



## School of Ants writing prompts

Make these writing prompts big and colourful, and place them on your classroom wall. When students are stuck for a start, suggest they use one of these.

### Sentence starters:

1. If ants were as big as elephants they would.....
2. If I was an ant, I would....
3. Suddenly, the small red ant jumped on the giant bullant and....
4. It was unfortunate that the ants couldn't control their fondness for sugar.
5. "Help me carry this leaf back to the nest" shouted the worker to the soldier.  
"Sorry, I'm programmed to protect, not forage" replied the soldier.

### Narrative ideas:

1. Write a story about nighttime adventures in a land where ants glow in the dark.
2. Pretend you are a spider fighting an ant for sugary honeydew on a plant.  
What do you do? How does it end? Who gets the honeydew?
3. Imagine you are an ant trying to adapt to a warming planet. You can't regulate your body temperature. What do you do?
4. Write a story about how ants got their spines.
5. Australian aborigines have harvested honey ants for thousands of years. Write a recipe using honey from the abdomen of a honey ant!