

# Writing Challenge: The Power of Fire

**Your Task:** Write a short story about **fire**.

**Your Goal:** Make the reader feel the **fire**.

Here are some story ideas

- A wildfire spreading out of control
- The memory of a campfire
- A house fire or rescue
- Fire as a symbol (anger, destruction, rebirth, passion)



## Sensory Language & Imagery

Great writers don't just tell what's happening. They make us see, hear, feel, smell, and even taste the moment. You must include **at least 3-5 sensory details** in your story.



### Sight (What does the fire look like?)

- flickering flames
- glowing embers
- blinding light
- swirling smoke

#### Example From Literature

"Tongues of flame darted round the bed: the curtains were on fire." - *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë



### Sound (What does the fire sound like?)

- crackling
- roaring
- hissing
- snapping wood

#### Example From Literature

"The fire crackled cheerfully on the hearth..." - *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott



### Touch (What does it feel like?)

- scorching heat
- burning skin
- dry air
- stinging warmth
- suffocating heat

#### Example From Literature

"The warmth of the fire stole into his body..." - *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London



### Smell (What does it smell like?)

- smoke
- ash
- burnt wood
- melting plastic
- charred remains

#### Example From Literature

"Acrid smoke stung his nostrils." - *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien



### Taste

- ash in your mouth
- dry, dusty air
- bitter smoke

#### Example From Literature

"He could taste the smoke in the back of his throat." - *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

