

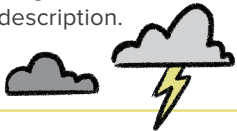
25 fun writing tasks for ages 7–11

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These 25 exciting challenges will kick-start your writing skills ready for the BBC 500 Words competition!

1 Weather wizardry.
Create a character that can control the weather. Who are they and what are they like? Write a description.



2 Quiz time.
Write some quiz questions about your favourite subject and challenge your friends or family to answer them.



3 That's magic.
Draw a picture of a magical object and write a description about what it does and how you use it.

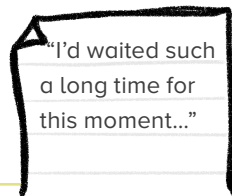
4 Silly story. Pick six random words and use them in a story. For example cheese, pencil, acrobat, kangaroo, branch and ice. What is the silliest story you can write?

5 Breaking news.
Write a news report based on a famous book. What happened? With who? Where and how? Don't forget a catchy headline!

6 Sweet stuff.
Describe a world where everything is made of sweets.



7 Story starter. Use this sentence to start writing a story:



8 Special speech.
Write a speech about why people should write more often. You could begin with: It's my strong belief that...

9 Mythical creatures.
Write a description of a mythical creature that only comes out at night.



10 Book review.
Write a review about your favourite book. Encourage others to read it too!

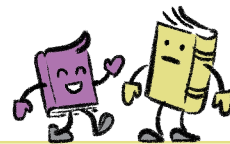


11 Script writer.
Write a script for an episode of your favourite BBC TV show.



12 The talking pet.
Imagine that you have a pet that can talk. What kind of animal is it and what does it say? Write a diary entry about your day together.

13 The enchanted library. Write a story about a magical library where all the books come to life.



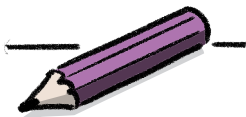
14 Mythical maps.
Create a map of a fantasy land with different landmarks and creatures.



15 Fly away.
Imagine that you have a flying carpet. Where would you go and what would you see?



16 A day in the life.
Write a diary entry of your favourite BBC TV character.



17 Daring dreams.
Create a story about a character who can enter and explore their own dreams.



18 A cracking idea.
Imagine you find a mysterious magical egg, write a story about what hatches from it.



19 Plant chat.
Imagine you could talk to plants, write down what you would say to them and what they would say back.

20 Synonym search.
How many words can you write down that have a similar meaning to the word 'said'?



21 Interview time.
Write a list of interview questions you would like to ask your favourite author.



22 Powerful potions.
Write a story about a powerful potion that has unexpected consequences.



23 The magic door.
If you found a magic door, where would it take you? Write down where you are and what you see when you go through the door.

24 Animal friends.
Choose two different animals and write a short story about their unlikely friendship.



25 Cool colours.
Think of ten words that spring to mind when you think of your favourite colour. Write a description of something using those words.



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