**Exercise One – Finding A Spark**

Think of an old story you like (e.g. a myth, legend or a film)

What’s special about it and why is it unique?

**Exercise Two – Word Association**

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| **Word**  | **Write anything that comes into your head for 30 seconds.** |
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 **Exercise Three – Inspiration from Everyday Life**

Write down anything that has happened in the past year that was **funny, exciting,** or **unusual.** Describe what happened.

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| **Event** | **Description**  |
| *e.g. My dog ate my homework.* | *e.g. When did it happen? What was the homework? What kind of dog was it? Who else was there? What happened next? How did you feel?* |
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**Exercise Four – What-If Prompts?**

Write down 3 ‘what if’ scenarios:

1. What if
2. What if
3. What if

**Exercise Five – Two Characters Stuck in a Lift**

Who are your two characters? (e.g. Goldilocks and Superman)

What happens when they get stuck in a lift together?

**Exercise Six – A Mystery Letter**

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| **Question** | **Your Answer** |
| Who is reading the letter? |  |
| Who wrote it? |  |
| Were they expecting to receive it? |  |
| Are they happy to receive it, or have they been avoiding it? |  |

 **Exercise Seven – Character Questions**

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| **Question** | **Your Answer** |
| How old are they? |  |
| What’s their biggest secret? |  |
| What do they want more than anything in the world? |  |

**Exercise Eight – Play Concept**

Create a concept for a play by writing down:

**A setting**

**Characters (you can include yours from Exercise 7)**

**A conflict (you can include a What-If scenario from Exercise 4)**