

Real Life Writing Starters

These prompts are designed to show that writing doesn't have to be academic or formal to be valuable. Great for middle and high school students who prefer real-world connections.

 **Choose any prompt that feels interesting, useful, or fun. You can skip or cross out any that don't appeal to you. Be honest, funny, or creative—just make it yours.**

1. Write a review of something you love or hate (a game, book, product, or movie).
2. Make a pros and cons list about a real decision you've had to make.
3. Create a step-by-step guide for something you're good at (making playlists, winning arguments, organizing your desk, etc.).
4. Write a letter to your past or future self.
5. Pretend you're writing the script for a YouTube video or podcast. What's your topic?
6. Write an email to a company giving them feedback—either a compliment or a complaint.
7. Design your own school schedule. Explain your choices.
8. Write a short speech for something you believe in (funny or serious).
9. Create a journal entry from the point of view of someone working your dream job.
10. Invent a fake app and explain what it does and who would use it.