



**WRITING WITH  
ALL TOOLS  
CONTINUUM**

**TEACHING TO THE NEXT GROUP:**

Using the Writing with All Tools Continuum to Guide our Teaching



The Writing with All Tools Continuum is designed to assess writing samples from developing writers who are using any writing tool, including handwriting, flip charts, or keyboards. You can access the continuum and other resources at <https://www.comprehensiveliteracy.com/writing-with-all-tools-continuum.html>

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## Writing with All Tools Continuum

- 35-point ordinal scale
  - Qualitative writing levels from early emergent to conventional writing, up to Australian Curriculum Grade 4
  - Designed to assess writing samples from developing writers who are using any writing tool, including handwriting, flip charts, or keyboards.
  - Aims to assist you to monitor the small changes that students might make over time
  - Has a strong emphasis on the skills each individual needs to develop as they move to the next stage of writing, including functions of print, language, and form.
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## Example Writing Samples

This document contains example writing samples for each descriptor in each group on the Writing with All Tools Continuum. These are designed as a guideline only. When using the continuum for assessment or moderation, use the text of each descriptor as your primary guideline.

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## Writing Samples

Writing Samples used in this continuum are from students at:

- The Grove Education Centre
- Bullimbal School
- Salisbury Park Primary School
- Red Hill Special School
- Forrest Parade School

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## Writing with All Tools Continuum Webinar

A webinar about the Writing with All Tools Continuum, including a detailed discussion of the continuum, a discussion of some of the documents supporting the continuum and a short moderation is available online at <https://www.comprehensiveliteracy.com/writing-with-all-tools-continuum.html>. Please note: this webinar was based on version 1.0 of the continuum.

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# Additional Tools

There are two additional tools designed to help support your teaching of writing using the Writing with All Tools Continuum.



## Let's Write

Let's Write provides suggested guidelines for supporting students at each group on the Writing with All Tools Continuum.

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	A.1 to A.3	A.4 to A.6	Group B
Students	Are writing that they can read. Also using full punctuation (capital letters, commas, periods, question marks, exclamation points, and apostrophes) and handwriting that is legible.	Are writing on a line, including first writing on a line. Also using full punctuation (capital letters, commas, periods, question marks, exclamation points, and apostrophes) and handwriting that is legible.	Are using the writing skills of other and began and are getting to hear the genre of letters and the genre of writing.
Learning Goal	Developing letter formation skills on handwriting that is legible. Also using full punctuation (capital letters, commas, periods, question marks, exclamation points, and apostrophes) and handwriting that is legible.	Developing letter formation skills on handwriting that is legible. Also using full punctuation (capital letters, commas, periods, question marks, exclamation points, and apostrophes) and handwriting that is legible.	Developing letter formation skills on handwriting that is legible. Also using full punctuation (capital letters, commas, periods, question marks, exclamation points, and apostrophes) and handwriting that is legible.
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Students			

## Writing Continuum Guide to Teaching

This guide provide suggested guidelines for supporting students at each group on the Writing with All Tools Continuum, as well as learning goals and a space to write the names of each student in a group.

## Writing Samples for Part I

Group A: Letters or Marks

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# Part I

# From Marks to Sentence Fragments

# **Group A: A.1 to A.3**

## **Letters or Marks**

# A.1 to A.3

## Students are:



Learning that they are a writer



Learning that print has meaning,  
and that text is a code for speech



Learning that there is a difference  
between print and picture and that  
we write with letters.



Building their engagement with  
writing.



# A.1 Letters or Marks Without Engagement

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Student selects letters or makes marks without writing attention, interest, or engagement. Student doesn't yet have enough experience with writing to see themselves as a writer.

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**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: Renee

AAC system/speech: Proloquo2go Short description of how language generated: staff modelled and attributed meaning: student no response

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other

Specify: sensory Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged

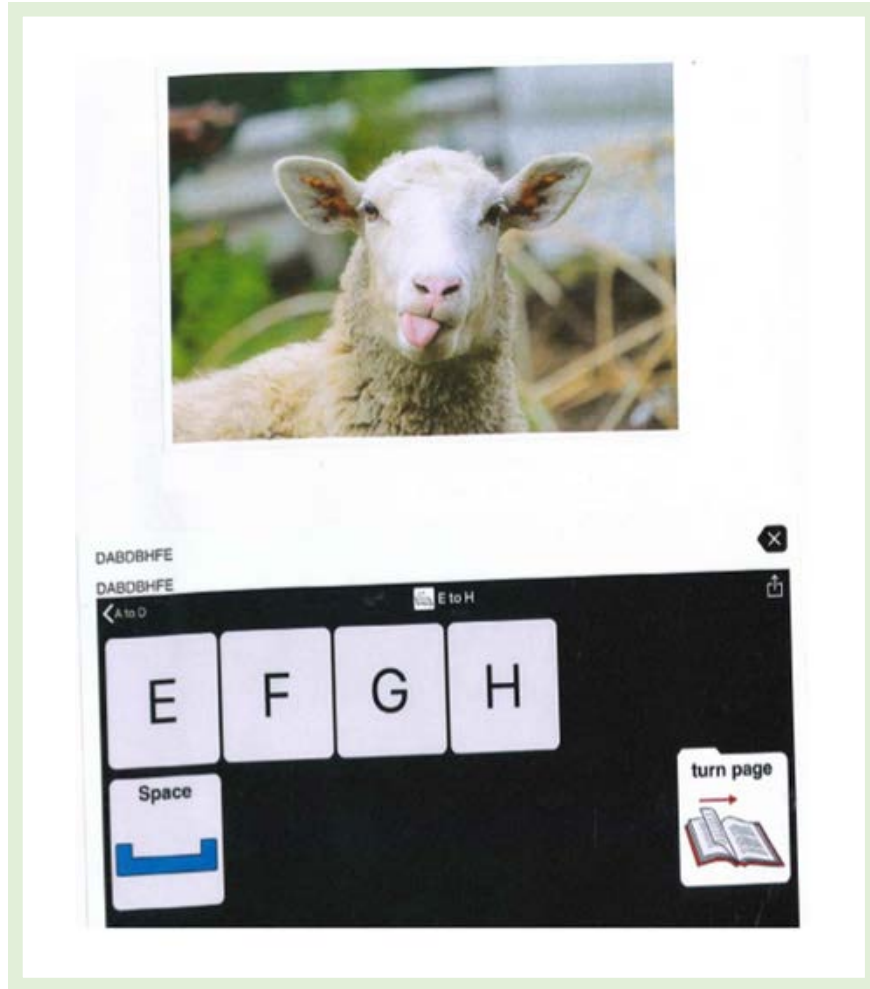
Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: 'monster' choice 3x photo -eye gaze

