

Creative writing prompts



You have lost the power of speech for 24 hours! Write about your experience, your frustrations and how you cope with the situation from when you first get up in the morning and realise what has happened.

You were in the toilets when the department store closed and have accidentally been locked in. Describe your experience starting from when you first realised something was wrong. How do you spend the following hours before the shop is opened up the next morning? Do you find anything to eat? Where do you sleep? Do you have fun in the home entertainment section? Do you try on all the clothes? Do you have a panic attack?



You have been attempting to climb Mount Everest but things have gone badly wrong and you are stuck in bad weather and not sure if you will be rescued. You are trying to stay strong and you have a photo of loved ones and are staring at it, thinking of your happy moments with them. What do you remember? Use as much detail as you can.

You are at a comedy club waiting for the stand-up comedians to come on. Suddenly you are tapped on the shoulder; you turn around and the compere is looking at you anxiously: the first act hasn't turned up and you are needed to stand in for him. Describe the next 15 minutes when you agree to go on stage – how do you feel? How do you handle it? What do you say? How does the crowd receive you? Do you get heckled or wild applause?



- 1. Choose a topic.**
- 2. Plan your work.**
- 3. Write at least four well organised paragraphs.**