

**What is the weather doing today?**

**Be specific.**

**How does it affect your character?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**What color is the house next door?**

**What does your character think of it?**

**Be specific.**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character just ran out of something.  
It's 3 am.**

**What did she run out of? What is it for?**

**Will she go to the store at 3 am to get  
another? If so, why?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character is waiting for the bus  
(or a ride).**

**It starts raining.**

**Does she have an umbrella?  
If not, why not?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character goes to the grocery store to  
get her favorite food.**

**What is it?**

**Why is it her favorite?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character sees two cars collide at an  
intersection.**

**What does she do?**

**Why?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character has three pictures on her  
refrigerator.**

**What or who are they pictures of?**

**Why are those pictures on her frig?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character saw something when she was a  
child that changed how she looked at life.**

**What was it?**

**How did it change her and why?**

**How old was she?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character remembers seeing something red at her grandmother's house when she was growing up.**

**What was it?**

**How does she feel about it?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character's car has less than a quarter of a tank of gas, but it's not quite on empty.**

**There's a gas station up ahead. She knows there's another station in 40 miles.**

**What does she do and why?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character is waiting for the bus. A stranger gets in line only wearing underwear and shoes.**

**What does your character do? Why?**

**What does she think? Why?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character is walking down the street during her lunch hour. She sees something in a window.**

**What is it?**

**What makes her stop to look at it?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**A drunk weaves his way up to your character and belligerently demands \$5 so he can call a cab.**

**What does your character do? Why?**

**What does she think? Why?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character is in a hurry. She runs into a store to pick something up. There's a long line.**

**Why is she in a hurry?**

**What does she do when she sees the line?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**Your character is in a store. She sees someone shoplift something.**

**What kind of store?**

**What does she do? Why?**

**How can you use this in your story?**

**A neighbor is smearing dog feces on your characters's car nearly every night.**

**What does she do? Why?**

**How can you use this in your story?**