**Useful words for describing**

Create a sentence using the following ‘power’ verbs.

**grabbed**

**snatched**

**sprinted**

**scrambled**

**shouted**

**screamed**

**crawled**

**leapt**

**strode**

**yelled**

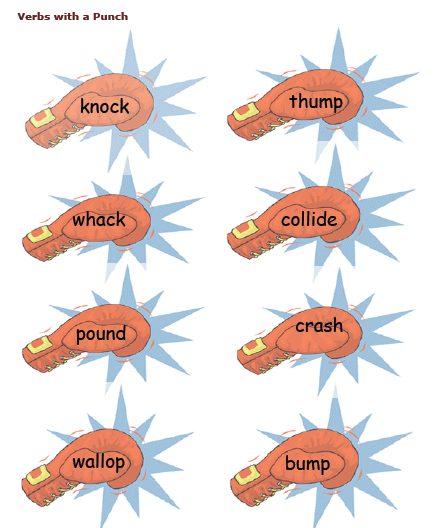
**exclaimed   
glared**

Examples of Writing Prompts

The following are twenty writing prompts that you could use to spark your imagination. If you want to use one, don’t worry about where the ideas take you or whether what you’ve written is “good”. The point is just to get into the flow of writing. You can come back later and polish if you wish to.

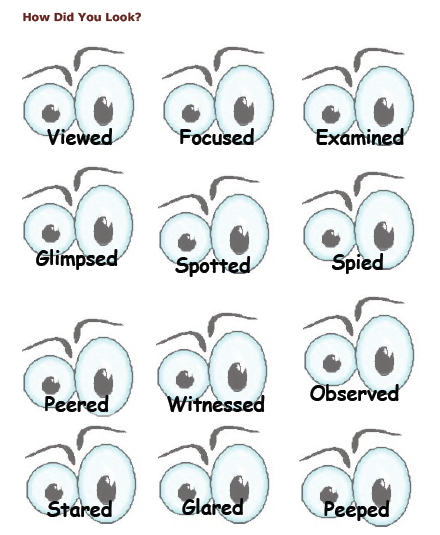
1. It was the first snowfall of the year.
2. He hadn’t seen her since the day they left High School.
3. The city burned, fire lighting up the night sky.
4. Silk.
5. She studied her face in the mirror.
6. The smell of freshly-cut grass.
7. They came back every year to lay flowers at the spot.
8. The streets were deserted. Where was everyone? Where had they all gone?
9. This time her boss had gone too far.
10. Red eyes.
11. Stars blazed in the night sky.
12. He woke to birdsong.
13. ‘Shh! Hear that?’ ‘I didn’t hear anything.’
14. He’d always hated speaking in public.
15. She woke, shivering, in the dark of the night.
16. The garden was overgrown now.
17. He’d never noticed a door there before.
18. She’d have to hitch a ride home.
19. ‘I told him not to come back too!’
20. His feet were already numb. He should have listened.



