It's the holidays. It's the weekend. You're home with a cold. Looking for something to do? Then why not write.

Here are some opening lines to try using in a story.

- "I can hear someone coming, quick let's hide."
- ✤ As I looked out the window, I saw a shadow moving in the trees.
- "Oh no, it's broken! What will Mum say when she finds out."
- The alien moved slowly towards us. My feet were stuck to the spot. I couldn't move.

How about a poem? Try writing your own 8 line jackiwa poem.

Go to the page with the 'jackiwa' poems to see what you need to do. You can also try writing one as free writing without worrying about verbs and adjectives. But it's still good to have a complete story, even in 8 lines.

Here are some ideas for your first one word line.

- Winter
- Oscar
- Trees
- Meeow
- ✤ Holidays
- Feet

Try writing a mask poem.

A mask poem is from an object's point of view or perspective.

Some ideas could be - A tree as the seasons affect it.

Your feet in new shoes

Not an object but The cat when he gets thrown out into the cold

Send your writing to me when done and I'll publish it here on the website.

Some tips:

Always read your work aloud to see if it flows and if it makes sense. To check your spelling try reading your work backwards. Underline words you think you could find a better choice for. Look out for those dreaded repeated words.

Have fun, and that's an order ©

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