

How can I help my child at home with their writing?

<p>Make sure your child can correctly form (write) every letter of the alphabet in lower case and upper-case letters.</p>	<p>Find writing opportunities within your family activities. Can your child write the shopping list for you that week? Can you write a recipe together for a family meal? Can they keep a diary during their school holidays about the fun things they've done?</p>
<p>Encourage your child to read aloud anything they've written to help them independently identify any errors and help them to correct these.</p>	<p>Make up fun stories together which your child can write and illustrate. Help them to sound out words as they write them down. Use the spelling tips (on this website) if they stumble across a word that's difficult for them to spell.</p>
<p>Encourage your child to take care over their punctuation. Once they've produced a piece of writing, get them to check their capital letters and full stops for each sentence.</p>	<p>Praise your child's writing so that they feel happy and comfortable to initiate the writing process. The more they are encouraged to write, their love of writing will develop.</p>