

Bright Ideas for Summer

How bright is bright?

Cut out pictures from today's newspaper that you think could be described with the word *bright*. Arrange the pictures in order, from the least *bright* to the *briest*. Ask a friend to do the same thing with your pictures. Did your friend arrange the pictures the same way? Is *bright* a fact or opinion?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step written directions; differentiate between fact and opinion.

Briest Poem

Look through the newspaper for words about things that are *bright*. Find words that start with each letter in the word *bright*. Use these to make a really *bright* poem!

Standards Link: Writing Strategies: Use descriptive words when writing; Writing Applications: Write brief descriptions of events or things.

Bright Stuff Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:

- The word *bright* or the letters that spell it
- Synonyms for the word *bright*
- Pictures of things that can be *bright*
- Something you wouldn't see in the newspaper in the winter
- Five numbers that add up to 100

Standards Link: Spelling; Grammar: synonyms; Math: Compute sums to 100.

B is for ...

Look through the newspaper for 10 words that begin with the letter B. Cut out the words and glue them onto a piece of paper in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Concepts About Print: Distinguish letters from words; recognize uppercase and lowercase letters.

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Kid Scoop is here to inspire reading, learning and writing. And we can save teachers' time! We create a writing prompt to go with the topic of each page. They are easy, quick and fun—great to use for a daily writing activity.

Let your publisher know your students are writing responses to the prompts. Ask if they would publish some student stories.

GUIDELINES

1. Keep length between 50 and 100 words.
2. Follow directions for the topic. Creativity is great, but is the entry on topic?
3. Make sure writing is legible.
4. Add students' name, school and grade.
5. Screen for appropriateness.

WEEKLY WRITING PROMPTS

It was so big that ...

Exercise your powers of exaggeration! Write a sentence starting it was so big that... Or it was so small that... Or whatever exaggeration you like!

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Celebrity Close-Up

You're a celebrity! You are writing your autobiography for *Celebrity* magazine. Tell all about how you became famous!

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International Friendship Day

What makes a good friend?

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Sports Story

Write a sports story about something that happened in a game you played or watched.

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WEEK OF JUNE 2

TAKE A BANANA TO THE BEACH

Why take a banana to the beach? At the beach, a banana can be more than a snack. It can teach you about a group of animals called echinoderms! This week, *Kid Scoop* shows you



WEEK OF JUNE 9

WHAT'S BLACK AND WHITE AND FUN ALL OVER?

The newspaper! This week, *Kid Scoop* shows readers how to make a hammock with a newspaper. A perfect Father's Day project. The page has more fun ways to enjoy your newspaper.

WEEK OF JUNE 16

FANCY WEB WORK

Different spiders weave different kinds of webs. Some spiders don't weave webs at all. This week, *Kid Scoop* explores the wacky, and sometimes sticky, world of spider webs.



WEEK OF JUNE 23

DOES THE MOON CHANGE SHAPE?

The moon may look like it changes shape from one night to the next. But it really doesn't. This week, *Kid Scoop* shows you how to do an experiment that explains why the moon appears to change shape.

WEEK OF JUNE 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA



July 4th is considered America's birthday. This week, learn why that is and how to celebrate!

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