

Hi there,

Overleaf are some writing prompts you can use to stimulate memories and stories about Christmas.

They're set out as prompt cards as I like to use them this way in my writing groups, cut up into a pile and choosing one at random for writers to write about. They're welcome to make up a poem or story if the card doesn't prompt a memory of relevance to them, but either way, we're often surprised by the excellent pieces which emerge once we're put on the spot. (And the more you work this way, the quicker you find yourself becoming at thinking up ideas).

Feel free to use the prompts as a full sheet, though, simply choosing whatever prompt you prefer.

For many of the prompts, the word 'Christmas' can be substituted with some other occasion which occurs regularly – birthdays, for example, or wedding anniversaries, or the name of a different festival such as Eid or Easter, Diwali or Hanukkah. You might have to be a bit creative, to help them fit, but writing is all about creativity, isn't it!

Have fun with your writing!

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A Christmas-shopping story.

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Are/were you a Christmas stocking, pillowcase or presents under the tree family?

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I remember, I remember ... what Christmas was like in my childhood.

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My earliest Christmas memory.

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Christmas when I first got married.

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My best-ever Christmas.

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My best-ever Christmas present.

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My worst-ever Christmas present.

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A Christmas that went wrong.

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Last Christmas ...

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The first time I experienced ... Christmas (or Eid or Diwali etc)

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Next Christmas ...

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My favourite Christmas character and why.

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My favourite Christmas song/poem/film and why.

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A Christmas story often told
in my family.

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My hopes this Christmas ...

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Memories of my relatives on
Christmas day.

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Christmas from the tree's
point of view.

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Christmas from Santa's
point of view.

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Your Christmas day routines,
then and now.

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An unexpected visitor at
Christmas time.

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A time I went
Christmas carolling.

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Christmas at school.

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How Christmas is celebrated in my
town/village/street – then and now.

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My family's Christmas traditions
– then and now.

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My Christmas stocking wish-list.

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Boxing day in my childhood.

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A Christmas I'll never forget.

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