

24 Bedtime Story Prompt Cards

Cut once, use for years. For ages 3–9, at bedtime, in the car, or as a classroom writing warm-up.

Three ways to play

Tell it. Draw a card, make the story up out loud, take turns adding a sentence each.

Write it. One card per writing session — pairs with the free Doodara Picture Book Kit.

Twist it. Draw two cards and force both into the same story. This is where the good ones come from.

Printing

Six sheets, four cards each. Card stock holds up better, but plain paper is fine. Cut on the dashed lines.

If they want to see it as a book

Any of these prompts can be turned into an illustrated picture book for free at www.doodara.com — describe the story, get it illustrated, print it. No account needed to try it.

STORY CARD 01

The dragon who was scared of the dark

What does a dragon do when it can't sleep?

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STORY CARD 02

The last cookie in the jar

Two friends. One cookie. Now what?

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STORY CARD 03

A door in the bottom of the garden

Where does it go? Who else knows?

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STORY CARD 04

The day the rain went upwards

Everything else stayed normal. Only the rain changed.

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STORY CARD 05

My shoes walked off without me

Where did they go, and why?

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STORY CARD 06

The smallest one on the team

They can do one thing nobody else can.

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STORY CARD 07

A pet that nobody believes in

Everyone says it isn't real. It's asleep on your bed.

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STORY CARD 08

The library book that was never returned

It's been out for 100 years. Someone still has it.

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STORY CARD 09

The first day at a school on the moon

What's in the lunchbox? What's the playground like?

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STORY CARD 10

A monster is hiding under the bed — from you

Why is the monster the scared one?

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STORY CARD 11

The snowman who wanted to see summer

What would you do to help?

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STORY CARD 12

I found a map in my grandma's coat

It's a place she's never mentioned.

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STORY CARD 13

The bird who forgot how to fly

Who teaches it again?

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STORY CARD 14

A birthday party where nobody came

Except one unexpected guest.

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STORY CARD 15

The whale who was too big for the sea

Where does something that big belong?

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STORY CARD 16

My little brother turned invisible

He's still here. He's still annoying.

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STORY CARD 17

A robot who wanted a bedtime story

It has never been sleepy before.

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STORY CARD 18

The tree that grew shoes instead of apples

The whole street comes to look.

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STORY CARD 19

My drawing climbed off the page

It looks a bit different in real life.

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STORY CARD 20

The lighthouse that lost its light

Ships are coming and it's getting dark.

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STORY CARD 21

A fox who wanted to be a house pet

Cold night. Warm window. One decision.

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STORY CARD 22

The day I swapped voices with the dog

Nobody notices until dinner time.

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STORY CARD 23

A star fell into our back garden

It's still warm and it wants to go home.

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STORY CARD 24

The kid who never lost anything

Until the one day they did.

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