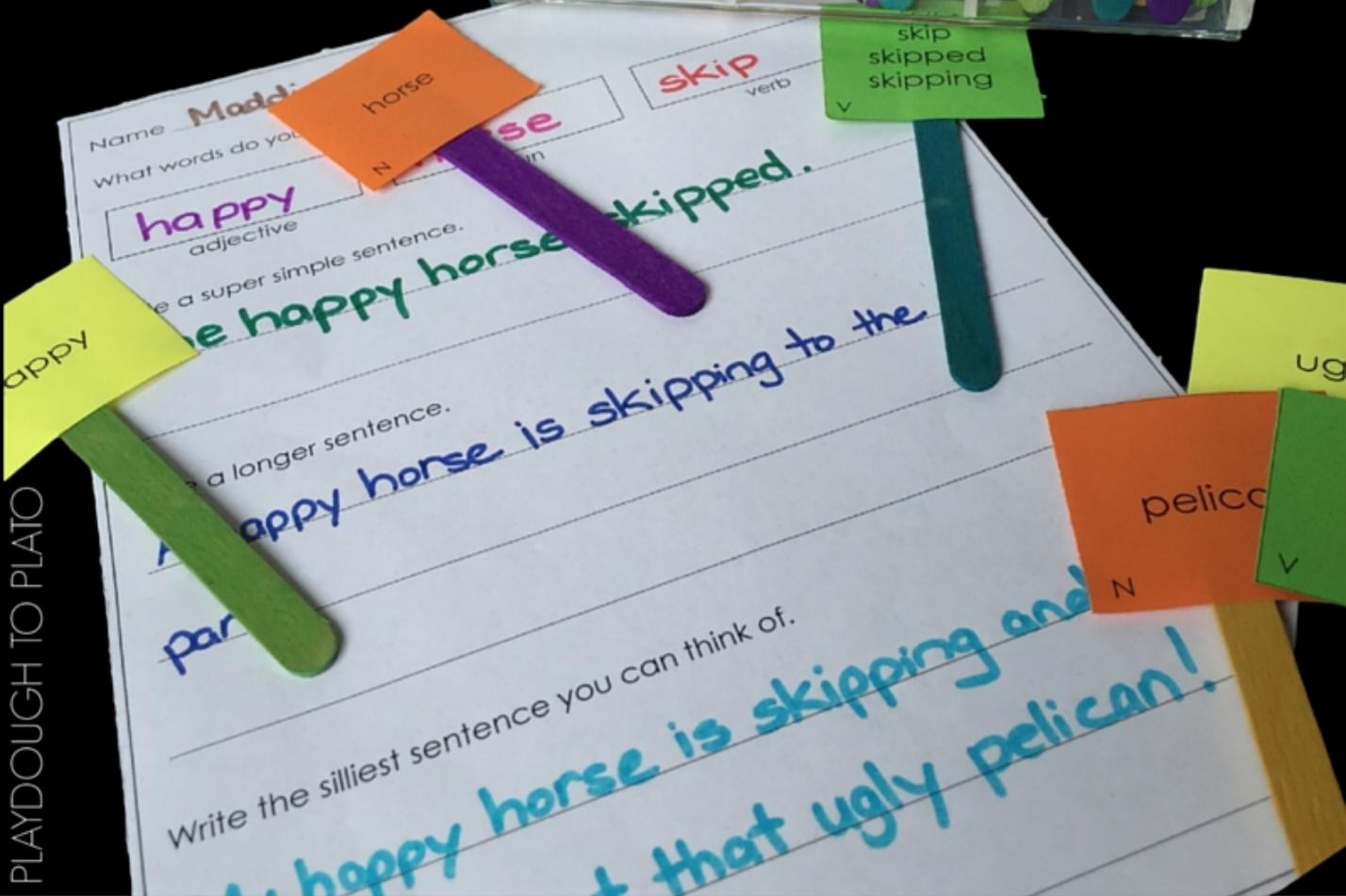


CREATIVE WRITING

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CREATIVE WRITING PROMPTS

Sometimes children struggle with writing because they spend so much time thinking about what they are going to write about that they run out of time to actually put pencil to paper! Another stumbling block can be worrying over spelling.

These creative writing prompts make getting down to the business of writing much faster, giving children more time to think about how they will put their sentences together. Prompts can also help them create longer and more complicated sentences which encourages confidence and fluency.

Prompts should not replace kids thinking for themselves, but be used as an aid while children are learning, experimenting and gaining proficiency with the writing process.

What you'll need

- White or colored card for copying
- White copy paper
- Craft sticks and adhesive tape
- Laminating pouches if you wish to laminate the cards
- Containers to hold the adjectives, nouns and verbs

To prepare

- Print off and cut the adjectives, nouns and verbs sheets. I print them on different coloured card so they're easy to differentiate. Laminate if you wish.
- Attach each word to a craft stick.
- Print off a recording sheet for each child

How to use

- Children choose 1 adjective, noun and verb then decide how to use those three words in a sentence. They can write on the recording sheet provided, but can just as easily use their writing journals or recycled paper.
- **VERBAL:** For children lacking confidence start them out by asking them to say a sentence containing the three words. Let them gain confidence with this before asking them to write.
- **DIFFERENTIATE:** On the recording sheet I have left space for a simple, more complex, and a silly sentence, but not all children will be ready for this. For some, writing simple sentences may be all they're ready for.
- **EXPAND:** Children can choose more prompts to help them expand their sentences or they can use their own words. For eg, 'the happy horse skipped,' can become 'the happy horse is skipping and sliding past that ugly pelican.'
- **ADAPT:** I have included different tenses for the verbs to help children realize they can use the words in different ways. Often, adjectives can also be changed according to how and where they occur in a sentence, but I felt it would be too confusing to add multiple iterations of those as well. The point is, children need to understand that it's OK to change the word to help it fit in a sentence. For eg, 'the old clown knitted,' can just as easily be 'the oldest clown knitted.'

I hope your kids enjoy these prompts and wish you happy teaching and learning!

Name _____

What words do you have?

adjective

noun

verb

Write a super simple sentence.

Write a longer sentence.

Write the silliest sentence you can think of.

horse

N

cow

N

sheep

N

monkey

N

pelican

N

kangaroo

N

bear

N

tiger

N

Sally

N

Tom

N

grandma

N

grandpa

N

mother

N

father

N

sister

N

brother

N

clown

N

doctor

N

teacher

N

bus driver

N

child

N

dentist

N

hairdresser

N

pilot

N

big

little

short

tall

A

A

A

A

ugly

pretty

smelly

funny

A

A

A

A

young

old

popular

talkative

A

A

A

A

frozen

hot

wet

hairy

A

A

A

A

jolly

angry

happy

silly

A

A

A

A

lazy

busy

hungry

loving

A

A

A

A

run
ran
running

v

jump
jumped
jumping

v

slide
slid
sliding

v

hop
hopped
hopping

v

sing
sang
singing

v

burp
burped
burping

v

taste
tasted
tasting

v

see
saw

v

beg
begged
begging

v

swim
swam
swimming

v

touch
touched
touching

v

knit
knitted
knitting

v

kick
kicked
kicking

v

throw
threw
throwing

v

skip
skipped
skipping

v

eat
ate
eating

v

fly
flew
flying

v

crawl
crawled
crawling

v

talk
talked
talking

v

cry
cried
crying

v

laugh
laughed
laughing

v

ride
rode
riding

v

walk
walked
walking

v

dance
danced
dancing

v

Print and laminate these if you'd like labels for your containers!

