

# January Writing Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
 <p><b>The English Teachers Association of Queensland Inc.</b> Providing professional support and advocacy for English teachers</p>		1 Create a list of those people, events and things for which you are grateful.	2 Look outside your bedroom window – write a paragraph about what you see.	3 Develop a series of fun sentences using sets of homophones.	4 Recall a memory from your childhood, emphasise sights, sounds and smells.	5 Script an imaginary 3-minute encounter with an admired person from history.	
	6 In role as your pet, pen a letter to their vet, describing their last visit.	7 To the tune of a favourite song, devise a ditty for your favourite food.	8 Craft a personal positive affirmation for yourself and place it where you will see it daily.	9 Summarise the plot line of a novel you are reading.	10 Copy a favourite recipe and share this with a friend who enjoys your cooking.	11 Evaluate the effectiveness of a news article you have read.	12 Reimagine a fairytale for a modern audience.
	13 Personalise a political speech for your life and context.	14 Eulogise a redundant piece of technology.	15 Draft a letter to your local MP celebrating a recent event or initiative in your area.	16 Re-word the previous day's letter requesting an event or initiative in your area.	17 Research and use words you commonly misspell or mispronounce in a few sentences.	18 Form an instruction list on how to practically (really!) use a household appliance.	19 Craft a promotional campaign for a vegetable you don't like to eat.
	20 Write a sonnet praising the efforts of your spouse, partner, child, pet, colleague.	21 Draw a 4-frame comic, with one speech bubble in each, exploring the theme of peace.	22 Create "Ode to a timetable".	23 Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about education.	24 Develop a week of 'love notes' to put in the lunchbox of your spouse, partner, child.	25 Over coffee and cake, share one piece of your writing with a friend.	26 Essay topic: The importance of personal identity.
	27 What does writing mean to you?	28 Translate a favourite saying into another language; place both on a card, on the fridge.	29 Outline the paragraphs for a 300-word story.	30 Craft a 300-word story.	31 Choose one piece written over the month and refine.	<p>Follow us! @etaqlid #etaqpd</p> 	

Welcome to the Writing Calendar. Each month there will be writing activities to help you improve, refine or simply practice your writing. This month we are focussing on the habit of writing, a little or a lot every day. No matter how you want to write – with pencil, pen and paper, typing or stylus on a laptop, tablet or word processor, or erasable whiteboard marker on the side of the fridge, your efforts every day will pay dividends. Enjoy the month!