

Tips for Responding to Short Writing Prompts

- Read the prompt carefully and notice important words.
- When the prompt asks you for a personal experience, and you can't think of an example, pretend you have an example. It is okay to make up this sort of thing for the OSSLT.
- When you see the phrase, "specific details" (and you likely will on every short answer question), be very specific about your details. Make up a conversation, event or idea if you have to in order to make your answer specific. Using your imagination is okay as long as it is related to the prompt and is not offensive to a potential reader.