

## Reading for writing

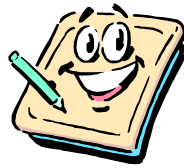
Give your child lots of opportunities to read:

- stories and poems
- information books
- signs and notices
- newspapers, magazines and comics
- instructions (recipes, games etc)
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- teletext and internet
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Make use of your local library too!



Words are everywhere!

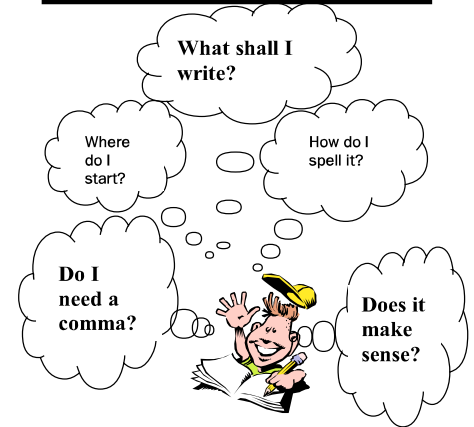


### **REMEMBER!**

- Make it fun!
- Children should feel relaxed and ready!
- Speak to your child's teacher if you need further advice.

**Children love to share their writing. Valuing your child's work will encourage them to become enthusiastic and confident writers.**

How to help your child with their writing at Key Stage 2



**When children write, there are lots of things to think about!** It's not surprising that writing is a skill which takes years to develop. In the early stages of learning to write, children are only able to focus on some aspects. For example - a child concentrating on writing an exciting adventure story, may temporarily 'forget' handwriting or spelling. As they improve, the skills will become better integrated.

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### Writing in school today

We teach children to see writing as a means of communicating to real people for a real reason.

We teach the skills of writing in different ways.

Text work—making sense of what we read; demonstrating and practising writing

Sentence work — punctuation, grammar, connecting ideas

Word work—spelling, using words, hand writing

Children learn to write in a variety of ways. This begins with **reading**; before children can write in a particular style they must have experienced it in their reading.

#### *Examples -*

Plays	Explanations
Stories	Instructions
Poetry	Information

### As developing writers, children will ...

- Write in different ways for different reasons
- Use what they read to give them ideas for their writing
- Begin to plan and improve writing
- Write sentences of varying length and complexity
- Experiment with language
- Develop punctuation and grammar
- Reread writing to check for sense

#### How you can support your child

Let your children see you and others as writers *e.g. shopping lists, notes etc.* A family message board is a good idea.

Try to provide a variety of equipment for writing *e.g. notebooks, post-its, paper of different size and colour, pens, pencils, chalk, crayons, dictionary and thesaurus, computer*

### **Encourage your child to write for a variety of real reason:**

- postcards and greetings cards
- thank you letters/notes
- messages
- lists
- e-mail

*A diary encourages your child to use writing to express feelings.*

Children enjoy writing creatively. They may wish to write -

- stories
- poems
- posters
- descriptions

**Talk to your child about their writing at school and discuss ideas with them.**

