

# Writing Workshops

“My Hand Was Leaking Words!”

***If words resonate with a reader, they resonate with the writer first.***

Anita Riggio offers Classroom Writing Workshops for children and Coveside Writing Workshops for adults. She is also available to lead Writing Workshops at Writers and/or Teachers Conferences.

Through Guided Imagery, **Free-Write**, Selection and Revision, her writing workshops enable writers of all ages to access their own stories—and get them on the page.

## Classroom Writing Workshops

(Grades 3 and up)

Try this in your classroom:

Download the list of **Free-Write** prompts (on page 7 of this pdf).

Read the list aloud in your classroom.

Ask students to copy any word that stirs a memory.

Ask students to circle the words that conjure the most vivid impressions.

Then choose seven words from the list of circled words.

Then three words.

Then one word.

Lead students through a meditation on that word.

**Free-Write**—let all sensory perceptions leak onto the paper.

Encourage students to keep their hands moving for at least 10 minutes.

Use ingredients from my **Recipe for Writing** (on page 9 of this pdf) when revising.

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# Conference Writing Workshops

Kudos from Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators Conference

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*"Wonderfully inspiring. (Anita) has a great personality which really comes out in her presentations."*

*"I plan to use this (process) in my office, on my own. Thanks, Anita. Never thought of what you'd proposed!"*

*"My favorite session! It helped me tap into memories I didn't know I had."*

*"(The workshop) will impact my writing. I will definitely continue the process."*

*"I wish I could have gone--I was told it was amazing!"*

## Schedule

A Writing Workshop for your conference

**Contact::** Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers online at:

<http://www.penguinputnam.com/static/packages/us/yreaders-new/index.html>

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## SPLAT! Prompts for Students

Onion dip	treehouse	snowfort	SweetTarts
Grandma	Bactine	hospital	mouse
pine tree	puppy	cousin	hot chocolate
grease	bow tie	pacifier	gingerbread
lighthouse	vet	pebbles	red wagon
fox	mustache	bees	swamp
blueberries	ammonia	glass	glider
sunburn	Chutes & Ladders	baloney	pancakes
Pez	curly ribbon	fight	cast
hide-out	Twizzlers	pumpkin pie	leaf piles
pillow	fur	red	Grandpa
Dad	Big Wheels	chapstick	trail
candy hearts	skunk	deer	secret note
piano lesson	attic	wings	turtle
bat	sunrise	chocolate chips	measles
needle	snow day	sleep-over	cattails
lobster	tent	quilt	Mom
paint	peppermint	wet grass	crash
curlers	Milk Duds	cemetery	whiskers
Step mom	tarp	marshmallows	stuffing
Step dad	thunder	pipe	salty
bongo	buttercup	lipstick	pencil sharpener
cleats	rocking chair	worms	tomato soup
goal	muddy shoes	lasagna	icicles
sea	fresh	basement	vest
clean sheets	new girl	new boy	grilled cheese sandwich
Star spangled banner			

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## SPLAT! Prompts for Adults

saddle shoes	pumpkin pie	Godiva	Emily Dickinson
class ring	PEZ	cattails	midnight
Ella	Pine Sol	Janice	Shakespeare
crib	Milk Duds	mocha	carrots
hospital	Grandpa	cast	Cracker Jacks
black	lipstick	champagne	lilacs
beer bottle	Temptations	leaf piles	pine trees
whiskers	silk	bonfire	bongos
ironing	Andy Williams	corsage	hallavah
sleepless	salty	Bobby Vinton	cat food
fresh paint	red	Bactine	four leaf clover
thunder	Four Seasons	chapstick	piano lessons
icicles	onion	ammonia	canvas
hot pink	dip	prom	diary
tomato sauce	wet grass	best friends	paper doilie
cemetery	parking	kitten	calomine lotion
rocking chair	roses	storm	Sugar Babies
clean sheets	muffler	bee sting	bookmobile
secret note	leather gloves	fur	Good Humor man
booties	silence	tomato soup	good night kiss
marshmallows	grease	Dorothy	oil lamp
Grandma	bumper	eggcream	Dad
heels	sunrise	valentines	pillow fight
gingerbread	Mom	baby lotion	skate key
lace	penny loafers	Sinatra	Noxema
She Loves You	Beatles	checkers	grilled cheese sandwich

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- 1. Details**
- 2. Strong Verbs**
- 3. Word Play**
- 4. Dialogue**
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