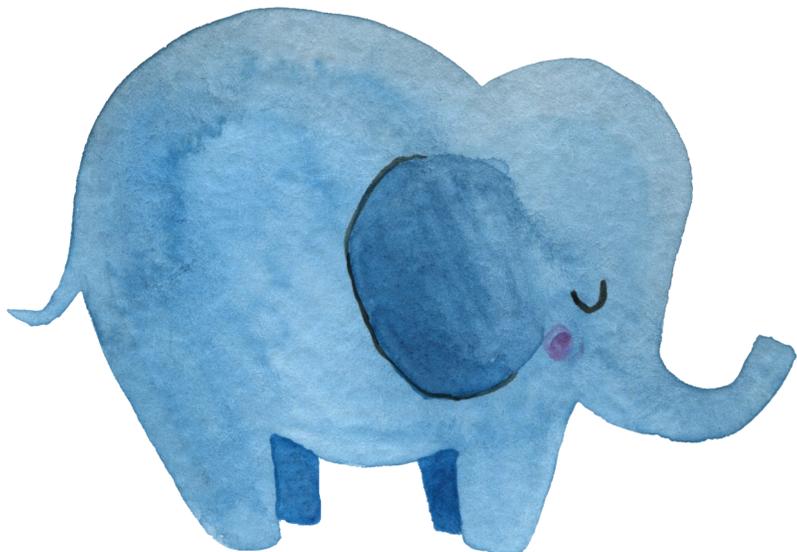


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DIRECTIONS

Print cards. Cut out a title prompt task card. Fold it in half on the dotted line. Glue together. Repeat with all the cards. Laminate for durability, if desired.

The task cards provide guidance with the writing process. This is important for students who feel like they aren't creative, or students who don't know what to write. The task card includes a series of questions to help student generate writing ideas.

Day One: Have your student choose one task card. Give the student a piece of paper to write all his or her ideas on. This prewriting process can be called a "brain dump," and it can be a place where the student answers the questions on the chosen task card.

Day Two: Have your student write a draft of a story (or list—depending on the prompt).

Day Three: Go over the draft with your student. Tell him what he has done well and give him a few suggestions. Have him write his final work on the stationery page provided (the one that matches his task card).

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Write a story with the caption below as your title.

TIGER'S TRIP TO THE ZOO



WRITING IDEAS

Who is tiger? What is he or she like?

Why does tiger want to visit the zoo? Does Tiger need a break from the circus? Is Tiger going to visit a friend or family member?

Is Tiger going to stay at the zoo, or will Tiger return to the circus?

Your story needs to have a problem and a solution. Think about these things before you begin writing.

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SEAL SAVES THE DAY



WRITING IDEAS

Start your story by describing seal at the circus. What is she like? What is she doing?

The next part of your story should be about a problem. Something has gone horribly wrong at the circus! What is it?

Does the tent collapse? Are the animals fighting? Is the ringmaster sick?

Decide what the problem is and then decide how seal can fix it!



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THE DAY I JOINED THE CIRCUS



WRITING IDEAS

Why did you join the circus? What happened before you joined? The reason you want to leave home and join the circus could be the problem in your story.

After you joined the circus, what did you do at the circus? What was your job? Were you a lion tamer? Did you feed the elephants? Were you part of the show as an acrobat or a clown?

Will you ever return home? How will you solve the original problem in your story?

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THE SILLY CIRCUS SURPRISE



WRITING IDEAS

Describe what you see, hear, and smell at the circus. Then write about a silly circus surprise!

Circuses are full of surprises. What surprise will you include in your story?

Does something unexpected happen with the food (ice cream, cotton candy, popcorn)? Does an animal perform an amazing trick? Maybe your surprise is about one of the clowns or acrobats.

Whatever you decide, have fun writing this story!



Write a story with the caption below as your title.

FUNNY THINGS I SAW AT THE CIRCUS



WRITING IDEAS

The circus is full of funny things!

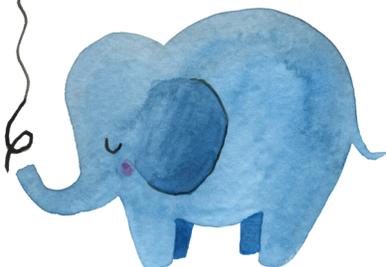
Make a list of funny things you see at the circus. Try to be ridiculous!
Here are some examples : A clown riding a giant bicycle made of balloons.
A lion eating pickle flavored ice cream!

Here is a word bank to help with ideas:

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| cotton candy | balloon | trampoline |
| fire breather | stilts | ice cream |
| juggler | monkey | tightrope walker |
| spinning plates | top hat | balancing act |
| sword swallower | elephant | trapeze artist |
| somersault | unicycle | horse |
| magic show | dog | popcorn |



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ELEPHANT'S SECRET MISSION



WRITING IDEAS

Who is elephant? What is he or she like? What is Elephant's job at the circus?

Why does Elephant have a secret mission? Is something going wrong at the circus? Is there something he needs to fix? Is there something he wants to retrieve from somewhere like a favorite snack or a birthday present for a friend?

Decide where elephant is going and why before you begin your story.

