

As he walks to the check out, the perky blond cashier waves him over. Avoiding the cashier Clark makes a b-line to the self-checkout. Not knowing how to proceed, he stares at the screen blankly with his finger hovering above the screen. With a look of amusement, a fellow shopper approaches Clark from the side.

Hey there Clark, having some trouble?

Clark froze, and then slowly turned around to face that familiar voice.

Darn it Bruce! What are you doing here? Don’t you have some cars to buy? Or woman to sport around?

I was doing just that! I’m actually grocery shopping with her right now! Hold on let me bring her over! Hey Babe! Come meet my friend!

Slowly a woman turns around the corner and walks towards the two men. Clark stood there gawking.

Hey Clark….!

Where were you babe? Never mind! I wanted to introduce you to my friend! Clark meet my girlfriend Lois! Lois Lane!

Writing Prompt #3

Often anecdotal stories tend to exaggerate ones experiences. Think about a time you went grocery shopping. Write as if you are completely blown away by everything you saw.

Learning Objectives: Practicing the use of exaggeration to get ones point across.

Constraints:

1. 10 minutes to write
2. Use at least 3 accounts of sarcasm

Oh my god! It has been so long since I’ve been at the grocery store! Look at how it has changed, with all these fancy gadgets like smart shopping carts and self-check out machines. I was walking around and this nice lady offered to open me up another brand new credit card that collects points, which would add to my impressive collection thus far. I walked down the many isles and saw brands upon brands, with new signage that encouraged you to buy more, which was awfully nice of them to care about our shopping needs. They were also amazing with their sales, containers of yogurt that were about to go bad were marked down a giant 20% of the original price. If that is not a super saving then what is. I should definitely come to the grocery store more. Buying all these useless products will fill the void in my life. Who needs a relationship when you can buy comfort food and snuggly pajamas! I will have to bring my friends the next time, they would have a blast!

Writing Prompt #4

Looking at an object (Example: Russian nesting doll), you must describe how it looks like without revealing what the object is. Write as it as a poem.

Learning Objectives: Using a wide variety of adjectives

Constraints

1. You cannot use words with the letter a in it to describe it.
2. 15 minutes to write as many descriptive words as possible
3. Use at least one word to describe the object by way of the 3 of the 5 senses
4. The poem must be 4 words, 4 lines and 4 stanzas in total
5. Share at the end of class and analyze the variation of adjectives used to describe the same object

Round Smooth Hollow Girl

Big Tiny Tinnier Sizes

Foreign Cold Country North

Colourful Rosy Cheeks Wood

Precious Child Toy Object

Culture Conform Figure Women

Lower Kind Jumper Dress

Old School Classic Item

Writing Prompt #5

Pretend you are an inanimate object who has been left to be sold at this year’s yard sale. Describe what you are thinking at this moment in the form of a poem.

Learning objectives: to practice writing in an alternating pattern

Constraints:

1. 15 minutes to write a
2. 3 line stanzas, followed by a couplet

Oh Andy

My sweet Andy

How I love you so

I know you love me dearly

But now you must let me go

We’ve spent many years

You and I

Time has passed us by

Once you dropped me

I knew we were over

You had broken my leg

That left me crippled

Wounded I lie there

For I had four legs

And now I have too

You sat on my head

For it gave you comfort

And warmth

You tried to fix me

But I was not the same

For now I wobbled

I had to be replaced

I could serve you no longer

Now I wait

For an important date

Time ticking away

Where will I go

Who will be my new mate

Writing Prompt #6

Think of a place you went to when you were younger but it now no longer there or is something else. Capture your feelings about this in your writing.

Constraints:

1. 15 minutes to write
2. Write in couplets
3. Poetic form

The world Trade Center

So tall and glamorous

Tourist’s buzzing around

Crowded rooftop

Summer Vacation

New York City

Iconic place

Tourist attraction

American Pride

Wealth and stature

The world of business

Glass to glass

Fateful day in September

Gone in a flash

Destruction and grief

Rubble and Ash

Panic and confusion

Hearts Racing

Ground Zero

9/11

Memorial now

All those names

Innocent lives

Caught in crossfire

Forever in our hearts

Carved in Stone

Always remember

Those who perished

Writing Prompt #7

Practice register shifting on either a formal or informal letter that you have received in the past. If you choose to register shift down use a formal letter and if you register shift up use a piece of informal writing

Constraints:

1. 10 minutes to write

Congrats on getting in Chica! Hope you know it will be a very pricey year, where you’ll be dishing out some big smackaroons. Hope you’re psyched to teach some bratty teenagers in what we at the TEO like to call the Hormonal jungle. You do have a student code (xxxxxx), use it or you’ll be pretty lost. Don’t forget to say yes to our money grabbing program. See ya on campus this September.

Be there or Be Square  
Your Home Girl

C.Buffone

Writing Prompt #8

We often don’t reflect on our friendships, and therefore do not appreciate what our friends do for us. Write a letter of appreciation to your friend or relative who you feel needs to be recognised.

Learning Objectives: Using many vocabulary terms

Constraints:

1. 15 minutes to write the poem
2. Write 2 words per line
3. Cannot repeat adjectives

**B**eloved friend

**E**arnest companion

**C**ompassionate soul

**K**indest smile

**A**pproachable confidante

**J**oyful lady

**O**ptimistic personality

**H**appy human

**S**uper classy

**O**rganized

**N**eat freak

**I**mportant figure

**L**oving life

**O**rdinary & Extraordinary

**V**alorous fighter

**E**xcited always

**Y**outhful spirit

**O**pen minded

**U**nderstanding coach

Writing Prompt #9

Write a poem about the world. Feel free to go in any direction you wish to go.

Constraints:

1. 10 minutes to write the poem

I wish the world was a better place

Where people would love and accept one another

Where everyone would welcome the differences

Why is there such cruelty?

Why do we judge others?

Hatred is a disease

Bitterness is its friend

Will it ever change?

Or will this be the end?

Writing Prompt #10

Choose one of the natural wonders of the world. Write about it.

Constraints:

1. 10 minutes
2. Add the historical significance