Student selected letters from sensory pencil when writing about a photo of himself, which the student selected from a choice of three. Educator noted on writing record form that student was not engaged. Educator attributed meaning as "monster".



# A.2 Letters or Marks with Beginning Engagement



Student is beginning to respond when asked to write. Student selects letters or makes marks with increased attention, interest, and engagement.

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**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: *Chad R*

AAC system/speech: *p2go* Short description of how language generated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *selected on p2go*

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged

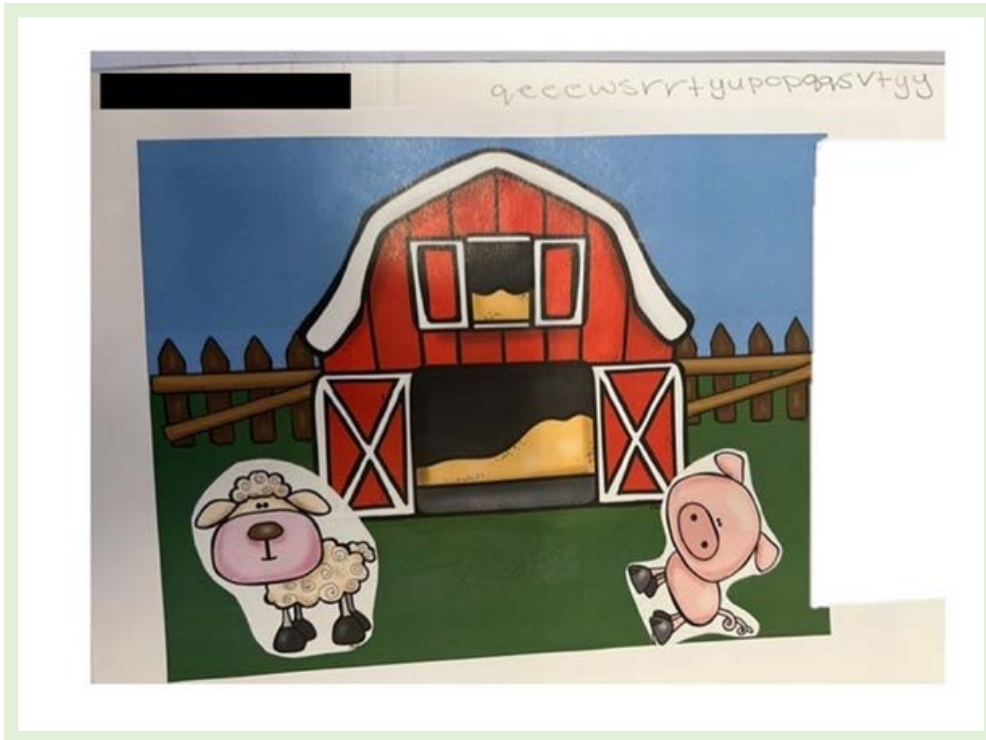
Topic selection process: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. choice of 3 photos)

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other

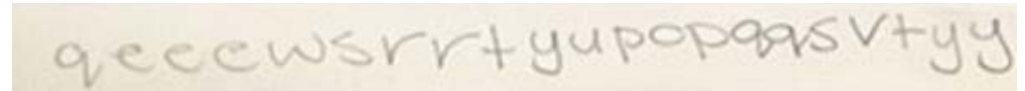
Comments: *"Sheep go"*

Student selected letters on a high-tech flip chart in Proloquo2Go on an iPad about a photo student selected. Educator noted on writing record form that student was partially engaged. Educator attributed meaning as "sheep go".

# A.3 Letters or Marks with Active Attention to Writing V1.2 December 2023



Student selects letters with active attention to an alternative pencil or makes intentional marks or shapes when handwriting. Student is beginning to see themselves as a writer but doesn't yet know the difference between writing and drawing consistently.



