

124 Quotes for Kids

Great for Copywork, Critical Thinking,
& Family Discussion

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'Or so she says...'

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Have your child write one quote per assignment. Along with each quote, have them write their thoughts. *What does the quote mean? Do they agree or disagree?* Allow them to do their own critical thinking before offering your interpretation. Check handwriting, spelling, punctuation, and discuss the quote together. Validate their thoughts and share your own.

- You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.
A.A. Milne
- The best index to a person's character is how a person treats people who can't do them any good or can't fight back.
Abigail Van Buren
- If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough.
Albert Einstein
- For most of life, nothing wonderful happens. If you don't enjoy getting up and working and finishing your work and sitting down to a meal with family or friends, then the chances are you're not going to be very happy. If someone based his happiness on major events like a great job, huge amounts of money, a flawlessly happy marriage or a trip to Paris, that person isn't going to be happy much of the time. If, on the other hand, happiness depends on a good breakfast, flowers in the yard, a drink or a nap, then we are more likely to live with quite a bit of happiness.
Andy Rooney
- Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy.
Anne Frank
- No one has ever become poor by giving.
Anne Frank

- America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

Abraham Lincoln

- Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.

Abraham Lincoln

- I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

Abraham Lincoln

- I don't like that man. I must get to know him better.

Abraham Lincoln

- In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.

Abraham Lincoln

- My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.

Abraham Lincoln

- No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

Abraham Lincoln

- Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally.

Abraham Lincoln

- Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted.

Albert Einstein

- If people are good only because they fear punishment, and hope for reward, then we are a sorry lot indeed.

Albert Einstein

- Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

Albert Einstein

- Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.

Albert Einstein

- Sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for nothing.

Albert Einstein

- Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.

Albert Einstein

- The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education.

Albert Einstein

- Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier.

Albert Schweitzer

- The more original a discovery, the more obvious it seems afterward.

Arthur Koestler

- The amount of good luck coming your way depends on your willingness to act.
Barbara Sher
- Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
Benjamin Franklin
- If a man could have half of his wishes, he would double his troubles.
Benjamin Franklin
- It is easier to prevent bad habits than to break them.
Benjamin Franklin
- By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.
Benjamin Franklin
- It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it.
Benjamin Franklin
- Look at everything as though you were seeing it either for the first or last time. Then your time on earth will be filled with glory.
Betty Smith
- Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.
Buddha
- In a controversy the instant we feel anger we have already ceased striving for the truth, and have begun striving for ourselves.
Buddha

- Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

Buddha

- What we think, we become.

Buddha

- A man who is eating or lying with his wife or preparing to go to sleep in humility, thankfulness and temperance, is, by Christian standards, in an infinitely higher state than one who is listening to Bach or reading Plato in a state of pride.

C. S. Lewis

- A young man who wishes to remain a sound atheist cannot be too careful of his reading.

C. S. Lewis

- Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.

C. S. Lewis

- I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C. S. Lewis

- A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.

Charles Darwin

- It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.

Charles Darwin

- Life is a tragedy when seen in close-up, but a comedy in long-shot.
Charlie Chaplin
- The temptation to quit will be the greatest just before you are about to succeed.
Chinese Proverb
- When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.
Chinese Proverb
- Do not impose on others what you yourself do not desire.
Confucius
- Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.
Confucius
- Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
Confucius
- When we see persons of worth, we should think of equaling them; when we see persons of a contrary character, we should turn inwards and examine ourselves.
Confucius
- Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.
Corrie Ten Boom

- One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today.

Dale Carnegie

- Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

Dr. Seuss

- When a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it.

Edward W. Howe

- No man can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Eleanor Roosevelt

- The key is to keep company only with people who uplift you, whose presence calls forth your best.

Epictetus

- Don't go through life, grow through life.

Eric Butterworth

- The danger of the past was that men became slaves. The danger of the future is that man may become robots.

Erich Fromm

- You must try to generate happiness within yourself. If you aren't happy in one place, chances are you won't be happy anyplace.

