

Summer Creative Writing Programme

A 6-Week Creative Writing Journey for Students Aged 11-18

Introduction

Welcome to the Summer Creative Writing Challenge!

This programme has been designed to help you:

- Develop your imagination
- Build confidence in writing
- Reflect on your experiences
- Explore new ideas
- Have fun with language and storytelling

There is no right or wrong way to complete the activities.

Write as much or as little as you like. You might write:

- Stories
- Poems
- Diary entries
- Scripts
- Song lyrics
- Comic strips
- Letters
- News reports

The aim is simply to be creative.

Week 1: Discovering Your Story

Theme:

Who am I?

Writing Tasks

Task 1: All About Me

Write a page titled:

"10 Things That Make Me, Me"

Include:

- Favourite places
- Favourite memories
- Important people
- Hobbies
- Dreams

Task 2: If My Life Were a Book...

Answer:

- What would the title be?
- What genre would it be?
- Who would be the main characters?
- What would happen in Chapter One?

Task 3: Journal Prompt

Write about:

What are three things I hope to do, learn or experience this summer?

Bonus Challenge

Create a six-word autobiography.

Example:

"Still learning, growing, failing, succeeding daily."

Week 2: Characters and People

Theme:

Creating Memorable Characters

Task 1: Character Creator

Invent a character and describe:

- Name
- Age
- Personality
- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Biggest dream
- Biggest fear

Task 2: Secret Life

Write a story beginning:

Nobody knew that every evening after dinner, Jamie became...

Task 3: Journal Prompt

Write about:

Who is someone I admire and why?

Bonus Challenge

Write a conversation between:

- A superhero
- Their annoyed younger sibling

Week 3: Adventures and Mystery

Theme:

Exploring the Unknown

Task 1: Story Starter

Complete this story:

The map appeared in the strangest place...

Task 2: The Lost Object

You discover an object that grants one unusual power.

Describe:

- What it is
- How it works
- What happens when someone uses it

Task 3: Journal Prompt

Write about:

If I could go anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would I go and why?

Bonus Challenge

Write a newspaper report about a mysterious event.

Headline:

Strange Discovery Leaves Scientists Speechless

Week 4: Poetry and Expression

Theme:

Express Yourself

Task 1: Poetry Challenge

Write a poem about:

- Summer
- Friendship
- Confidence
- Nature
- Growing up

Task 2: Acrostic Poem

Choose a word:

- SUMMER
- FRIENDSHIP
- CONFIDENCE
- DREAM

Write a line for each letter.

Task 3: Journal Prompt

Complete:

I feel happiest when...

Bonus Challenge

Write a poem without using the letter "e".

Week 5: Creating New Worlds

Theme:

Imagination Without Limits

Task 1: World Builder

Create a fictional world.

Describe:

- The landscape
- The weather
- The people
- The rules
- The creatures

Task 2: Portal Story

Start with:

The door wasn't there yesterday.

Continue the story.

Task 3: Journal Prompt

Write about:

If I could create my perfect world, what would it be like?

Bonus Challenge

Invent a new holiday and explain how people celebrate it.

Week 6: Reflection and Future Stories

Theme:

Looking Forward

Task 1: Letter to Future Me

Write a letter to yourself to open in one year's time.

Include:

- What you are proud of
- What you hope will happen
- Advice for your future self

Task 2: My Summer Story

Write a short story inspired by your holiday experiences.

It can be:

- Real
- Partly true
- Completely fictional

Task 3: Journal Prompt

Complete the following:

- This summer I learned...
- I am proud of...
- I want to improve...
- I am excited about...

Bonus Challenge

Write the first page of a story set on your first day back at school.

Quick Writing Prompts

Use these whenever you need inspiration.

- The day the sky changed colour...
- A letter arrived with no sender.
- The beach was empty except for...
- I found a notebook that predicted the future.
- Suddenly, all the clocks stopped.
- One wish. One day. What happens?
- The most unusual summer job ever.
- The secret hidden beneath the school.
- The day I switched lives with someone else.
- Everyone woke up with a special power.

Creative Summer Bucket List

Try to complete at least 15:

- ☐ Write a poem
- ☐ Write a short story
- ☐ Create a comic
- ☐ Start a journal
- ☐ Write song lyrics
- ☐ Write a mystery story
- ☐ Write a fantasy story
- ☐ Write a letter
- ☐ Interview a family member
- ☐ Make a character profile
- ☐ Describe a place you love
- ☐ Write outside
- ☐ Write about a dream
- ☐ Enter a writing competition
- ☐ Read a new book
- ☐ Write a story inspired by a photograph
- ☐ Create a fictional world
- ☐ Write a script
- ☐ Share a piece of writing with someone
- ☐ Finish a story you started

End of Summer Creative Reflection

My Favourite Thing I Wrote

My Favourite Prompt

Something New I Learned About Writing

Something New I Learned About Myself

My Next Writing Goal

Final Challenge

Write one sentence that summarises your summer:

Remember: Great writers do not wait for perfect ideas. They start with small ideas and see where their imagination takes them.