Student selected letters on a low-tech flip chart by pointing and educator wrote the letters down. Educator noted on writing record form that the student was fully engaged. Student wrote about a recently completed play activity with farm animals and educator attributed meaning as “sheep and pig”.

Writing Record Sheet	
Student:	Staff Member: <b>Julia</b>
AAC system/speech: <b>P2G</b> Short description of how language generated: _____	
Play-based writing: staff modelled language. (sheep and pig).	
Pencil used: <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flip chart low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart high tech <input type="checkbox"/> QWERTY high tech <input type="checkbox"/> QWERTY low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
(specify) _____ Supports used: <input type="checkbox"/> Word Wall <input type="checkbox"/> Word prediction <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Student Engagement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully engaged. <input type="checkbox"/> Partially engaged. <input type="checkbox"/> Not engaged	
Access Method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct access <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Assisted Scanning <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Comments: Little word of the week: and	

# A.1 to A.3

## Learning Goals:



### Top Tip

Students at this level are learning more about language as well as learning that they are a writer. Focus on attributing meaning and chatting about the topic using AAC!



Develop a belief that they are a writer



Through all their literacy experiences, including writing, students:



Learn that print has meaning, and that text is a code for speech



Learn the difference between print and picture



Build their engagement with writing and other literacy activities



Learn that writing is composed of letters.

# A.1 to A.3

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Select a topic for writing – you might use the activity or game that the student is currently engaged with.
2. Get the student to use a writing tool (e.g., sensory pencil or flip chart) to select letters; record or write down the letters as they choose them.
3. Use the student’s AAC system to attribute meaning – follow up any indications they might make in attributing meaning themselves.
4. Write the attributed meaning under their writing and point out any similarities/celebrations. Give them lots of positive encouragement for writing.
5. Use their writing tool yourself at least once per week to model the use of it for writing outside of their daily writing.

# Language Generation

## A.1 to A.3



Many students at these levels are receptive communicators. If this is the case, then the writing partner would attribute meaning to student's writing; the writing partner should use AAC to model the attributed meaning. If the student is an expressive communicator, they may communicate their own meaning.

# A.1 to A.3

## Emergent Literacy Activities



- DAILY opportunities to write for real reasons
- Comprehensive emergent literacy intervention
- Writing to the student e.g., morning message
- Writing with the students e.g., predictable chart writing
- Writing from them i.e., individual writing where they “scribble” with the alphabet and we attribute meaning
- Repeated shared reading of books
- We point to text in books that we read, some of the times we read
- Can use talking books that highlight text as it is read
- Work on letters and sounds
- Ensure student has independent access to books



# **Group A: A.4 to A.6**

## **Letters or Marks**



# A.4 to A.6

## Students are:



Seeing themselves as a writer



Translating their meaning for their writing



Identifying text in a book when asked “which side do I read?”



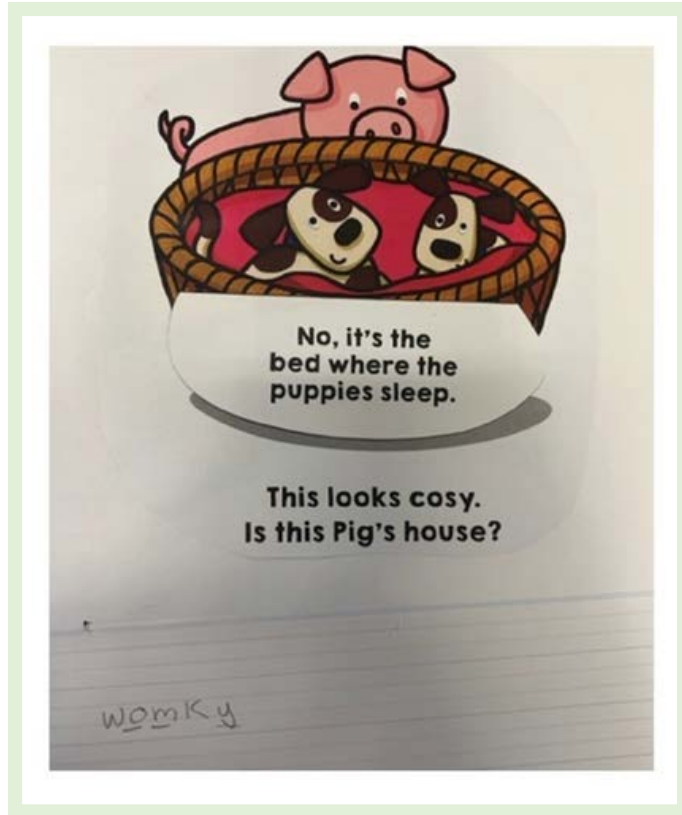
Aware that we write with letters



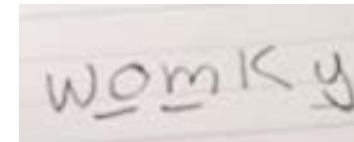
Generating letter strings with handwriting or another writing tool



# A.4 Letters or Marks with Active Attention to Writing & Written Output V1.2 December 2023



Student selects letters fewer than 6 letters with active attention to writing tool or makes letter-like shapes when handwriting. Student also pays active attention to written output (either on a screen or scribed by someone else). Student knows they are a writer and understands the difference between writing and drawing.



