

About These Activities . . .

The fifteen writing ideas in this collection come from our popular book, *Just Write*. The book itself is available as a download or in a hard copy version, but this 15-activity group is a good way to get started. You can then acquire the other two groups of activities separately if you wish.

Each writing assignment revolves around a very interesting subject. There's *The Dishes Page* and *The Missing Page* and *The Backwards Page*, just to name a few.

Concentrating on a single concept promotes some valuable outside-the-lines thinking. For instance, on *The Rules Page*, students are asked to write about "one school rule you don't need to follow at home." They also have to write some silly rules. We start the fun by writing some silly rules of our own, like "Never walk on the ceiling," or "Always sleep with feathers on your face." Then, it's their turn to write three more.

On *The Hands Page*, they must write a short paragraph about how their thumbs are different from their fingers. Another question: how do you make a fist? Explain.

These writing tasks are fun to do, providing good experience in expressing oneself—and thinking!