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WRITING PROMPTS – STORY FIRST LINES

Ask the group to write for 10 minutes or so choosing one of these first line prompts as the inspiration.

You might write a scene of a story or try to create a short 'flash fiction' work, a complete story in just a few hundred words.

When everyone is finished ask volunteers to share the results or discuss the ideas the exercise inspired.

I didn't mean to kill her.

People trust me with their pets, they really shouldn't.

It was only when the light came on that I realised I had a problem.

I had always hated him.

If only I'd listened to my mother.

I never wanted my life to turn out this way.

No one else in the whole world had done this before.

It smelled different, that was the first sign of trouble.

I wished I could show him how I felt.

She had heard his excuses before, thousands of times, and now she was sick of them.

He was probably the rudest man she'd ever met.

She got drunk even before the food arrived.

He heard the noise and knew exactly what it meant.

There was no reason to be cheerful.

It was scary in the tent in the dark, she was more of a hotel person.