Story Starters

Writers block happens to even the best writers. If some students are sluggish starters, these may help. BCS is on the move with writing!

- 1. Smarty couldn't believe his eyes. The cage door has been left open! This was his big chance. He ruffled his feathers and decided...
- 2. The footprint was the biggest one Steven had ever seen. What had toes like that?
- 3. "Wait right there- don't move! I'm coming to get you! I'm coming!" the voice called urgently. Surprised, Gloria looked down and saw...
- 4. "This will show them," Jim thought as he hammered the last nail into place.
- 5. My brother Alex us fussy. He doesn't like many foods. So we experimented in the kitchen. That's how we discovered the prize-winning recipe for chocolate-covered...
- 6. Garrett hungrily opened his Super Hero's lunch box. Next to the apple he found ...
- 7. Every season has its good points. The best thing about winter is...
- 8. All the way back to the bike shop, Clayton thought about what his uncle had told him.
- 9. My life changed the day I discovered...
- 10. The family decided to move to the new place in March, but I didn't want to go because. . .
- 11. It was a very rainy day- too rainy to go outside to play. So Adam and Christopher decided to ...
- 12. I remember. It all started in the middle of the week- Wednesday. That morning, I didn't feel quite well enough to go to school.
- 13. I stood on the sidewalk and looked up. The building, all glass and steel, looked enormous next to the little brick houses that lined the street. I felt proud that the building belonged to. . .
- 14. The queen looked down from her throne and scowled. "Get this thing away from me!" Immediately, the guards removed the....
- 15. The airplane landed gently and Lee breathed a sigh of relief.

- 16. Only Jessica and Jamie knew about the little room behind the door in the big oak tree. They found it one day while they were in the woods looking for the raspberry patch. Jessica had leaned against the tree trunk and accidentally pushed the door open. What a surprise to find...
- 17. "What do you think it is?" the small purple woman asked. She poked me gently the her boot.

 I don't Know", replied her lavender friend. "I've never seen anything like this

before".

- 18. Some days seem to last longer than others. Especially when everything goes wrong. Take Friday, for example. The trouble started when I...
- 19. Grandpa's attic is full of old clothes and other stuff from long ago. My sisters and I like to go up there and make believe we are ...
- 20. It's always frustrating to have to sit and wait for ...
- 21. The field behind the school was David's favorite place to go after school.
- 22. I looked around the room and noticed there was a new student in the class.
- 23. All the girl's friend had very ordinary hobbies except for...
- 24. I'd give anything in the world to see ...
- 25. As she held the leaking pipe in place, Lisa thought, "What is keeping Mike?"
- 26. I never thought it would be possible, but there I was ...
- 27. Scott frowned again and began to climb to the top of ...
- 28 If I didn't have my skates with me that day, I don't know what I would have done.
- 29. It was dark and cold. There were no more logs to burn. Meg and Marianne waited to be rescued. It was already two days since the accident. All they could think about was ...
- 30. Our cat Sam, sometimes is too smart for her own good. Take last Sunday ...
- 31. Darin was lucky to get to the summer job. He was happy working at the small company fixing computers. It paid pretty well and he was saving up for...
- 32. Jason played hard. This was the last game of the tournament and he wanted to win. He looked up and saw the ball. He...

