

## TJ Tutors - Story-a-Week Summer Prompt Pack

### Week 1: The Coin That Changed Time

Prompt: While digging on the beach, you uncover an old silver coin. The moment you touch it, time slows... then spins backwards.

#### Vocabulary:

glinting, ancient, buried, swirling, dizziness, echoes, silence, rusted, mysterious, blur, whispering, timeless

#### Simile Ideas:

- As cold as an ice cube from another century
- Spinning like a whirlpool in a teacup
- The world paused like a held breath

#### Sentence Starters:

- The coin shimmered in the sunlight, half-hidden in the sand...
- I bent down, curious. The moment my fingers touched it
- Everything around me began to twist and warp...

#### Extension Idea:

Describe the place or time you land in. What has changed? Is anyone waiting for you?

### Week 2: The Letter with No Name

Prompt: A letter arrives through the post. No stamp. No return address. Just your name... and a warning.

#### Vocabulary:

crumpled, urgent, faded ink, trembling, shadowy, creased, sealed, mysterious, scratched, eerie, hesitant

#### Simile Ideas:

- Like a message from a ghost
- As silent as snowfall
- My heart pounded like a runaway drum

#### Sentence Starters:

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- The envelope was old, but the message inside was clear...
- I read it once. Then again. My name. My future. A threat.
- Nobody knew where it came from only that it had to be true.

### Extension Idea:

What does the letter warn you about? Do you ignore it or act on it?

### Week 3: The Moonlight Creature

Prompt: Each full moon, a strange creature visits your window. You're the only one who sees it and it's trying to tell you something.

### Vocabulary:

shimmering, furred, glimmer, claws, glowing, whisper, flicker, howling, breathless, chill, eerie, silent

### Simile Ideas:

- Eyes glowing like twin stars
- Moved like mist through moonlight
- As quiet as falling feathers

### Sentence Starters:

- The creature pressed its nose to the glass, waiting...
- I wasn't afraid anymore. I was curious.
- Moonlight draped the room in silver. Then I saw it again.

### Extension Idea:

Describe the bond between you and the creature. Is it friendly? Magical? Trapped?

### Week 4: The Secret School Subjects

Prompt: At your new school, every subject is actually a spell. Maths unlocks portals. English can tame dragons. History... lets you live it.

### Vocabulary:

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enchanted, curious, swirling, hidden, chanting, symbols, glowing, portal, secretive, ancient, mischievous

### Simile Ideas:

- Numbers danced like fireflies
- Books buzzed with untold power
- As mysterious as a locked door in your dreams

### Sentence Starters:

- "Turn to page 394," the teacher whispered. The page glowed.
- I used to think algebra was boring. Until it summoned a minotaur.
- Nobody else noticed when the blackboard opened...

### Extension Idea:

Create a scene where a lesson goes wrong - and YOU must fix it before it's too late.

## Week 5: The Hidden World in the Garden

Prompt: Behind the overgrown ivy in your garden, a hidden gate appears. It wasn't there yesterday.

### Vocabulary:

twisting, tangled, secret, overgrown, forgotten, rusted, creeping, glowing, ancient, magical, fluttering, hush

### Simile Ideas:

- Like a fairytale swallowed by time
- As silent as roots growing in the dark
- Branches curled like claws

### Sentence Starters:

- The ivy rustled. Something shimmered behind it...
- I pushed through, holding my breath.
- The gate opened with a groan and a gust of perfume and fog.

### Extension Idea:

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What world lies beyond the gate? What creatures or challenges wait for you?

### **Week 6: The Robot Who Wanted to Be Real**

Prompt: You build a robot from spare parts but one night, it speaks. It doesn't want to be a machine anymore.

#### **Vocabulary:**

whirring, clicking, blinking, trembling, curious, hopeful, clunky, glowing, wires, mechanical, yearning

#### **Simile Ideas:**

- Voice shaking like static on a radio
- As clumsy as a baby deer
- Eyes wide like planets full of dreams

#### **Sentence Starters:**

- "Am I... alive?" it asked.
- I stared at it, screwdriver still in hand.
- Its voice was rough but almost... human.

#### **Extension Idea:**

What makes someone real? Can a robot feel friendship, fear, or love?