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WRITING PROMPTS – STORY CONFLICT

All stories need conflict and tension. These prompts suggest a character and situation, the writer needs to add an incident that causes conflict. The group can either brainstorm with these situations and list ideas for the conflicts that could occur, or write a scene or story with a conflict situation and resolution.

Remember that conflict can be external or internal. An external conflict refers to the obstacles a character faces in the physical world. Internal conflict refers to a character's emotional obstacles. An example of an external conflict might be a struggle with an enemy, or the threat of a storm. An internal conflict might involve making a decision about whether to leave a bad situation, or an alcoholic struggling not to drink.

Add conflict to these situations:

A bored mum on holiday.

A soldier at home on leave.

A man on a blind date.

An alien landing on planet earth.