Student selected letters on low-tech PODD alphabet page by pointing and educator wrote the letters down. Educator noted on writing record form that student was fully engaged. Student translated writing by pointing to the dog in the book and pointing to his own legs.

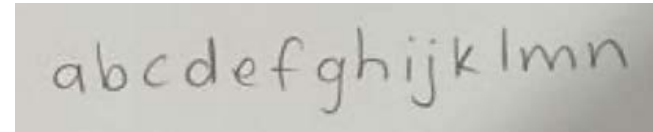
Writing Record Sheet	
Student:	Staff Member: <b>Julia</b>
AAC system/speech : <u>PODD</u> Short description of how language generated: <u>Chase selected from 2x images. Book of the week 4.2.15.15 pointed to the dog and patted his legs, staff attributed meaning.</u>	
Pencil used: <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart high tech <input type="checkbox"/> QWERTY high tech <input type="checkbox"/> QWERTY low tech <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
(specify) <u>PODD alphabet</u> Supports used: <input type="checkbox"/> Word Wall <input type="checkbox"/> Word prediction <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Student Engagement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully engaged. <input type="checkbox"/> Partially engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Not engaged	
Access Method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct access <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Assisted Scanning <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Comments:	

# A.5 Letters in Repeated Strings, Alphabetic Order, Letters from Their Name or Other Stylised Letter Strings

V1.2 December 2023



Student responds when asked to write. Student selects letters in repeated strings, in alphabetic order, letters from their name or in other stylised groups e.g., first letter on every page of flip chart. Student writes individual letters when handwriting. Some students may skip this stage.



Student selected letters on a low-tech alphabet flip chart by pointing and educator wrote the letters down. Student translated writing as “can”.

**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_

AAC system/speech: Proloquo2go Short description of how language generated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chose 'can' on P2G**

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other \_\_\_\_\_

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

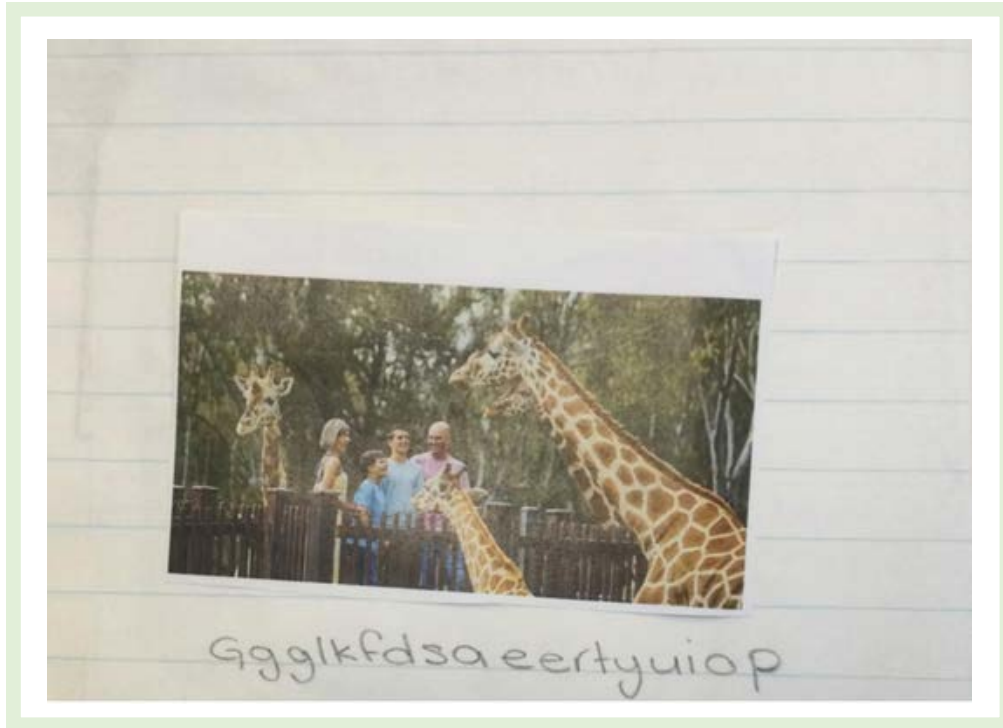
Student Engagement:  Fully engaged.  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

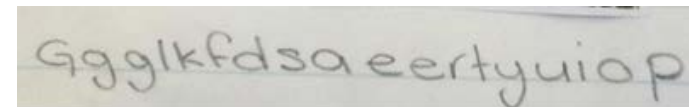


# A.6 Different Letters in a String



Student selected letters on an iPad using a QWERTY keyboard and the Notes app. Educator transcribed the letters to the student's writing book. Student translated writing as "giraffe elephant".

Student selects 6 or more different letters out of order with continued attention, interest, and engagement to both the writing process and the output. Student handwrites 6 or more different letters when handwriting.



Writing Record Sheet 20 10 21

Goal:  will demonstrate increased complexity in writing as indicated by 2 or more word-like groupings, on 4 out of 5 days by the end of term 4 when writing about self-selected, personally meaningful topics.

Staff Member: Anne AAC system: P2G

How topic was selected: Choice of 3 photos Other \_\_\_\_\_

Short description of how language generated:  chose giraffe elephant on P2G

Pencil used: Notes app Supports used: Word Wall

Prompt for space  Independent use of space

Student Engagement: Fully Partially Not engaged

# A.6-PAS Different Letters in a String

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If student is using an alternate pencil with partner assisted scanning (auditory, visual, or auditory and visual), the student selects 3 or more letters out of order and is engaged and interested in the writing process and output.

