



Fun Writing Activities for You and Your Child After Reading a Book

Writing activities strengthen your child’s understanding of what they read. Try one of these ideas after reading together. Keep it light, playful, and let your child take the lead on what activity seems most engaging to them!

Encourage your child to say their ideas before writing. Talking helps organize thoughts, and it’s perfectly fine for you to jot down their words if they’re still learning to write. If writing is stressful for your child, pause the activity or you take on the role as the writer. Have your child share their ideas while you write them down. The goal is to make writing enjoyable and meaningful. This is something you both do together for fun and connection, not something that feels like homework.

Quick and Easy Activities

Letter to a Character

Ask your child what they might like to ask or tell a character. Remind them that a letter begins with “Dear” and ends with a phrase such as “Your Friend” followed by their name.

Book Review

Create a simple “Book Review” page:

- What I liked best
- My favorite part
- Would I read it again? (Yes / No)

Have you and your child each write your answers and compare them. Kids love seeing how their thoughts match or differ from yours.

Activity Extensions

Change the Ending

What if the story had a different ending? Draw or write a new ending.

What Happens Next

Imagine what might happen if the story continued. Draw or write your ideas and share what each of you pictured.

Picture Sequence or Comic Strip

Fold a sheet of paper into four boxes. Draw the beginning, middle, and end of the Story. Use the last box to show a favorite part or a funny moment.

If I Were There...

Imagine being part of the story: What would you do? Which character would you want to be? Take turns sharing your ideas.

Make a Mini Book

Fold and staple a few pages together. Retell the story in your own words or create a new adventure using the same characters.

Family Story Rewrite

Rewrite the story so it happens in your family. Kids love seeing themselves in familiar tales.