

Starters



1. Write about any combination of the following:

Write a:	About:		
Commercial	An old	Man	Who finds a treasure map
Newspaper article	A young	Lady	Who makes a new friend
Letter	A silly	Bunny	Who wins a race
A day in the life of	An angry	Snake	Who gets a new job
Horror story	A nerdy	Car	Who builds a tree house
			Who goes swimming

2. Would you Rather...

- Would you rather drink a gallon of ketchup or mustard? Why?
- Would you rather have a panda or anteater as a pet? Why?
- Would you rather have one extra toe or one less finger? Why?
- Would you rather always have to ride your bike wherever you go or ride the bus? Why?
- Would you rather always have to say everything that came to your mind or never speak again? Why?
- Would you rather be able to fly or be invisible? Why?
- Would you rather be able to hear any conversation or take back anything you say? Why?
- Would you rather love and not be loved back, or be loved but never love? Why?
- Would you rather publish your diary or make a movie about your most embarrassing moment? Why?
- Would you rather be rich and ugly, or good-looking and poor?
- Would you rather go on a one week trip to a foreign country of your choice or take a four week trip around your own country? Why?

- Would you rather get \$1000 right now or \$50 a month for the rest of your life? Why?
- Would you rather have bright pink teeth or bright pink hair? Why?
- Would you rather have three eyes or two noses? Why?
- Would you rather always have your nose plugged or always have your ears plugged? Why?
- Would you rather have your friends be smarter than you or better looking? Why?
- Would you rather sing every word you speak or always speak in rhymes? Why?
- Would you rather spend every minute of the rest of your life indoors or outdoors? Why?
- Would you rather have to learn to walk all over again or learn to write all over again? Why?
- Would you rather have to get everywhere by crawling or stand on your hands when you are stationary? Why?

3. If you could only...

- If you could only eat one breakfast cereal for the rest of your life, which would it be? Why?
- If you could only eat at one restaurant for the rest of your life, which would it be? Why?
- If you could only have one super power, what would it be? Why?
- If you could be one movie character, who it would it be? Why?
- If you were an animal, which animal would you be? Why?
- If you could only read one book for the rest of your life, which would it be? Why?
- If you could only watch one TV series for the rest of your life, which would it be? Why?
- If you could have lunch with one person from history, who would it be? Why?
- If you could change your name, what would you change it to? Why?
- If you could go back and change one event in history, which would it be? Why?
- Do you think crying is a sign of weakness or strength? Why?
- If you could only have one hobby, what would it be? Why?
- What is your happiest childhood memory? What makes it so special?
- How would you like to be remembered? What are you doing to ensure that legacy?

4. Draw any of the following emotions:

Happy	Lonely
Sad	Discouraged
Angry	Cowardly
Joy	Humility
Shyness	Stingy
Curious	Moody
Grief-stricken	Selfish
Stressed	Fearless

5. Anagrams

See how many words you can create from any one of the following:

Alphabets	Friend
Aluminum	Grease
Amazingly	Heredity
Apartment	Mobbed
Beware	Oceans
Bowling	Starting
Brownie	Strawberry
Crayon	

6. Give Them the Answers

List words from the lesson on the board. Tell students that these are the answers and they need to write three questions for each word.

7. Favorite Lyrics or Quote

Have students pick a favorite quote or line from a song. Ask each student to write and illustrate the quote on a piece of paper. Share with each other favorite quotes.

8. An Inspirational Person

Take a minute to write a thank you note to a person that you find to be inspirational. Tell older students that the note needs to be at least two paragraphs with at least three sentences each

9. For the Permanent Teacher

Have each student write and decorate a thank you note for the permanent teacher. Tell the students to list at least three things that they like about him/her.

10. Oh the Places You'll Go

List as many places as you can think of that you'd like to visit. Consider why you'd like to visit each of those places.

11. Normal Routines

Since you are new to the classroom, have the students introduce you to the normal routines of the classroom. Ask students to write down their class rules and the normal routine.

12. Use These Words

Write a story using the following words: magnifying glass, bucket, tree, fork, bookshelf, and computer.

13. Write Slogans

Create a slogan for each of the following items: Water, Trees, Bike Tires, Fire Hydrants, Electricity, and Binders.

14. Headlines

Choose any of the following headlines and write the story that should be associated with it:

- Duck Walks Across Highway, Causes Pileup
- Students at Local School Excel in Academics and Service Opportunities
- Costs of Paper Skyrocket; Alternatives Looked Into
- Alien Invasion Predicted for 2018
- Grass Turning Purple Around United States
- Internet Goes Down for a Day, Chaos Everywhere

15. Rhyming Words

Think of as many words as you can that rhyme with each of the following:

- Sack
- Flag
- Cake
- House
- Snow
- Car
- Tire
- Pen
- Mountain
- City

16. Safety Rules

Pick a tool that can slice your finger, write five safety rules for its use.

17. Be Descriptive

List as many adjectives as you can that describe your favorite movie.

18. Secret Message

For each letter of the alphabet, create a symbol. Then write a message in your new alphabet for someone to decode.

19. Favorite Class Activity

Have students write about their favorite class activity they've participated in so far that year.

20. Compliments

Write down something nice about the two students on your right, on your left, and behind you. Everyone must say something about their assigned person.