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 objects** List as fast as you can the names of things you see around you. Then list words that describe each thing.

► **Brainstorming people** Quickly list the names of people you know. Then list words that describe each person.

► **Brainstorming places** Quickly list the names of places you have visited. Then write words that describe each place.

► **Listing sense details** Remember a special day in your life. List how things looked, sounded, smelled, tasted, or felt. Then describe how the day made you feel.

► **Showing and telling** Bring an object to show your classmates. Have them describe it to you in detail.

► **Looking at art** Look at a painting, photograph, or drawing. Tell what you see in the picture. Then tell how it makes you feel.

► **Listening to music** Listen to a song you like. Let the music paint a picture in your mind. Describe the people or places you see in your mind. Describe how you feel.

► **Acting it out** Choose a favorite character in a play. Act out the part for your class. Then let your classmates describe your character.