

# Writer's Block - Cube of Inspiration

**Steven Herrick**  
 Write about things you know. 'I exaggerate or colour these events.'  
 Describe in detail everything that happened between 7.00am and 9.00am this morning. Now exaggerate it so that it sounds like the family from hell or heaven!

**Janeen Brian**  
 "I use brainstorming."  
 Brainstorm your ideas, jot down words, phrases, thoughts and draw diagrams at random on your page. See what sparks, see what sticks and is exciting. fill the whole page.

**Geoffrey McSkimming**  
 Make up some silly jokes. Make up 10 riddles, go nuts, write the questions and answers on separate papers. Put the answers in one pile and the questions in another. draw them out at random. If anything sparks write about it.

**Steve Martin**  
 Choose a sentence from an already published novel. Try these from Morris Gleitzman\* "Keith's heart was pounding." and Paul Stafford "I'm not doing it, and that's final! Forget it! No way! No chance! Never! I mean it!"

**Dyan Blacklock**  
 "Memory is my greatest sources of stories." Write about your most frightening experience. Write about what you did then, and what you would do now. Then I was frightened by..... but now.....

**John Marsden**  
 "523. Describe yourself from the point of view of an enemy, a friend, a parent, a teacher, a sibling, your bus driver."

