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WRITING PROMPTS – RANDOM INSPIRATION

Try writing for 10 minutes using one of these ideas as writing inspiration. Ask for volunteers to share the results, or discuss the ideas inspired by the exercise.

You can either try to write a complete story, or just one scene.

Random objects

Collect a range of items to bring to the group meeting and let people choose one or more to include in a story. The items don't need to be anything special, but try to bring a range of objects, you might bring a bar of soap, canned food, a torch, a box of matches and a piece of jewellery.

Newspaper stories

Cut out articles from newspapers or magazines and let writers browse. Their writing can be inspired by the stories in the paper.

Picture prompts

Cut our pictures from magazines and let each writer choose two or three to use to inspire a story.

Random words

Print a selection of random words, then give each writer three words each. Challenge them to write a story or scene including all three words.

First line prompts

Bring some random books to the meeting. Hand a book to each writer, or let them choose a novel. They use the first line from the novel and then write a scene or story of their own.