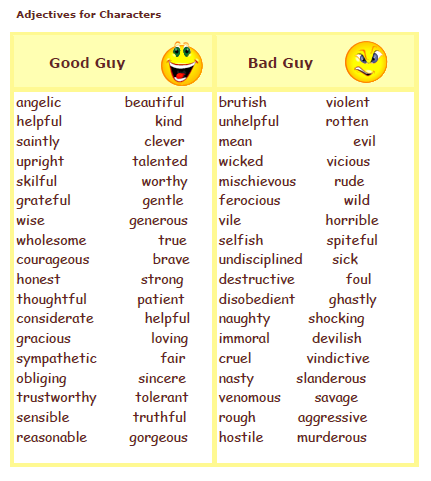














***EXTRA:***

***Beautiful Words***

**Amorphous:** indefinite, shapeless  
**Beguile:** deceive  
**Caprice:** impulse  
**Cascade:** steep waterfall  
**Cashmere**: fine, delicate wool  
**Chrysalis:** protective covering  
**Cinnamon**: an aromatic spice; its soft brown color  
**Coalesce**: unite, or fuse  
**Crepuscular**: dim, or twilit  
**Crystalline**: clear, or sparkling  
**Desultory:** half-hearted, meandering  
**Diaphanous:** gauzy  
**Dulcet:** sweet  
**Ebullient:** enthusiastic  
**Effervescent:** bubbly  
**Elision:** omission  
**Enchanted:** charmed  
**Encompass:** surround  
**Enrapture:** delighted  
**Ephemeral:** fleeting  
**Epiphany:** revelation  
**Epitome:** embodiment of the ideal  
**Ethereal**: celestial, unworldly, immaterial  
**Etiquette:** proper conduct  
**Evanescent:** fleeting  
**Evocative:** suggestive  
**Exuberant:** abundant, unrestrained, outsize  
**Felicity:** happiness, pleasantness  
**Filament:** thread, strand  
**Halcyon:** care-free  
**Idyllic:** contentedly pleasing  
**Incorporeal:** without form  
**Incandescent:** glowing, radiant, brilliant, zealous  
**Ineffable:** indescribable, unspeakable  
**Inexorable:** relentless  
**Insouciance:** nonchalance  
**Iridescent:** luster  
**Languid:** slow, listless  
**Lassitude:** fatigue  
**Lilt:** cheerful or buoyant song or movement  
**Lithe:** flexible, graceful  
**Lullaby:** soothing song  
**Luminescence:** dim chemical or organic light  
**Mellifluous:** smooth, sweet  
**Mist:** cloudy moisture, or similar literal or virtual obstacle  
**Murmur:** soothing sound  
**Myriad:** great number  
**Nebulous:** indistinct  
**Opulent:** ostentatious  
**Penumbra:** shade, shroud, fringe  
**Plethora:** abundance  
**Quiescent:** peaceful  
**Quintessential:** most purely representative or typical  
**Radiant**: glowing  
**Redolent**: aromatic, evocative  
**Resonant:** echoing, evocative  
**Resplendent**: shining  
**Rhapsodic:** intensely emotional  
**Sapphire:** rich, deep bluish purple  
**Scintilla**: trace  
**Serendipitous**: chance  
**Serene**: peaceful  
**Somnolent:** drowsy, sleep inducing  
**Sonorous:** loud, impressive, imposing  
**Spherical:** ball-like, globular  
**Sublime:** exalted, transcendent  
**Succulent:** juicy, tasty, rich  
**Suffuse:** flushed, full  
**Susurration:** whispering  
**Symphony:** harmonious assemblage  
**Talisman:** charm, magical device  
**Tessellated:** checkered in pattern  
**Tranquility:** peacefulness  
**Vestige:** trace  
**Zenith:** highest point

***Ugly Words***

**Cacophony:** confused noise  
**Cataclysm:** flood, catastrophe, upheaval  
**Chafe:** irritate, abrade  
**Coarse:** common, crude, rough, harsh  
**Cynical:** distrustful, self-interested  
**Decrepit:** worn-out, run-down  
**Disgust:** aversion, distaste  
**Grimace:** expression of disgust or pain  
**Grotesque:** distorted, bizarre  
**Harangue:** rant  
**Hirsute:** hairy  
**Hoarse:** harsh, grating  
**Leech:** parasite,  
**Maladroit:** clumsy  
**Mediocre:** ordinary, of low quality  
**Obstreperous:** noisy, unruly  
**Rancid:** offensive, smelly  
**Repugnant:** distasteful  
**Repulsive:** disgusting  
**Shriek:** sharp, screeching sound  
**Shrill:** high-pitched sound  
**Shun:** avoid, ostracize  
**Slaughter:** butcher, carnage  
**Unctuous:** smug, ingratiating  
**Visceral:** crude, anatomically graphic

***Scary vocabulary***

1. [**scary**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/scary)

provoking fear terror

1. [**chilling**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/chilling)

the process of becoming cooler; a falling temperature

1. [**shivery**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/shivery)

cold enough to cause shivers

1. [**terrorize**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/terrorize)

coerce by violence or with threats

1. [**terrify**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/terrify)

fill with terror; frighten greatly

1. [**scourge**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/scourge)

something causing misery or death

1. [**threat**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/threat)

declaration of an intention or a determination to inflict harm on another

1. [**holy terror**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/holy%20terror)

a very troublesome child

1. [**panic**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/panic)

an overwhelming feeling of fear and anxiety

1. [**fear**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fear)

an emotion experienced in anticipation of some specific pain or danger (usually accompanied by a desire to flee or fight)

1. [**venerate**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/venerate)

regard with feelings of respect and reverence; consider hallowed or exalted or be in awe of

1. [**fright**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fright)

an emotion experienced in anticipation of some specific pain or danger (usually accompanied by a desire to flee or fight)

1. [**fearfulness**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fearfulness)

an emotion experienced in anticipation of some specific pain or danger (usually accompanied by a desire to flee or fight)

1. [**dread**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/dread)

fearful expectation or anticipation

1. [**frighten**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/frighten)

cause fear in

1. [**scare**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/scare)

cause fear in

1. [**freak**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/freak)

a person or animal that is markedly unusual or deformed

1. [**monstrosity**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/monstrosity)

a person or animal that is markedly unusual or deformed

1. [**lusus naturae**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/lusus%20naturae)

a person or animal that is markedly unusual or deformed

1. [**demon**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/demon)

an evil supernatural being

1. [**devil**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/devil)

an evil supernatural being

1. [**fiend**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fiend)

an evil supernatural being

1. [**ogre**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ogre)

