

## Writing Badge



### Otter: Do 4 requirements including the 2 starred

\_\_\_\_\_ 1.\* In order to write effectively you need to know some basic grammar. Learn what a noun, verb, adjective, and adverb are. Go around your house and find 5 nouns, then describe them with as many adjectives as you can think of. For example you may see a table (noun) and describe it with the adjectives brown, hard, flat, and long. Now come up with 5 action verbs that you can do and think of as many adverbs as you can to describe how they are done. For example you could choose eating (verb) and describe different ways to do it (adverbs) such as quickly, slowly, or sloppily.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2.\* Keep a daily journal of what you do each day for at least 2 weeks. Make sure to use lots of good adjectives and adverbs.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Write a story.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Write a personal narrative.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Write a book report

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Write a poem.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Write a thank you letter.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Enter a writing contest.

### Dolphin: Do 5 requirements including the 2 starred

\_\_\_\_\_ 1.\* Do Otter requirements 1 & 2. Also understand conjunctions such as “and“, “or“, and “but“, as well as common contractions such as “it’s“, “don’t“, “hasn’t“, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2.\* Learn about prewriting (graphic organizers, brain storming, etc.), drafting (1<sup>st</sup> draft), revising, editing and publishing (final draft.) Use these skills in all of the writing that you do for this badge.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Write a story of at least 500 words..

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Write a personal narrative about something that happened to you. Use words that capture the five senses, sight, smell, sound, taste, and feeling.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Write a book report

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Write 2 poems.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Write a persuasive paragraph.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Write a radio commercial for the product of your choice. It should be short, catchy, and informative. Try to write a jingle to go with it.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Write a personal letter.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Write your own twist to a classic fairy tale.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Write a “How To” article to explain to someone how to do something. It might be a recipe, game instructions, how to put up a tent, or anything else you can think of. Have friends or family members follow your directions and check to see if you missed something important.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Write a newspaper article about something going on in your community or something your troop has done. Don’t forget important things like “who”, “what”, “where”, “why” and “how.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Earn the badge writing badge.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Enter a writing contest.

**Butterfly: Do 6 requirements including the 2 starred**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1.\* Do Dolphin requirements 1 & 2.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2.\* Write one example of each of the following writing styles.
- Descriptive writing that creates a clear and vivid picture of a person, place or thing  
Expository nonfiction writing that explains an event, concept or idea using facts and examples  
Narrative writing about an event in a personal way  
Persuasive writing that encourages an audience to share the writer's beliefs, opinions or point of view
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Write a story of at least 1500 words.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Write 3 personal letters, such as thank you letters, letters of appreciation to our soldiers overseas, or letters to a pen pal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Write 2 book reports.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Write 5 poems.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Write a letter to a political representative about an issue you are concerned about.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Write a radio commercial for the product of your choice. It should be short, catchy, and informative. Try to write a jingle to go with it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Learn about Martin Luther King and write your own “I Have a Dream” speech.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Write your own urban legend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Read the Declaration of Independence and reword it using today’s language style.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Write a personal narrative about something that happened to you. Use words that capture the five senses, sight, smell, sound, taste, and feeling.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Write a short play.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Create a newsletter for your troop. Include articles on upcoming events, things you have done,

interviews with girls and leaders, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Find out how a writer's manuscript is turned into a published book.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Write your own twist to a classic fairy tale.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Write a "How To" article to explain to someone how to do something. It might be a recipe, game instructions, how to put up a tent, or anything else you can think of. Have friends or family members follow your directions and check to see if you missed something important.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Write a newspaper article about something going on in your community or something your troop has done. Don't forget important things like "who", "what", "where", "why" and "how".

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Earn the badge writing badge.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Enter a writing contest.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Research careers in writing and interview someone who writes for a living. This may be a newspaper columnist, magazine editor, author, or even someone who write training manuals or advertising copy.

**Eagle: Do 7 requirements including the 2 starred**

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\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Write 3 personal letters, such as thank you letters, letters of appreciation to our soldiers overseas, or letters to a pen-pal.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Write 2 book reports.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Write a letter to a political representative about an issue you are concerned about.

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