

Circle Game

Circle the one word that most appeals to you:

Alabama Banister Carousel Diesel Exorcist

Circle another word that appeals to you:

Flatulence Garage Harried Insensitive Jambalaya

Circle yet another word that you find appealing:

Keepsake Lamb Massage Nonsense Oriole

Use these three words in a story.

Start with: *Sometimes I feel just like a gerbil, running around and around on his wheel!*

Far, Far Away

Think of a person who really bugs or annoys you. Think of a place you'd like to send this person. Then – mentally – send them there! With that in mind, start with: *The post card arrived...*

Squeaky Wheel

Write down six sounds or noises from kids' toys. Use as many of these sounds as you can in a story starting with: *The laser beam penetrated...*

Double Trouble

All of these words have two (or more) meanings. Use each word at least twice, one for each definition:

bat press pen ring fly plug club note band

Start with: *The trouble with...*

Mix-and-match Music

Write down the following:

Something you buy in a bakery:

A smell from a museum:

An automobile manufacturer:

Something people use to adorn themselves:

An expression that is overused:

Use all five items in your writing. Start with: *The music was loud...*

Happy Endings

Use the last sentences to conclude your story. ...*He left, and Mike pushed back his halo and got to work. He could see a lot of changes he wanted to make* – (Last two sentences from *Stranger in a Strange Land* by Robert A. Heinlein).