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**Writing Record Sheet**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_

AAC system/speech: Personalised PODD Short description of how language generated: Chat words →

I like this - modelled - Angus is a bunny

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other

(specify) High contrast letter chart Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Mostly chatting. Eye gaze choosing a few letters.

Student selected letters from a high contrast letter chart using Partner Assisted Scanning. Educator transcribed the letters to the student’s writing book. Student translated writing as “I like this” using his PAVS PODD.



# A.4 to A.6

## Learning Goal:



Spaces!



### Top Tips

Adults should model and talk about the use of spaces where appropriate through the day

Ensure their writing tool has an easily accessed option for adding spaces

# A.4 to A.6

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Establish topic/purpose e.g photo of student doing something. Student should choose from a few options. Use AAC to talk about their selection with them.
2. For students using comprehensive AAC systems - ask them if they have something to say about the photo/activity. If they don't, model something you might say, and then ask them if they have something to say again. For verbal students - get them to discuss what they are going to write about it. Agree on something they are writing with the student - if needed you can co-construct to make the writing target more than one word to give you the opportunity to model using spaces.. If you don't get any language selected or generated then move onto the next step. Don't over-prompt students!
3. Get the student to use a flip chart, or other writing tool, to select letters. Make sure their tool has a "space" button. Record or write down the letters as they choose them
4. Write their target language (or the meaning you are attributing) under their writing and point out any correlations, using a phrase like "now let me show you how I would write it..."
5. Use the student's writing tool yourself at least once per week to model the use of it for writing outside of their daily writing. Make sure you model using spaces.



# Language Generation

## A.4 to A.6



Student communicates the intended meaning of their writing using AAC and/or speech. Most students at these levels are expressive communicators, although they may still require some support in navigating through an AAC system. Adult may co-construct to the level of partial or complete sentences to provide opportunities to model using spaces. Use AAC to model the co-constructed meaning.



# A.4 to A.6

## Emergent Literacy Activities



- DAILY opportunities to write for real reasons
- Comprehensive emergent literacy intervention
- Writing to the student e.g., morning message, make sure you model using spaces
- Writing with the students e.g., predictable chart writing, make sure you model using spaces
- Writing from them i.e., individual writing where they “scribble” with the alphabet AND the space key and they translate what it means;
- Repeated shared reading of books
- We point to text in books that we read, some of the times we read
- Can use talking books that highlight text as it is read
- Work on letters and sounds
- Ensure student has independent access to books

# Group B

# Letters and Spaces

# Group B

## Students are:



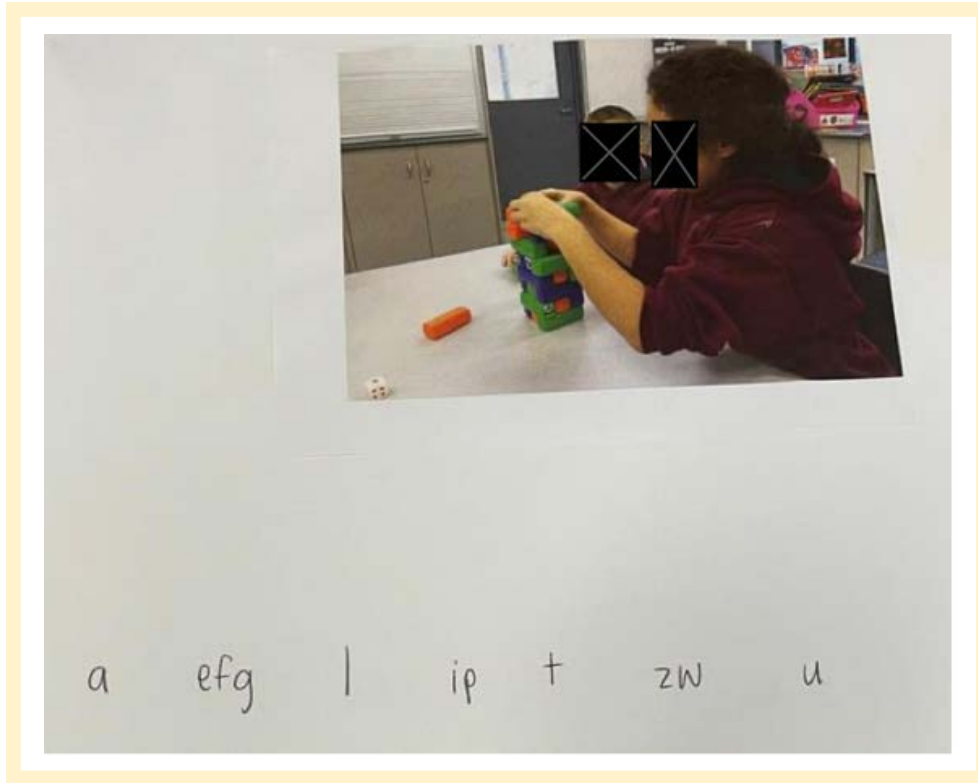
Aware that writing is made up of letters and spaces



Generating at least two groups of letters with a space in between.

