

Prewriting Ideas

Use these prewriting ideas to help you find topics to write about. These ideas also can help you focus, explore, or narrow your topic.

► **Brainstorming experiences** List as fast as you can exciting, happy, funny, or scary things that have happened to you. What ideas do you come up with for a story about yourself?

► **Brainstorming places** List as fast as you can places that you do or do not like to visit. Tell why you go to each place and what happens there.

► **Searching your memory** Think back to a time when you learned how to do something. Tell what you did and how you felt.

► **Drawing** Draw a happy, sad, scary, or funny picture. Tell about something that made you feel this way.

► **Telling stories** Tell a story about something you did. Try to keep your listeners interested. Invite them to ask you questions about your story.

► **Looking at art** Look at paintings, photographs, or drawings. Find one that reminds you of something that happened to you. Tell how the picture and your experience are the same and different.

► **Being interviewed** Pretend that you are famous. A TV reporter is interviewing you. What will you tell the reporter about yourself?