(folklore) a giant who likes to eat human beings

1. [**imaginary being**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/imaginary%20being)

a creature of the imagination; a person that exists only in legends or myths or fiction

1. [**imaginary creature**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/imaginary%20creature)

a creature of the imagination; a person that exists only in legends or myths or fiction

1. [**freak out**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/freak%20out)

lose one's nerve

1. [**gross out**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/gross%20out)

fill with distaste

1. [**pitch blackness**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/pitch%20blackness)

total absence of light

1. [**total darkness**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/total%20darkness)

total absence of light

1. [**black**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/black)

being of the achromatic color of maximum darkness; having little or no hue owing to absorption of almost all incident light

1. [**blackness**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/blackness)

total absence of light

1. [**sinister**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sinister)

stemming from evil characteristics or forces; wicked or dishonorable

1. [**bleak**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bleak)

unpleasantly cold and damp

1. [**fatal**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fatal)

bringing death

1. [**sinistral**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sinistral)

of or on the left

1. [**menacing**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/menacing)

threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

1. [**ugly**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ugly)

displeasing to the senses

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| ***Word List and Vocabulary*** |
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| ***Alphalary for Halloween (321)*** |
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| ***Halloween Vocabulary Word List*** |  |

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| A  afraid afterlife alarming alien [angel](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Angelplate.shtml) apparition [astronaut](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/spacefirsts.shtml) [autumn](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/fall.shtml)  B  ballerina [bat](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/mammals/bat/) beast bizarre [black](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/colors/black.shtml) [black cat](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/halloween/cat/) blood bloodcurdling bogeyman [bone](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/skeleton.shtml) boo broomstick  C  cackle cadaver [candy](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/christmas/candytrain/) cape carve casket [cat](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/mammals/cats/cat/Catprintout.shtml) cauldron cemetery chilling cloak clown [cobweb](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/halloween/spiderweb/) coffin corpse [costume](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/costumes/ladybug/) [cowboy](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/rodeo.shtml) [cowgirl](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/rodeo.shtml) creepy [crown](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/hats/flowerhat/) crypt | D  dark darkness dead demon devil devilish disguise dreadful death [dress-up](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/costumes/ladybug/)  E  eerie elf enchant evil eyeballs eyepatch  F  face paint fairy [fall](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/fall.shtml) fangs fantasy fear [firefighter](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/firetruck.shtml) flashlight fog fright frighten frightening frightful  G  genie ghastly [ghost](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/halloween/balloonghost/) ghostly ghoul ghoulish goblin goodies gory gown grave gravestone grim Grim Reaper grisly gruesome | H  hair-raising [Halloween](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/halloween/) [hat](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/hats/big/index.shtml) haunt [haunted house](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/alphabet/pictureprompts/hauntedhouse/index.shtml) hayride headstone hobgoblin hocus pocus horrible horrify howl  I  imp  J  [jack-o'-lantern](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/alphabet/followinstructions/jackolantern/index.shtml) jumpsuit  K  kimono king  L  lantern  M  macabre make-believe make-up magic [magic wand](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Bfly.shtml) [mask](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/maskcrafts/) masquerade mausoleum midnight mist monster moon moonlight moonlit morbid mummy mysterious  N  night nightmare ninja | O  October ogre [orange](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/colors/orange.shtml) otherworldly owl  P  party petrify phantasm phantom [pirate](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/pirate.shtml) pitchfork poltergeist potion prank pretend [prince](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/castle.shtml) [princess](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/castle.shtml) [pumpkin](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/pumpkin.shtml)  Q  [queen](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/castle.shtml)  R  repulsive revolting RIP robe [robot](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/robot.shtml)  S  scare [scarecrow](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/books/body/scarecrowclothes/) scary scream shadow shadowy shock shocking [skeleton](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/skeleton.shtml) [skull](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/connectdots/skull/) soldier specter spell [spider](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/spiders.shtml) [spider web](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/halloween/spiderweb/) spine-chilling spirit | S cont.  spook spooky startling strange superhero supernatural superstition sweets  T  [tarantula](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/arachnids/spider/Tarantulaprintout.shtml) terrible terrify thirty-first thrilling tiara toga tomb tombstone treat treats trick trick-or-treat troll tutu  U  unearthly unnerving  V  vampire vanish  W  [wand](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Bfly.shtml) warlock [web](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/halloween/spiderweb/) weird werewolf wicked wig [witch](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/alphabet/followinstructions/witches/index.shtml) witchcraft [wizard](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/witch.shtml) wizardry wraith  Z  zombie |