

Writing Prompt # 1

Week of May 11th

Read the poem "Just Me, the Ball and the Basket" by Dipta B. Think about and list all the activities that you are doing with your time these days. Use the line "It's just me and _____" to start your own description of one of those activities. Revise the description to create a poem of your own.

Just Me, the Ball and the Basket

It's just me, the ball and the basket
The crowd may roar
The players may talk trash
The officials may blow their whistles
But I don't hear them
It's a free shot
No hands waving in my face
No opponents diving and reaching at me
No twenty-four second clock ticking
No eager teammates waiting for a pass I can't make
It's just me, the ball and the basket
I slowly raise the ball
Roll it sweetly off my fingertips
Watch its rainbow arc
Swish
-Dipta B.

Writing Prompt # 2 – week of May 11th

Looking at this image, what do you think the dog is thinking? How have your pets reacted to you and your family being home all the time? If you could write a diary entry from the perspective of your dog, what do you think your animal would say?



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"Sacha, 13, climbs the walls in our home in Montreal, Canada.

"The earthbound family dog, Kobi, looks on.

"On the left, Sacha is seen from the back, performing a handstand on the wall. On the right, Kobi is seen from the back, looking on."

Writing Prompt # 3 Week of May 11th

Watch the following video of drone footage around Ottawa (after the ad).

In an alternate universe where this footage was shot at a time without a pandemic and social distancing rules, write about what you would do if you had the entire city all to yourself for one day. Where would we find you in this video? What would you be up to?

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-drone-video-covid-1.5535799>

Writing Prompt # 4

Watch the following 2 videos from the www.randomactsofkindness.org website:

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-videos/19-kindness-can-be-the-norm>

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-videos/18-the-science-of-kindness>

While watching the videos, ask yourself the following questions:

What does kindness look like?

What does kindness feel like?

Why is it important to be kind, **especially during a pandemic**, when many people are alone or isolated?

Brainstorm ways that you can be kind (WIST: **W**rite **I**n **S**ilence for **T**en) set your timer like we do in class and remove any distractions (phone etc).

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Write about an act of kindness that you can do (or have done) and how it made everyone involved feel?

Need more inspiration?

<https://youtu.be/M-dn0zuoYvg>

<https://youtu.be/VopcuymgUCA>

Writing Prompts:

Stuck at Home: The image below shows a woman who is trapped in a lantern. Based on her facial expressions describe how she might be feeling. At the end she looks happy, what is one positive thing that has come out of being at home? Describe it in detail.



Impossible News: Write an imaginary news story for something that could never happen. Maybe pigs can fly, people become invisible or someone really digs a hole to the other side of the world. Invent any situation you want as long as it is impossible. Describe the event, but do it in the same dry, factual way of other news stories you've read. You can complete your article with made-up quotations from people who witnessed the event, or even a picture.