



12 Days of Christmas – 2023

Did you know, the 12 Days of Christmas are between December 25 and January 5? With this in mind, the 12 Days of Christmas creative writing program was created with a fun writing prompt sent out every day for 12 days. The aim is to kickstart your creativity for the new year. Below are the writing prompts from our 2023 program.

Day 1

Many people write thank you notes for gifts they receive.

Today, write a thank you note.

It could be for one of the gifts you receive, or it could be a fun note as a response to the gifts in the 12 Days of Christmas song, or a thank you note by a fictional character, or even a thank you note to Santa.

Day 2

There are many people travelling to their holidays today, it's also Boxing Day.

When I was a kid, we used to have fun making box cars. If you don't know what they are, you get a cardboard box and decorate it like a car with things like sticking on paper plates to be wheels and a paper plate for a steering wheel, then painting or colouring it any colour we liked.



Imagine you, or the kids, make a box car. Then you climb in. All of a sudden, the car takes you on a magical, fantastical adventure.

Write a story about your adventure. If you want to, build a box car too!

Day 3

In Australia, Boxing Day is a day for sales. I used to live near Chadstone Shopping Centre in Melbourne and these days were always insane with so many people packing the centre, however you could get some great deals.

Imagine you are an alien, sent to Earth to report on the activities and customs of the humans. Write a report to your superiors about Boxing Day Sales.

If you've never been to one, there are plenty of photos and descriptions that can help you. Do a search on 'Boxing Day Sales' or even 'Boxing Day Sales Chadstone' or similar.

Day 4

Yesterday, I got a burst of energy and did some gardening. Some of our garden beds are overgrown with weeds!

For today, imagine that you are in the garden, and you discover a treasure chest. Write a story about your discovery.



Day 5

Day five is our Last Line prompt day. If you haven't done a last line prompt before, it's simple. I give you the last line of the story, and you write the beginning. It's a bit more challenging than a first line prompt, but it's just as fun.

Last Line: They all lived happily ever after, except for Charlie Murgatroyd, who was assigned to do the washing up for the rest of the holiday.

Day 6

The beach is a popular spot for a holiday at this time of the year. One of the things I loved as a kid was exploring rock pools. There were so many interesting things to look at.

Write a story about exploring rock pools.

Day 7

It's New Years' Eve. So many councils put on fireworks to welcome the New Year. There is also a discussion about whether or not they are the best use of money and environmental concerns, especially when there is a high fire danger.

Imagine your local council has decided to do something different, and similarly spectacular, to welcome the New Year. Write a story about what they do and how it goes (remember a disaster story can be just as fun as a story where everything goes well).

You can be as imaginative and fantastical as you like.



Day 8

Happy New Year!! It's the time of year when people make New Years Resolutions. Often they are predictable - lose weight, earn more money, do well in school.

Write a story about a fantastical New Years Resolution. Something that is wild and unusual.

Day 9

For some weird reason this morning, my laptop decided not to connect to wifi. At least it's holidays and I don't have a huge amount of work to do, although it does highlight how much we rely on technology to work, whether for work, or entertainment.

With this in mind, write a story about an issue with technology that results in something positive.

Day 10

For today, have some fun with a random word prompt. I will give you some words, and you use them in a holiday/Christmas/New Year themed story. You can use the words any way you like.

Words: Yellow, Space, Pickle, Teddy Bear, Fan, Bicycle, Necklace.



Day 11

A lot of people are heading home from their holiday or have already gone home.

Imagine you have arrived home and start unpacking your luggage, only to discover a creature has travelled home with you. Write a story about what creature it is and what happens next!

Day 12

This time after Christmas and before heading back to work or school is a great time to do some reading, especially if you've been given some books for Christmas.

Write a story or poem about getting lost in a book.