

# Hit the Ground Running Writing Prompt

## Part One: The Jump

After having watched paratroopers in training, write a brief first person account of your experience as you prepare to jump. What are your emotions? What are your senses telling you? Are you interacting with anyone else on the plane?

1. What do you see?
2. What do you hear?
3. What do you smell?
4. What do you taste?
5. What do you feel?

## Part Two: Descending to the Ground

Describe your experience as you drift closer to the ground below you.

1. What do you see?
2. What do you hear?
3. What do you smell?
4. What do you taste?
5. What do you feel?

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### Part Three: The Landing

The ground is getting closer but obstacles such as trees, water, buildings and, of course, the enemy might be in your way as you land. Describe your experience of landing.

1. What do you see?
2. What do you hear?
3. What do you smell?
4. What do you taste?
5. What do you feel?

### Part Four: Operating on the Ground

Participate in the Chance Cards experience with your group. Did you evade capture? Why or why not? What tools did you use? What mistakes did you make?

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### Part Five: Synthesis

After reading the experiences of real paratroopers, craft a fictional, first-person narrative explaining what happened to you once you landed. Each paragraph will be about a different phase of your experience (the jump, descending to the ground, the landing, and operating on the ground). Include your five senses throughout the piece and give details to bring the experience to life.