

How can I encourage my child to write?

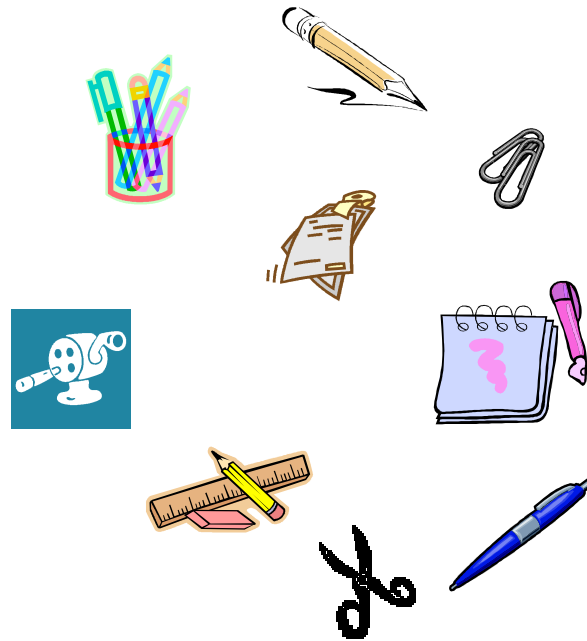
- Let your child see you write in lots of situations
- Encourage your child to write for different reasons.

Shopping lists
Lists of jobs
Birthday cards
Postcards
Letters
Notes
Simple instructions
E-mails
Notes for the milkman
Reminders

- Talk about their writing and praise their ideas.



Make your child a writing tool kit!



A good tool kit might include pens and pencils, paper in different colours, sizes and shapes, felt tips, card, labels, envelopes, post-its, cards, glue, scissors, etc.

How do I help my child organise their writing?

If your child is going to write a story these ideas might help.

- Talk about the important parts of a story. All stories have a beginning, a middle and an ending. You can use familiar stories to show them examples.
- Tell your child stories and ask them to tell you their favourite stories in the correct sequence.
- Tape them telling their own stories
- Sometimes you might write the story down for your child.
- Encourage them to write out their favourite stories, changing some parts and making it their own.
- Encourage them to make little story books, which can be illustrated and shared with family and friends.