



SHORT SCREENPLAY PROMPTS “A FEW IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED”

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**Note* You are welcome to use these prompts for your own screenplays or any ideas you create from them!*

-Main Character shows up to pick up his girlfriend and her father answers the door instead. He does not like Main Character and makes it clear.

-Main Character is going on a blind date. Main Character likes the Date but date does not OR Date likes Main Character but he doesn't.

-Main Character moves into a new dorm room. Main Character's roommate is already there and has taken up a lot of space. It is not love at first sight between them (an understatement).

-Main Character is trying to study but his/her roommate is ready to party.

-Main Character is cooking special dinner with a friend (or a family member). Their styles are very different (hint: Main character likes to cook, he/she like to clean)

-Last year of High School: Main Character missed his/her curfew-again- and it's midterms time! Mom (or Dad) is waiting Main Character.

-Main Character borrowed his/her best friend's car and totaled it. Now Main Character must tell him/her about it.

-Main Character's mother pays him/her a surprise visit on him/her birthday. It's sweet of her but Main Character's girlfriend/boyfriend from High School (whom she always thought was a really bad choice) had the same idea. She/he now is taking a shower in Main Character bathroom.

-Main Character finds a magical object. He can finally live the life he always wanted to live.

-Think of the weirdest person you know. Think of them falling in love.

-You're waiting for a bus at the East Campus bus stop. You encounter somebody that you know well, doing something that is entirely uncharacteristic. What are they doing? Why?

-One of your best friends just revealed an earth-shattering secret to you, that changes everything about your friendship, and may very well be pertinent to others as well. What is the secret? Do you dare share it with others?

-Jack is obsessed with orange soda. For whatever reason, orange soda is temporarily unavailable in his area. Think about the lengths that a neurotic person will go to satisfy one of their personal whims; what would Jack do?

-Think of an entirely unique quirk. Assign it to a character and imagine if they were caught in an every day situation that caught them totally off guard, and they were forced to cope with it immediately.

-Place two people who would never meet in reality together.

-Imagine a situation where a person with a specific phobia would have to face that phobia directly.

-Imagine one of your teachers interacting at a bar, outside of the classroom.

-Write about the most boring thing on the face of the earth.

-Imagine an unaccommodating person being forced to cope with a foreign whose knowledge of English is rudimentary at best. Try to think about those scenes visually, with as little dialogue as possible.