

**Directions:** Read and examine each part of the sample. Then read the student prompt and write your response. Try to make your side look like the sample side. By the time you are finished, you will have a complete, well-written narrative.

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### Prewriting – Getting Ideas

#### Sample Writing Prompt

It was my birthday and I was handed a small envelope. When I opened it, I found two tickets to the event that I wanted to attend more than anything else.

Write a story about what happens as you use these tickets.

#### Student Writing Prompt

I couldn't believe my good luck. After winning a local talent competition, I was given a \$500 gift card to any store in the mall. I knew just how I would spend it.

Write a story about what the person did after winning the competition.

You can get ideas for a story from:

- your own life
- movies and television shows that you've seen
- stories that you've heard from other people
- your own imagination

#### Sample Idea

I will choose an idea for this story from my own life because I did go to a special event, even though it wasn't for my birthday. The event was going to see a Broadway play.

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#### Student Idea

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