

LINK PROMPTS SAMPLER

Here are some ideas to help you generate your own ideas for a writing prompt. Feel free to borrow one from the list below, or change one to fit other ideas brainstormed in your group.

REMEMBER

- This writing prompt or "link" should serve as a possibility to help writers get started; it does not need to be followed exactly.
- Don't get bogged down in trying to write the link for individual interests or writing styles.

Content of the poem

- Add a character to the poem.
- Focus on one of the senses, such as sight, sound, taste, smell, or touch.
- Add a place or another setting.

Poetic devices

- Add or create rhyme schemes for the poem.
- Add some alliteration.
- Create a haiku out of the poem.
- Make the poem into a cinquain.
- Add the repetition of a word or sound.

Use of dialogue

- Write about a conversation you heard or could have heard in the poem.
- Write about a real or made-up conversation you remember that you thought of as you read or listened to the poem, something particularly poignant or powerful.
- Write about a real or made up conversation that would work within the poem.

Experimental

- Write messages you may have heard on a voicemail or an answering machine and arrange them to create a poem.
- Write about a television series that the poem reminds you of.
- Create a poem around some Web searches (e.g., titles, search terms) similar to something you heard within the poem.
- Write about everyday observations and favorite stories, like the smell of a pie cooking in the oven, an embarrassing moment, a family tradition, etc.

Some more ideas: