

WRITER'S BLOCK IDEA JAR

Supplies Needed:

- A medium-sized jar with a lid (mason jar, mayonnaise jar, plastic jar from the dollar store)
- A copy of the prompt suggestion sheet (follows)
- Novelty paper or cardstock
- Small wooden blocks (These come in a pack at a dollar store)
- Glue stick and glue gun
- Ribbon to tie around a jar
- A label that says: "Writer's Block Idea Jar."
- Hole puncher



Instructions:

1. Copy the sheet of prompt suggestions using the novelty paper and cut it apart. Fold each strip in half.
2. Place the strips in the jar.
3. You can decorate the jar in any way you like.
4. On the top of the lid, glue a small wooden block.
5. Write out your label – "Writer's Block Idea Jar." Use a hole puncher to make a hole at one end of the label. Run a ribbon through the hole and tie the string with the label around the neck of the jar.
6. Plan with an elementary teacher about this project and offer to make a Writer's Block Idea Jar for the class.
7. You could make one for every third-grade class in one of your local elementary schools.

Creative Writing Prompt Suggestions

What is your favorite number and why?	A dream I would like to have.	My favorite day of the week.	A day at the beach	When I feel sad I am _____
A lesson my grandmother taught me	My favorite pet and why?	When I am alone I like to _____	When I look at the clouds, I feel....	My favorite color and why
Name a fictional character you would like to have as a friend.	Your favorite food – how to make it.	Talk about your favorite pair of shoes and why you love them so much.	Write a thank you note by hand to someone you are grateful for.	What makes you feel bored?
Do you believe in miracles?	List three things you think are beautiful. Describe their beauty.	List something you are grateful for.	What makes a good friend?	What do you do when someone makes you mad?
Have you ever been scared? Write about it.	What is the most exciting thing you have done in your life?	If you were a superhero, what would be your special power?	What would you do and say if you met an alien from another planet?	When you look in the mirror, what do you see?
How do you waste time?	What is your favorite sport?	Do you take a nap every day?	What is the best present you ever received?	How would you make a sad friend feel happy?
List 5 things about yourself that people do not know.	What is your strongest skill? Why?	What is your weakest skill? Why?	What is your favorite season of the year and why?	What would you do if you found a \$100 dollar bill?
What is your favorite thing to do at the park?	What would be a perfect birthday party?	Name and describe 3 silly things you do.	Have you ever taken the blame for someone else?	Write an original ghost story.
Name 3 things that would make a perfect day for you.	How does rain smell to you?	What would you do if you did not have the internet for a whole week?	Name 3 things you hate to do.	Are you an early riser or a night owl?
Are you a cat person or a dog person? Why?	List several things you like about the sun.	What would you do if you were invisible for a day?	What animal do you most identify with and why?	What would your friends say is your best quality?