# B.1 Letters and Non-Traditional Spaces

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Student selects or handwrites letter strings and spaces. Student uses spaces in a non-traditional way. This could include:

- Inserting a space in the middle of long strings of letters
- Inserting spaces between every letter
- Inserting multiple spaces between strings of letters
- Writing letter strings and inserting spaces in any non-traditional way



**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: [redacted] Staff Member: Renee

AAC system/speech: verbal Short description of how language generated: generated sentence independently.

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged.  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

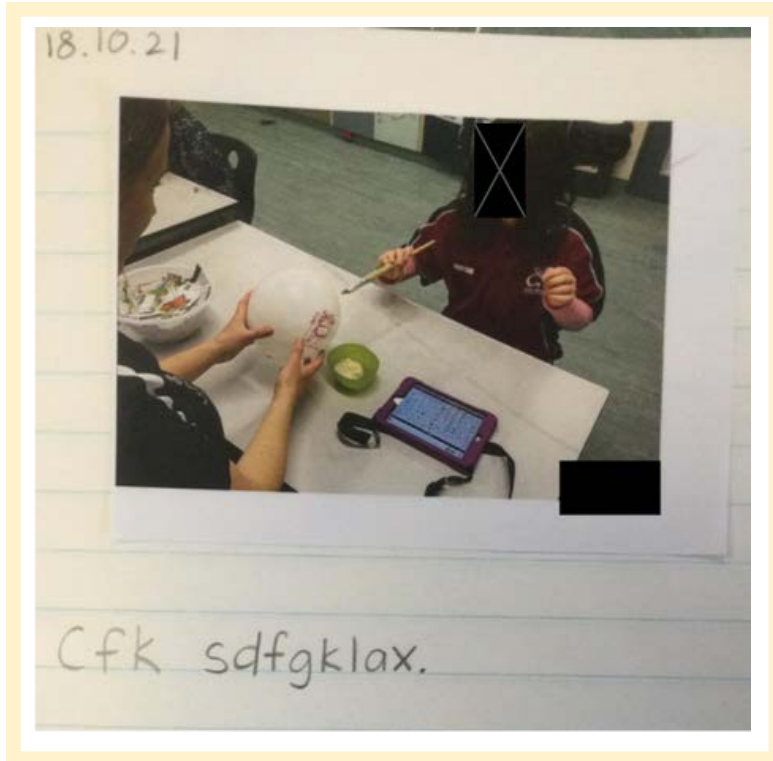
Comments: I am playing Jenga with [redacted]

Student selected letters on a high-tech flip chart in Proloquo2Go on an iPad.

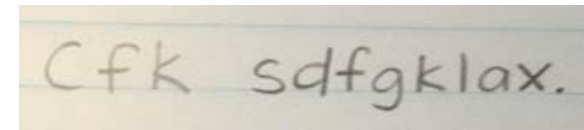
Student translated writing as "I am playing Jenga with Lxxxxx".

# B.2 Letters and Spaces with Two or More Word-Length Groups

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Student selects or handwrites letters and spaces with at least two or more word-length groupings. Each group should have between 2 and 9 letters. Longer strings are not considered a word-length grouping.



Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard in Notes on an iPad. Student translated writing as “glue stick paint”.

Writing Record Sheet 18.10.21

Goal: ~~to~~ demonstrate increased complexity in writing as indicated by 2 or more word-like groupings, on 4 out of 5 days by the end of term 4 when writing about self-selected, personally meaningful topics.

Staff Member: Destiny AAC system: P2G

How topic was selected: Choice of 3 photos Other \_\_\_\_\_

Short description of how language generated: glue stick paint

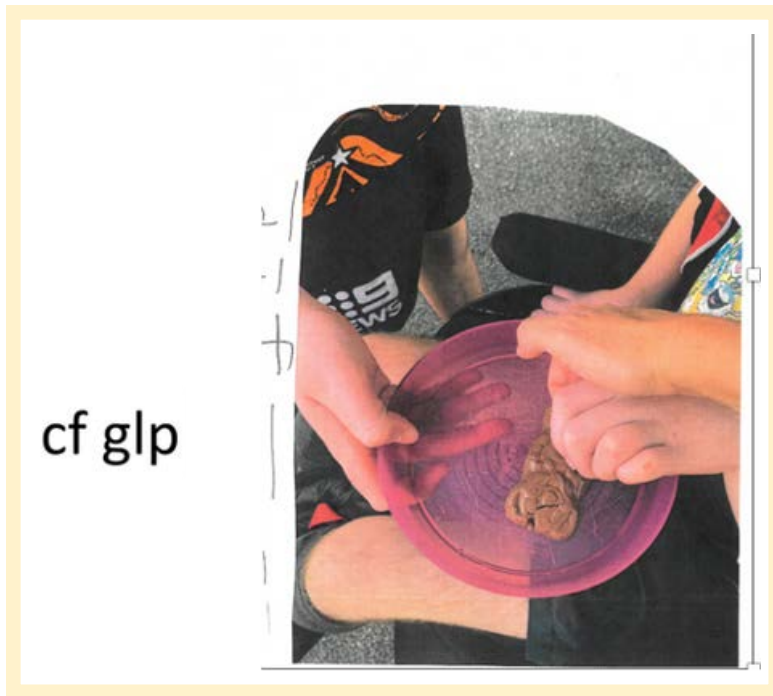
Pencil used: Notes app Supports used: Word Wall

Prompt for space  Independent use of space

Student Engagement: Fully Partially Not engaged



# B.2-PAS Letters and Spaces with Two or More Groups



Student selected letters from his low-tech PODD alphabet using partner assisted visual scanning. Student translated writing as “chocolate felt gooey” using his PAVS PODD.

