**Prompts for writing**

**Using questions is good - it makes the reader start wondering and draws them in:**

What was that sneaking off into the bushes? Torak leaned forwards... Why did the wolf cub keep yipping and yowling?

**Exclamations are useful for being dramatic or at the exciting part of the story:**

They were doomed!

"Help!" he screamed, as he slipped...

**Short, simple sentences are good to be clear and to be dramatic**.

He stared.

They crept forwards.

They spun around.

It was dead.

**Two short sentences need to be balanced with something longer, as here:**

Torak ran down the path. He strode into the clearing. He went up to the fire, spent some time staring at the flames, and then he picked up an arrow.

**Using varied sentence openings. Be careful with your commas.**

**Use an adverb:**

Slowly, he turned around.

**Use a verb with -ing:**

Rushing towards the fire, he tripped.

**Use a verb with -ed:**

Amazed, Torak turned around.

**Use a preposition:**

Down by the fire, he saw the knife.

**Use a simile:**

Like a grin, the moon shone.

**Start with a conjunction:**

Although they were tired, Torak and the cub pressed on.

**Reorder the sentence:**

Across the river, the raven flew gracefully, like snow in the breeze.