



'Unplugged' Ideas for Writing at Home

Make an Ideas Jar

Cut out slips of paper and write a word or two on each – blue/smooth/frosty/loved. Use nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, etc. Pick three to five words and make up a story using them.



Write a Movie Review

Watch a movie and write a review. What did you like/dislike? Did the story plot surprise you? What did you think about the characters? Did the music, setting, costumes and special effects add to your enjoyment of the movie? Would you recommend the movie to a friend?



Say What?

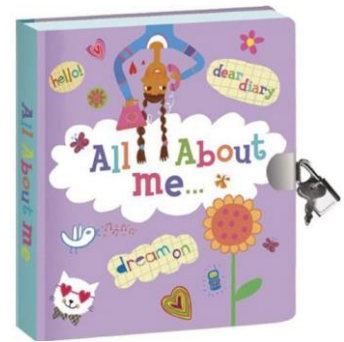
Cut out pictures from magazines or newspapers and glue them onto paper with speech bubbles. Now add funny or interesting sayings onto each picture!



Keep a Diary

Diaries are a wonderful way to keep track of life - and hold onto memories. Here are some tips on how to make your diary special:

- Make your own cover design by wrapping it in plain paper and adding patterns and drawings.
- Use different media in your diary, such as pen, pencil, felt pens, gel pens, highlighters paints, collage and markers.
- Add illustrations and pictures to your diary entries.
- Make it informal and personal to you!



Create a Comic Strip

Use your artistic skills alongside your creative writing! Comic strips are a fun way to let your imagination run wild. Create weird and wonderful characters and settings. You can make your story funny, exciting or spooky. . .

it's up to you!



Scavenger Hunt Story Bag

Get active to help you write a story!
Follow these simple steps and have fun!

1. Find a bag to collect objects,
or even better, design and make one!



2. Ask an adult to think of ten different
items that you can find around your
house and garden. How about:

- something red
- items that weigh less/more than
a certain amount
- a natural object from
the garden
- something that makes a
noise
- an item that moves
- a magnetic item
- a patterned item
- objects with various textures



and so on...

3. Now write a story based around the
items that you have collected on
your scavenger hunt!



Write a Script

Write a story that features your cuddly toys/puppets.

You could then perform a show for your family to watch and enjoy!



Why not create a theatre to present your show in?

Use an old cardboard box to make the theatre and use your artistic skills to make the backdrops.

Write Some 'Found Poetry'

Collect some words and phrases from lots of different places, like magazines, comics, newspapers, packaging, etc. You could cut them out (ask an adult first) - or write them down. Keep going until you have around 50 words - then play at re-arranging them until you have something you like!

