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# The 10-Sentence “Negative Story” Challenge



To be a stronger writer, you must learn how to write with a specific tone. For this 10-sentence challenge, you will use negative diction to create a negative tone.

## Sentence 1 — Miserable Beginning

Include a negative word such as: miserable, dreadful, bleak.

Example: It was a miserable morning that felt doomed from the start.



## Sentence 2 — Hopeless Mood

Include one or more of these words: hopeless, pointless, empty.

Example: Everything about the day felt hopeless and pointless.



## Sentence 3 — Express Disappointment

Include one or more of these words: failure, weak, useless.

Example: I felt like a failure for failing my math test.



## Sentence 4 — Negative Thought

Include one or more of these words: doubt, fear, regret.

Example: Doubt overwhelmed me as I thought about studying.



## Sentence 5 — Bad Setting

Include one or more of these words: dark, broken, abandoned.

Example: My room appeared dark and my soul felt broken.



## Sentence 6 — Conflict

Include one or more of these words: conflict, problem, mistake.

Example: This was the third test I had failed - which was a big problem.

## Sentence 7 — Emotional Low Point

Include one or more of these words: angry, frustrated, exhausted.

Example: Frustration from these failings consumed my thoughts.



## Sentence 8 — Negative Comparison (Simile or Metaphor)

Include one or more of these words: rotting, sinking, collapsing.

Example: My motivation was a sinking ship.

## Sentence 9 — No Hope Allowed

Include one or more of these words: never, nothing, nowhere.

Example: I had nothing to do but sit in my negative thoughts.

## Sentence 10 — Grim Ending

Include one or more of these words: defeated, ruined, crushed.

Example: If I failed another test, my grade would be ruined.

