



Donald Davis Story Prompts

Asking students about events in their own lives is a great way to spark stories that they will be excited to tell.

1. Did you ever get locked in or out of where you needed to be?
2. Did you ever lock someone else in or out of where they needed to be?
3. Did you ever go somewhere with your mom (or someone else) and you got lost?
4. Were you ever told not to go somewhere, and you went anyway?
5. Did you every try to cook something and it didn't quite work?
6. Did you every try to hide some food you didn't want to eat?
7. Did you ever borrow something without asking?
8. Did you ever break something that belonged to someone else?
9. Did you ever find or open or get into a present you were not supposed to mess with?
10. Did you ever draw or write or paint on the wall or anywhere you weren't supposed to?
11. Did you ever do art work with your food?
12. Did you ever do science experiments on your brothers or sisters (or friends)?
13. Did someone older than you ever get you to do something you should not have done?
14. Did you ever get someone younger than you to do something they should not have done?
15. Did someone ever scare you by telling you something that was not true?
16. Did you ever scare someone by telling them something that was not true?
17. Did you ever get sick and spoil everyone's plans?
18. Did you ever try to outrun one of your parents?
19. Did you ever try to get rid of a babysitter?
20. Did you ever get blamed for something you really did not do?
21. Did you every do something that made your parents stop the car?
22. Did you ever do something you hope your mother never finds out about?
23. Did you ever have trouble that had anything to do with fire?
24. Did you ever have trouble that had anything to do with water?
25. Did you ever try to drive a car?

References: More prompts are found in Donald Davis's books *Writing as a Second Language* and *Telling Your Own Stories*.