

THE COFFEEHOUSE WRITER



## *Finding Inspiration*

Inspiration is all around you!

**WORK, HOME, PLAY.**

From an interaction at work with a colleague, to a memory from a photograph at home, or an experience having fun on the beach. Stories and characters are surrounding us.

Take a moment to look around you, and see what inspires you.

# Finding Inspiration

Have a go!

Start with a simple shopping list  
Write down 5 items you buy on a regular basis.  
Put them in a list.

e.g Tomatoes  
Salad  
Cheese  
Chicken  
Wine

Once you have your 5 items, think about why you get these particular items.

e.g. Tomatoes for a pasta sauce.

Now you have a reason.

Next, write who the items are for.

e.g. tomatoes for a pasta sauce, for my husband.

Now we have added a character!

Let's add a description.

Juicy Italian plum tomatoes, for a pasta sauce for my husband.

We need to add action!

What do you intend to do with your items?

e.g.

I'm going to cook juicy Italian plum tomatoes, for a pasta sauce for my husband.

Let's change it around to make it a story!

Slowly, the juicy Italian tomatoes were stirred into the pasta sauce, the rich aroma filling the air, teasing her tastebuds. She knew this would be the perfect anniversary meal for her husband.

Ready to add some drama?

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Drama is the plot.

e.g.

Slowly, the juicy Italian tomatoes were stirred into the pasta sauce, the rich aroma filling the air, teasing her tastebuds. She knew this would be the perfect anniversary meal for her husband. A pity he would never get to taste it.

Now you have a story plot!

Now try with another item from your shopping list.

Feeling confident?

Try and joining all your 5 short plots into one short story.

Stories can be any length.

There are even regular competitions for Tweet length stories of 140 characters.

How about doing fitting your story into a tweet.

Want to try more?

<https://thecoffeehousewriter.com/writing-group/writingprompts/>

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