



If your child is writing a letter, a list, an invitation, a set of instructions or a card you might like to try some of these:-

- Let them see real examples and talk about the ways they are written.
- Show them how you would write them.
- Talk to them about what they are going to write.
- Give them plenty of opportunities to write to friends or family
- Ask your child to write your shopping list or a set of instructions for a neighbour to feed a cat.



How can I help my child to spell words when they are writing?

- Encourage them to have a go using their knowledge of letter sounds and words.
- Give them words when they are stuck
- Talk about tricky words

What about punctuation?

Don't worry too much when your child first starts to write.

Encourage your child to use capital letters ...

- at the start of a sentence
- for "I"
- At the start of names of people and places
- For the first letter of days of the week and months of the year

When they are more confident help them to think about each sentence.

Think → say → write → check

What about handwriting? Does it always need to be neat?

It depends who you are writing for. Special writing such as letters, invitations etc need to be legible.

Good handwriting is helped by

- sitting in a comfortable position
- holding pens and pencils correctly
- forming letters correctly
- making letters sit on lines when appropriate

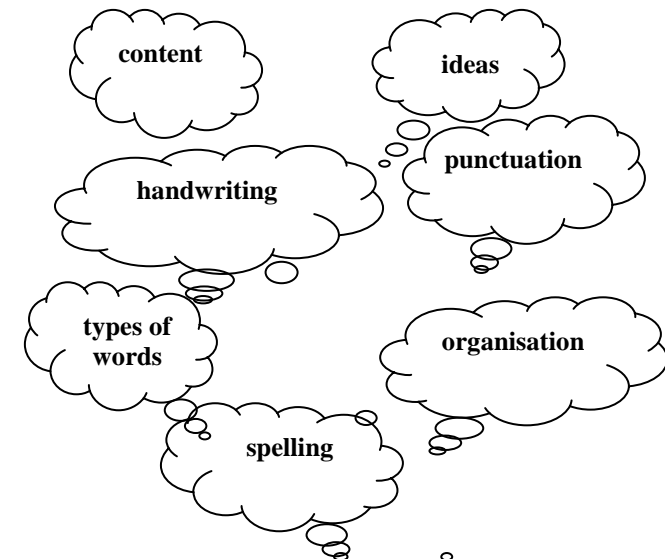
Remember when children are busy concentrating on what they want to write they often forget about neatness.

How to help your child with their writing at Key Stage 1

All children can write!

Children who write, read.
Children who read, write.

When children write they need to consider:



If we work together we can help your child to become a successful writer

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