

London South East Children's University June 2026 Challenge

Write a story!

Wednesday 24th June is [National Writing Day](#), so let's all get writing and for this challenge, I would like you to write a story!

You can choose any setting, any characters, any storyline – the choice is completely yours!

If you would like some inspiration, I have shared some ideas from the BBC 500 Words competition that runs each year (maybe keep an eye out for when the competition opens again this year!). Whilst the ideas are aimed at 7-11 year olds, they are great story starters or ideas for any age!

For each story that you write, you can earn a 1hr stamp for your Children's University passport!

Once you have written your story, simply email your story (a photo is absolutely fine!) to Kate at BexleyCU@LSEAT.org.uk and she will send you your stamp code!

25 fun writing tasks for ages 7–11

These 25 exciting challenges will kick-start your writing skills ready for the BBC 500 Words competition!

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1 Weather wizardry. Create a character that can control the weather. Who are they and what are they like? Write a description.	2 Quiz time. Write some quiz questions about your favourite subject and challenge your friends or family to answer them.	3 That's magic. Draw a picture of a magical object and write a description about what it does and how you use it.	4 Gaming adventures. Write a short story based on your favourite video game. What's the storyline? Who are the characters? What challenges do the players face?	5 Breaking news. Write a news report based on a famous book. What happened? With who? Where and how? Don't forget a catchy headline!
6 Sweet stuff. Describe a world where everything is made of sweets.	7 Story starter. Use this sentence to start writing a story: "I'd waited such a long time for this moment..."	8 Planet protector. Write a speech about why and how people can protect our planet. You could begin with: "It's my strong belief that..."	9 Mythical creatures. Write a description of a mythical creature that only comes out at night.	10 Book review. Write a review about your favourite book. Encourage others to read it too!
11 Script writer. Write a script for an episode of your favourite BBC TV show.	12 The talking pet. Imagine that you have a pet that can talk. What kind of animal is it and what does it say? Write a diary entry about your day together.	13 The enchanted library. Write a story about a magical library where all the books come to life.	14 Mythical maps. Create a map of a fantasy land with different landmarks and creatures.	15 Fly away. Imagine that you have a flying carpet. Where would you go and what would you see?
16 A day in the life. Write a diary entry of your favourite BBC TV character.	17 Daring dreams. Create a story about a character who can enter and explore their own dreams.	18 A cracking idea. Imagine you find a mysterious magical egg, write a story about what hatches from it.	19 Plant chat. Imagine you could talk to plants, write down what you would say to them and what they would say back.	20 Synonym search. How many words can you write down that have a similar meaning to the word 'said'?
21 Interview time. Write a list of interview questions you would like to ask your favourite author.	22 Powerful potions. Write a story about a powerful potion that has unexpected consequences.	23 The magic door. If you found a magic door, where would it take you? Write down where you are and what you see when you go through the door.	24 Animal friends. Choose two different animals and write a short story about their unlikely friendship.	25 Robot Revolution. Imagine a world where robots do all the work. Write a short story about a day in the life of a family living in this futuristic society.

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