Ernie Banks

- I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate.

George Burns

- If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.

George S. Patton

- Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

George S. Patton

- Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

George Washington

- The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it.

George Washington

- Everybody is somebody, but nobody wants to be themselves.

Gnarls Barkley

- Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds.

Gordon B. Hinckley

- If a composer could say what he had to say in words he would not bother trying to say it in music.

Gustav Mahler

- No horse gets anywhere until he is harnessed. No stream or gas drives anything until it is confined. No Niagara is ever turned into light and power until it is tunneled. No life ever grows great until it is focused, dedicated, disciplined.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

- The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller

- We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world.

Helen Keller

- The one thing we can never get enough of is love. And the one thing we never give enough is love.

Henry Miller

- In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.

Henry Ward Beecher

- We should not judge people by their peak of excellence; but by the distance they have traveled from the point where they started.

Henry Ward Beecher

- You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.

Jack London

- Always write angry letters to your enemies. Never mail them.

James Fallows

- There is nothing like staying at home for real comfort.
Jane Austen
- A two-year-old is kind of like having a blender, but you don't have a top for it.
Jerry Seinfeld
- Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up.
Jesse Jackson
- Take care of your body. It's the only place you have to live.
Jim Rohn
- It is a common experience that a problem difficult at night is resolved in the morning after the committee of sleep has worked on it.
John Steinbeck
- I don't believe you have to be better than everybody else. I believe you have to be better than you ever thought you could be.
Ken Venturi
- If you don't make a total commitment to whatever you're doing, then you start looking to bail out the first time the boat starts leaking. It's tough enough getting that boat to shore with everybody rowing, let alone when a guy stands up and starts putting his life jacket on.
Lou Holtz
- Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world.
Lucille Ball

- The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.
Mahatma Gandhi
- Presence is more than just being there.
Malcolm Forbes
- Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.
Martin Luther King, Jr.
- If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.
Maya Angelou
- America cannot continue to lead the family of nations around the world if we suffer the collapse of the family here at home.
Mitt Romney
- Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.
Mother Teresa
- If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.
Mother Teresa
- Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.
Mother Teresa
- Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.
Mother Teresa

- Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
Mother Teresa
- Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.
Norman Vincent Peale
- Do all things with love.
Og Mandino
- You probably wouldn't worry about what people think of you if you could know how seldom they do.
Olin Miller
- Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much.
Oscar Wilde
- Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future.
Oscar Wilde
- If there was less sympathy in the world, there would be less trouble in the world.
Oscar Wilde
- There are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it.
Oscar Wilde
- Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.
Pablo Picasso

- Nothing makes us so lonely as our secrets.
Paul Tournier
- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
Plato
- It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.
Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Any kid will run any errand for you, if you ask at bedtime.
Red Skelton
- Here is the test to find whether your mission on Earth is finished: if you're alive, it isn't.
Richard Bach
- You are only what you are when no one is looking.
Robert C. Edwards
- Older people shouldn't eat health food, they need all the preservatives they can get.
Robert Orben
- All great change in America begins at the dinner table.
Ronald Reagan
- I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress.
Ronald Reagan
- When your values are clear to you, making decisions becomes easier.
Roy E. Disney

- Personally, I would sooner have written Alice in Wonderland than the whole Encyclopedia Britannica.

Stephen Leacock

- Believe you can and you're halfway there.

Theodore Roosevelt

- Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

Thomas A. Edison

- If you command wisely, you'll be obeyed cheerfully.

Thomas Fuller

- When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

Thomas Jefferson

- Repeat anything often enough and it will start to become you.

Tom Hopkins

- You cannot find peace by avoiding life.

Virginia Woolf

- A man should never neglect his family for business.

Walt Disney

- There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.

Walt Disney

- Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

William Arthur Ward

- You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take.

Wayne Gretzky

- Time is what we want most, but what we use worst.

William Penn

- If you want a quality, act as if you already had it.

William James

- Every man dies. Not every man really lives.

William Wallace

- You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life

Winston Churchill

- Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

Winston Churchill