If student is using an alternate pencil with partner assisted scanning (auditory, visual, or auditory and visual), the student selects two letter groups with two or more out of order letters per group and selecting spaces to mark the end of each letter group.

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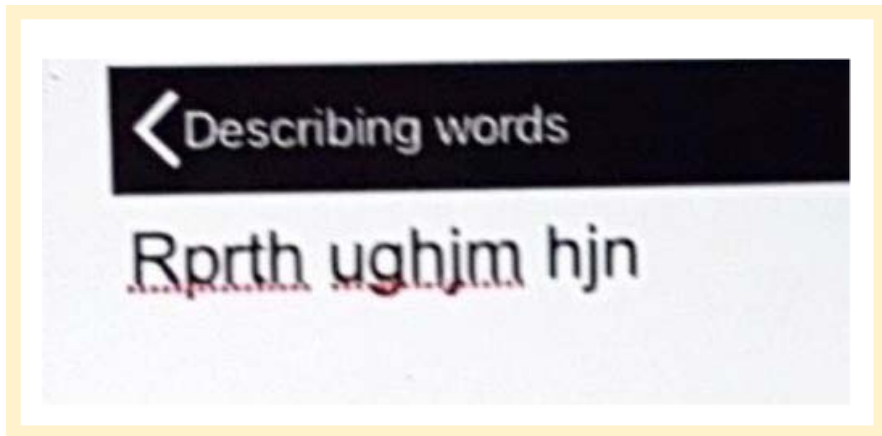
Writing Record Sheet	
Student: <u>OSCAR</u>	Staff Member: <u>OSCAR</u>
AAC system/speech: <u>PAVS PODD</u>	Short description of how language generated: <u>participated in science lesson, wrote about what he felt.</u> <small>(please note if meaning was attributed by adult)</small>
Pencil used: <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart high tech <input type="checkbox"/> QWERTY high tech <input type="checkbox"/> QWERTY low tech <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
(specify) <u>PODD alphabet + scribe</u> Supports used: <input type="checkbox"/> Word Wall <input type="checkbox"/> Word prediction <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Student Engagement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully engaged. <input type="checkbox"/> Partially engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Not engaged	
Topic selection process: <u>science photos</u> <small>(e.g. choice of 3 photos)</small>	
Access Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Direct access <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partner Assisted Scanning <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Comments:	



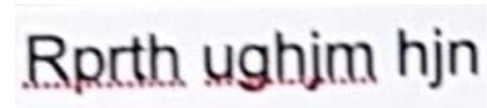
# B.3 Letters and Spaces with Three or More Word-Length Groups

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Student selects or handwrites letters and spaces with three or more word like groupings. Each group should have between 2 and 9 letters. Longer strings are not considered a word length grouping.



Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard in Proloquo2Go on an iPad. Using Proloquo2Go, student translated writing as “train red”.



on DWS level 4

I will select appropriate language to the topic to form a sentence including 2 or more of subject, verb and object with modelling of a complete sentence about the topic before I constructs his sentence on 3 out 5 days by the end of term 4.

Date	Writing topic	Independent words generated	Co-constructed words (pathways modelled)	Goal achieved
15/10	water play	2	-	✓

Instructional focus: I am learning to produce the language for one good sentence which can be understood by my intended audience. Please model different options for language generation to me before each writing opportunity.

Sentence: Train red.

Pencil used: QWERTY keyboard  Supports used: \_\_\_\_\_

Student engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged



# B.3-PAS Letters and Spaces with Three or More Groups

If student is using alternate pencil with partner assisted scanning (auditory, visual, or auditory and visual), the student selects three letter groups with two or more out of order letters per group and selects spaces to mark the end of each letter group.



Student selected letters from his low-tech PODD alphabet using partner assisted visual scanning. Student translated writing as "more song" using his PAVS PODD.



**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_

AAC system/speech: \_PAVS PODD\_ Short description of how language generated: \_Used his PODD to say "more song"\_\_

(please note if meaning was attributed by adult)

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other

(specify) alphabet in PAVS PODD. Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged.  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Topic selection process: Selected picture

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other

Comments:



# Group B

## Learning Goals:



### Top Tip

When you are modelling how you would write their language, really focus on listening for and selecting initial sounds in words



At B.1, students are still learning to use spaces to create word like groups.

B.2 and B.3



Develop an understanding that we need to think about using specific letters when writing words.



Learning to hear initial sounds in words.



Learning some high frequency or high interest words through all their daily literacy activities.

# Group B

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Establish topic/purpose e.g photo of student doing something, curriculum topic, writing about book of the week. Student should choose from a few options.
2. For students using comprehensive AAC systems – ask them if they have something to say about the photo/activity. If they don't, model something you might say, and then ask them if they have something to say again. For verbal students – get them to discuss what they are going to write about it. Agree on something they are writing with the student. If needed you can co-construct to generate a sentence fragment or complete sentence.
3. Get the student to use a writing tool to select or generate letters. Students at this level who know most of the letters of the alphabet, most of the time should be using a QWERTY keyboard. Record or write down the letters as they choose them.
4. Write their target language under their writing and point out any correlations, using a phrase like "now let me show you how I would write it..."
5. Use their writing tool yourself at least once per week to model the use of it for writing outside of this writing task. Make sure you model thinking of initial sounds in words.

