

IDEAS are the main message, the content of the piece, the theme, together with all the details that enrich and develop that theme.



Ideas

Give One/Get One

	Give One <i>List your ideas</i>	Get One <i>Gather ideas from others</i>
<u>Vacation</u>	My lost luggage Hate to fly	
<u>Family</u>	Crazy in-laws My drunk uncle	

Narrowing
your
ideas...



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Trait – Ideas

Title: Generating Ideas with Give One/Get One

Materials:

- Give One/Get One Handout
- Writing Topics

Teacher Steps:

1. Generate a list of broad writing topics. For example: food, summer, winter, holiday, music, friends, school, home, picnic, animals, plants, parade, favorite place, birthday
2. Read one of the broad writing topics to the class. For example, food.
3. Using a timer, have students generate as many specific ideas as they can think of related to the broad topic under the Give One column. For example, “Why I Don’t Eat Shrimp,” “The Fool-Proof Recipe That Didn’t Work,” “Crab legs and Designer Shades,” “Last Meal with Grandpa”
4. Give students another broad writing topic and have them repeat the process.
5. After students have generated a significant number of ideas, have them stand up and travel around the room to complete the Get One column by exchanging ideas with classmates.
6. When students return to their desks after the designated amount of time, they should have twice as many ideas to write about.

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