

COZY MYSTERY WRITING PROMPTS

In this short guide we have created for you a whole variety of different writing prompts which will allow you to create a lot of new cozy mystery stories.

Each writing prompt is a short set of phrases that will help you to get the right plot idea in place for writing your book especially when you have no ideas. Let's start...

- In a little town, a castle owner is found dead during a wedding party in the castle. It looks like a suicide, but there's a mystery behind.
- On a train going to the other side of the country, a woman, well known for being a really fantastic person, is found dead. The train gets stopped, and a sleuth on the same train will start to investigate.
- In a football match, the most promising forwarder of the city team dies after the start of second half. Looks like a heart attack, but a sleuth watching the match says he has been poisoned during the half-time break.

- A young fisherman is found dead by the river with his head in the water. It looks like he has fallen, but for the sleuth that was watching with binoculars from a birdwatching spot, it looks suspiciously like a homicide.
- In a town all the dogs are disappearing during the night. Why they can't be found anymore? Why are they taken and who is taking advantage of this situation?
- During a horse race, the most powerful horse dies and the jockey falls down losing the race and the money prize. The sleuth, that was there to watch the race, starts the investigation.
- During Christmas dinner, where the sleuth has been invited, a Count dies while eating but it's not a heart attack. He has been poisoned.
- At the circus, which comes to the little town once a year, the boss is found dead near the tigers' cage, that is open and without the tiger inside anymore. Is this really an accident like it seems? Nope, as your sleuth will show others, this is a cruel crime.

- A rich man, hated by the local community, is found dead on his land. It looks like he has thrown himself from the window, but the sleuth shows he has been killed by someone in his mansion.
- After she told her servants she was going out for a walk in her gardens, an old woman has been found dead with a dagger in her back near the rose garden. Near the dagger there's a rose. How will your sleuth solve this case?
- A family is meeting after a long time, with many guests, including your sleuth. After dinner, two young brothers are found dead, together, in the cellar of the palace. On the ground there are two broken glasses and a bottle on the table with a letter. Who is the killer?
- During a university meeting, where your sleuth is a guest of honor, there's a blackout and the department head is found dead at his table. Who has been there? Your sleuth has a photo of the meeting that can help him.
- During a charity event, all funds get stolen just before the event closes. Your sleuth, that was there and

made a donation, will find the culprit after interviewing the guests.

- During a hunting fight, one of the hunters is killed by a rifle shot to the heart. The sleuth is called to the place, as it is his/her town. But there's a problem. All the rifles were the same, and all used the same bullets. Which one of the hunters is the culprit, and why?
- A famous town banker is found drowned in a river in his suit. It is the task of the town sleuth to discover what happened and send police on the right track.
- A sleuth reads in a newspaper about many armed robberies in nearby towns. He/She is sure they will hit the town's bank that same day... How to convince the police about it and in time?
- The local antiques shop cannot find a wonderful gold pendant the morning after. They say it was there when they closed, but police can't help because there was no break in. Only your sleuth can help to find the culprit.
- The Mayor of a town gets kidnapped. The bandits are on the loose and the police have no apparent clues.

They have to ask the help of your sleuth, who will find the unique clue to start investigating and find the two culprits.

- One of the guests asks where's the toilet, and disappears during a lunch in a castle, where your sleuth has been invited. Then the person that goes to search for him disappears too. What happened? Where are they? Are they dead or alive?
- There's a ball in the hall of a beautiful house. All of the guests are dancing, when there's a blackout. When your sleuth switches the lights back on, the rich owner finds his daughter dead on the ground. What happened?
- During the annual swim challenge in the sea, the best swimmer dies of a heart attack. Is it really as it seems, or is there a culprit behind the death? Your sleuth, hidden in public, has an idea...
- A horse is found dead in his stable, and all the clues point to the watchman. Instead, for your sleuth who was called in by the horse owner, he is innocent. Who is the real culprit?

- During a walk in the woods with her dog, a woman screams when her dog brings her a bag full of banknotes. Nearby, the woman finds the body of a young man. She calls police, and the detective decides to call in your sleuth to ask for help.
- The old tarot card reader of the town is found dead in her house. What went wrong? A bad tarot reading, or she saw something she shouldn't have? Your sleuth knew her for a long time, and wants to give the police a hand.
- Your sleuth decides to take a cruise to relax, but in the middle of travel, the guest star, an actress, is found dead in her closed cabin. Everyone talks about suicide, until your sleuth decide it's time to sacrifice his/her holidays...

Thanks so much and see you soon,

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