

Supporting your Child with Writing at Home

Writing frames

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Writing frames can be a useful tool to help children structure their writing and include certain features.

Sentence building

Sam is on the bus.

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Match word cards to a completed sentence strip. Move on to building short sentences with a selection of known word cards (use strips of paper or post-it notes).

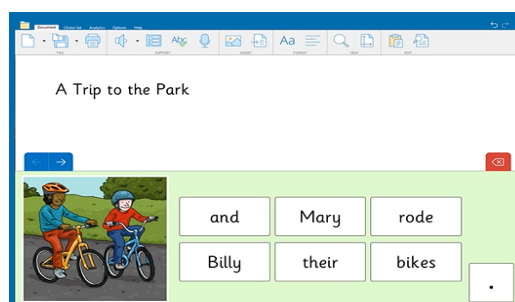
Gradually expand simple sentences to include a few adjectives/connectives: *It is a red van. It is a little yellow car. I can see a big blue lorry.*

Make it fun!



Set up a writing station with a variety of writing tools, card and different types of paper available. Create a play 'office' to inspire a desire to write!

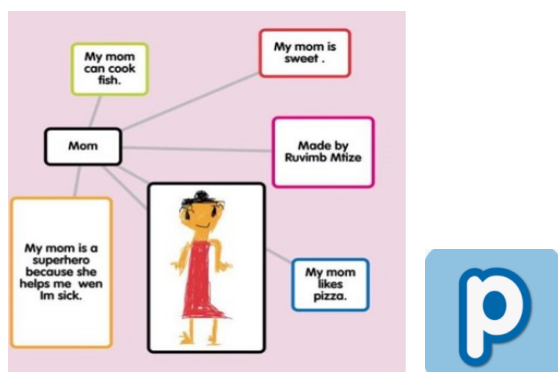
Clicker



Clicker is a child-friendly word processor that can support children's writing in a number of different ways. Visit cricksoft.com for more information or ask your school if they can provide a link.

Apps

Allow children with handwriting and/or spelling difficulties to record their ideas using apps such as Popplet (a mind mapping tool) which has a speech to text function.



Writing with purpose



Keeping a journal is a great way for children to get creative and express themselves. If children draw pictures, get them to 'tell you the story' and write it down for them to demonstrate their words are meaningful. Children can help write a shopping list!