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**24. Imagination drill!**

A man in a coffee shop gets a call on his phone, talks briefly, then hangs up and gives a fist pump in the air. What was his news? Can you come up with 10 ideas that run the gamut from happy to sinister?

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**50. Imagination drill!**

A child is hiding in a locker at school. Can you think of 10 explanations ranging from funny to spine-tingling?

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**80. Imagination drill!**

A woman bursts into a boardroom, walks up to the man giving a presentation, and slaps his face. Why? Can you come up with 10 scenarios?

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**107. Imagination drill!**

A woman opens her purse, then gasps. Why? Can you come up with 10 scary, creepy, delightful, or shocking things that might be inside?

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**133. Imagination drill!**

A man with no money needs to get from point A to point B. Can you come up 10 different ways he can beg, borrow, or steal a ride in/on 10 different modes of transportation?

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**158. Imagination drill!**

A woman runs into the bathroom to throw up. Can you come up with 10 explanations?

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**183. Imagination drill!**

A woman picks up a weapon to defend herself. Describe the weapon and the situation if the scene is in:

a romantic comedy \_\_\_\_\_

a contemporary drama \_\_\_\_\_

a vampire story \_\_\_\_\_

a historical romance \_\_\_\_\_

a futuristic adventure \_\_\_\_\_

a suspense thriller \_\_\_\_\_

a horror novel \_\_\_\_\_

a fantasy tale \_\_\_\_\_

a cozy mystery \_\_\_\_\_

a fiction novel set in 1942 \_\_\_\_\_

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**203. Imagination drill!**

Readers love to see characters squirm! Your main character has their back against a wall and tells a whopper of a lie they'll have to make good on. Can you come up with 10 lies that would spin a fun story? I'll get the list started:

1. A teenage girl tells her friends she's bringing the hottest boy-band member on the planet to the senior prom.
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**216. Imagination drill!**

A lonely man is celebrating Christmas alone. He hears a noise on the roof and suddenly something comes down the chimney. Can you think of 10 things it might be other than Santa Claus?

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**233. Imagination drill!**

A young boy who's being bullied at school wishes for a super power—and gets one. Can you think of 10 embarrassing things he has to use/wear/say, etc. to engage his super power?

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**245. Imagination drill!**

A woman finds a \$100 bill on the sidewalk and decides to pocket it. What are 10 things she can do with the \$100 that lead to surprising consequences? I'll do the first one and a half:

1. She uses the money to pay a late bill, but it turns out the money is counterfeit.
2. She drops it into a Salvation Army donation bucket, but \_\_\_\_\_
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**261. Imagination drill!**

A bored teenager visiting his grandfather snoops in the attic and finds a locked trunk. What he finds inside turns his world upside down. Can you think of 10 different scenarios?

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**295. Imagination drill!**

An elderly woman is on her deathbed and reveals a shocking secret to her daughter. What is the secret? Can you think of a scenario for each other following?

The woman's secret is about herself. \_\_\_\_\_

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The woman's secret is about someone else. \_\_\_\_\_

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The woman's secret concerns something paranormal. \_\_\_\_\_

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The woman's secret will send the daughter on a quest. \_\_\_\_\_

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The woman's secret will affect the entire community. \_\_\_\_\_

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The woman's secret will affect the entire world. \_\_\_\_\_

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The woman's secret will change something everyone believes about a historical event.

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**306. Imagination drill!**

Your character is stranded on a deserted tropical island with trees and vegetation for one year. There is no cell service, so electronic communication is out of the question, as is any means of escape. He/she is wearing jeans, a T-shirt, a sweatshirt, socks, and running shoes. They have all the raw fish and seaweed they can eat, so they won't starve. You can give him/her 10 individual items for protection, tools, entertainment, etc. for the one year. What 10 items do you choose?

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**338. Imagination drill!**

This drill is about cause and effect and how the smallest of actions can set off unforeseen reactions.

A man walks into a drycleaners to pick up a jacket he needs for a presentation that day. The man working the counter says the jacket isn't ready.

1. The customer yells at the man and causes a scene, then walks out.
2. The man at the counter turns around and kicks his dog.
3. The dog \_\_\_\_\_

Can you finish the third interaction and 7 more, all escalating in negativity/severity? (Bonus points if the last interaction involves the original customer!)

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