- 33. Nick and Phil planned the day carefully. They had waited for this trip for weeks and nothing was going to spoil it.
- 34. It was do dark that Camille couldn't tell the difference when she closed her eyes. "How did I ever get in a mess like this?" she thought.
- 35. Only an hour ago the huge room was bustling and noisy. Now it was silent. I felt kind of sad and lonely now that the guests were gone. But I had to get up and get started ...
- 36. The train stopped suddenly. The door slid open with a screech. I couldn't believe my eyes. There in the doorway was ...
- 37. David was excited as he boarded the plane to visit his friend in California.
- 38. Sometimes a dog can be a person's best friend.
- 39. Jennifer couldn't wait for winter to be over. This summer she would have lots of time to ...
- 40. There seemed to be no way out of the big old house. Every door opened into another room ...
- 41. Kathy finished her painting and began wiping her brushes. The life like portrait seemed to be looking right at her. "This is weird," she thought. Just then ...
- 42. Nancy's eyes opened wide as she exclaimed, "Where on earth did you get those...?
- 43. The street was quiet. Then a dull gray delivery truck chuffed and sputtered around the corner. As it groaned to stop in front of #682, the door flung open.
- 44. Sandy couldn't pass up any opportunity to enter a contest.
- 45. Samantha began her routine slowly, aware that everyone was watching her every move.
- 46. A truck rattled down the empty street. It slowed and then pulled into the dark parking lot. The sign on the gate said "Fred's Parts and Service ... A Division of New Work Human Industries."
- 47. By the time Kim had walked halfway home from school, she realized that she had left her house key on the kitchen table that morning.
- We watched in horror as Ben came running out of the boys' bathroom and bumped right into the two men carrying the ...

- 49. It all started on Monday morning when several citizens of Tumbler City noticed that the sky didn't look quite right.
- 50. It seemed like the perfect day to spend at the beach. But not long after Marie and Chuck put their surfboards in the water...
- 51. There is nothing better than the feeling you get when you ...
- 52. They were at the supermarket, in the freezer section, when it happened.
- 53. Not long after I knocked, the narrow green door squeaked open. Inside was ...
- 54. It was the third day of the camping trip, and Asia knew that she would go crazy if she got one more mosquito bite. She looked at her arms and legs.
- 55. Joe yawned, stretching his arms way over his head. "If I could only stay awake just a little longer," she thought. "Then I could finish ..."
- 56. Alex knew her father would be mad when he got the bill.
- 57. My sister is quite the scientist. Last week, for example, she cloned a ...
- 58. Gloria read her shopping list for the fifth time, making sure she hadn't left anything off.
- 59. I gave my grandmother's bureau a shove and heard a small tick, like the sound of a piece of paper falling to the floor.
- 60. Tammy pretended she was asleep, even though she could hardly control her excitement.
- 61. The waiting room was quiet. The only sound was the quiet hum of the water cooler in the corner. Then the door creaked open. "Come in please," the woman with the tattoo said to me.
- 62. The year was 2011, and Jack had finally saved up enough binnets to buy a ...
- 63. There were nine people in the room, Some were talking quickly to each other. Others sat quietly on the edge of folding chairs waiting. This was the first meeting and soon they would decide on a name of the group.
- 64. The phone had been ringing all morning. Jackie finally stopped answering it after the 14th call. It had been like this ever since...
- 65. Watching the small monkeys was Michael's favorite part of the day at the zoo. When he left he wished he could have one for a pet. Was he surprised when he open his backpack later at home!

- 66. Beth walked around the corner toward her house. It had been a hard day at school. There was a surprise history quiz and she knew that she hadn't done very well. On top of that Amy was planning a party and hadn't even invited her.
- 67. Kathryn found Nicole in front of Jerry's house. Her bike lay across the curb. She was holding a note from Jerry. It said to meet her on the back porch of the abandon house at the end of Elm Street.
- 68. The directions on the box said, "Washes off with warm water." Alicia had been trying to wash it off for an hour. But it was still there. How could she explain why her face was...?
- 69. All of a sudden the lights on the control panel went out. No power. No power at all. How were we going to get back to base camp?
- 70. Joseph was watching his team from the bench. He had to sit this game out because last week he ...
- 71. Today the mayor is going to give me a medal for bravery. I never thought about being brave. It just happened. The little girl needed help and I was the only one there. I just had to...
- 72. The ball crashed through the window. Oh no, who's in trouble now?
- 73. The old farmer dug deeper in his garden. Thud. The shovel hit something hard. He dug some more. There in the dirt was a large wooden box. "What's in this?" the old man asked himself.
- 74. The young doctor looked down at me and said, "I have good news for you, Pat."
- 75. My heart was pounding. The coach was about to call the name of the most valuable player for the season. "The MVP trophy, this year goes to..."



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