

Parent Prompts to Help Kids Rehearse Their Writing

Basic Prompts

- How will your (story/essay/article) go?
- Tell me about the parts.
- How will it start?
- Then what will come next?
- How do you think you want to end?
- What will be the most important moment in the piece?
- What will be the tricky part – where might it get confusing? Let me know when you're at that part, and we can talk it out if you want.

More Advanced Prompts

- Try out a couple of leads on me. Let's see which ones really get a reader interested.
- What are you thinking about pacing? How will you control tension?
- Do you want to tell everything at once, or let out the details bit by bit?
- What do you want your reader to know right away?
- What do you want your reader to wonder about?
- What are you saving for the ending?
- How are you going to tailor this piece to your audience?
- Do you have to explain any technical vocabulary?
- Is there a particular perspective or point of view you want to represent?
- Will you do anything to acknowledge other points of view in this piece?