

30-Day Creative Writing Challenge

1. Write a story that takes place completely in the dark.
2. Your character's day has been every sort of strange that you can imagine. Write about this day from their perspective—in the voice of an elderly person.
3. Reflect on the labels attached to you in childhood. Consider how these descriptions shaped you, which ones you've outgrown, and what childhood dreams remain. Where does that younger version of yourself exist today?
4. Look outside and let today's weather inspire a story.
5. Create an origin story for the Mad Hatter. Why is he called that? What was his childhood like?
6. Rewrite your favorite story or book as a poem.
7. Write a story that begins with your main character dreaming.
8. Take the words galaxy, vintage, meadow, and the number 31. Write a scene or story that includes all of them.
9. Write a poem about a sound you love.
10. Come up with three [metaphors](#) to describe how you feel right now.
11. Write a scene based on a recent encounter with a stranger.
12. Write a story where the characters or setting are shaped by [allusions](#) to classic tales or historical moments.
13. Write about a brief, everyday action in extreme detail, capturing each micro-movement and sensation as it unfolds over just 60 seconds—like the precise steps of tying shoelaces or the sensory experience of biting into an apple.
14. During a blizzard at an exclusive Swiss Alps ski resort, a guest's family heirloom disappears from a supposedly impenetrable safe. With the resort cut off from authorities and only five staff members having access to the security system, who orchestrated the seemingly impossible theft?
15. Write a story from the point of view of a child or teenager.
16. The hotter it gets, the more unusual things become. Write a scene or story about the bizarre events unfolding in the heat.
17. Write your life story in five sentences, writing it in the first person. Then try writing it in the third person.

18. What is the happiest you've ever been?
19. Sit in a coffee shop and write down snippets of conversations you hear. Use them to write a short story or scene.
20. You and your family are on a hike when you stumble upon a group of people taking part in what looks like an ancient ritual around a stone altar. One of them slowly turns and locks eyes with you. What happens next?
21. Invent a mythical species with distinct traits, abilities, and culture—what sets them apart?
22. Write a story that begins with a character having a strange gut feeling they can't explain.
23. Write a poem that starts with "[I hope this email finds you well.](#)"
24. "You've got 30 seconds to explain to me what you're doing here." Write the rest of the dialogue exchange.
25. A high school reunion rekindles an old rivalry, but this time, the stakes are higher than ever.
26. Write a humorous haiku about getting old.
27. Write a story about AI.
28. A clockmaker's final masterpiece counts down, but no one knows to what.
29. In a world where objects and their names mysteriously disappear, write about a character who tries to hold onto a single forbidden item—and the memories tied to it.
30. Create a new word that does not exist in the dictionary, and describe the meaning of this word.