

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO help your child learn to write

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Write in front of your child and talk about what you are writing, for example shopping lists, cards, letters and notes.

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Display paintings, drawings and pieces of writing that your child brings home from school or pre-school.

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Give your child different types of paper and different pens, pencils, crayons, chalk and textas for drawing and writing.

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Encourage your child to draw and to write about their drawing. They might like to keep a scrap book or photo album where they can keep their pictures. Help them to write labels for their photos and drawings.

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Play word games. Play 'I Spy' or 'Scrabble' together. Help your child to find little words in big words and to write them down.

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Encourage your child to write. They could write messages to you and other family members, or cards, menus, invitations and letters to friends, family, neighbours and school teachers.

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Encourage your child to write around the home. They might like to write signs, poems, favourite recipes and instructions, or to label things that they design and make.

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Praise your child for trying to write words that are new to them.

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Encourage your child to use technology to help with their writing.

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Encourage your child to keep a diary and to write in it regularly.