# Language Generation

## Group B



Student communicates the intended meaning of their writing using AAC and/or speech. Most students at these levels are expressive communicators, although they may still require some support in navigating through an AAC system. Adult may co-construct to the level of a complete sentence to provide opportunities to model using spaces and/or writing a sentence. Use AAC to model the co-constructed meaning, including little words.

# Group B

## Emergent Literacy Activities



- DAILY opportunities to write for real reasons
- Comprehensive emergent literacy intervention
- Writing to the student e.g., morning message, make sure you model initial sounds in words
- Writing with the students e.g., predictable chart writing, get them to cut up their sentences
- Writing from them i.e., individual writing where they “scribble” with the alphabet AND the space key and they translate what it means;
- Repeated shared reading of books
- We point to text in books that we read, some of the times we read
- Can use talking books that highlight text as it is read
- Work on letters and sounds, including doing onset rime
- Ensure student has independent access to books

# **Group C**

# **Words, Sentence Fragments and/or Sentences Not on Topic**

# Group C

## Students are:



Writing with words, phrases or sentences on a topic different to the selected topic

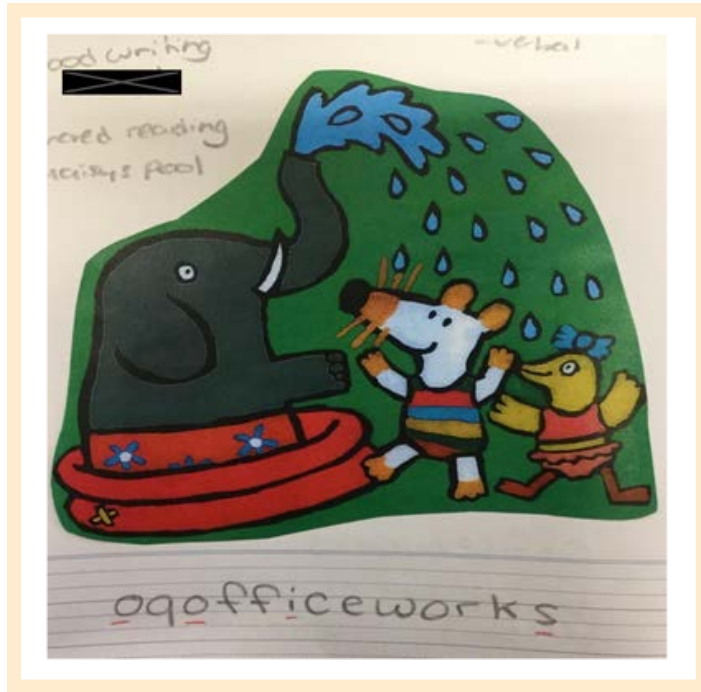


Students may be using formulaic or environmental print phrases, words or sentences.



# C One or More Words, Sentence Fragments or Sentences Not on Topic

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Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard in Proloquo2Go on an iPad. Student was writing about a photo of Maisy from a book he had chosen. Student did not provide a translation of his writing.

Student generates one or more words or sentences which don't relate to the writing topic or the stated meaning. May be high interest words. Student may or may not use spaces. Some students may skip this level.



**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: Jane

AAC system/speech : PODD app Short description of how language generated: Student didn't generate any language about the photo or to explain her writing

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other \_\_\_\_\_

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged.  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Topic selection process: Selected a picture of a dog from three photos (e.g. choice of 3 photos)

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Student didn't generate any language when discussing the writing topic

# Group C

## Learning Goals:



### Top Tip

Model lots of language on the topic during the writing session

May be one or more of the options below:



Some students need to learn that print has meaning;



Some students need to learn that they can generate their own ideas and language;



Some students need to learn that they can write on topics other than their favourite topics.



# Group C

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Establish topic/purpose e.g photo of student doing something, curriculum topic, writing about book of the week. Student should chose from a few options.
2. For students using comprehensive AAC systems – ask them if they have something to say about the photo/activity. If they don't, model something you might say, and then ask them if they have something to say again. For verbal students – get them to discuss what they are going to write about it. Agree on something they are writing with the student.
3. Get the student to use a writing tool to select or generate letters. If the student starts typing words off the selected topic, remind them of the topic.
4. When they have finished writing, type their originally selected language or the language you suggested and talk about how it relates to the picture. Find something to celebrate in their writing.
5. Use their writing tool yourself at least once per week to model the use of it for writing outside of their daily writing.

# Language Generation

## Group C



Adult models writing on the topic using AAC to model generating language if student uses AAC or if students would benefit from making language visible. Engages student in co-constructing language on the topic.

# Group C

## Emergent or Conventional Literacy Activities

- Students in Group C may need emergent or conventional literacy instruction.
- If they require emergent instruction, look at the set of activities for students in Group B.
- If they require conventional instruction, look at the set of activities for students in Group D.



# Group D

# Phonetic Stage

# Group D

## Students are:



Generating strings of letters, with or without spaces.

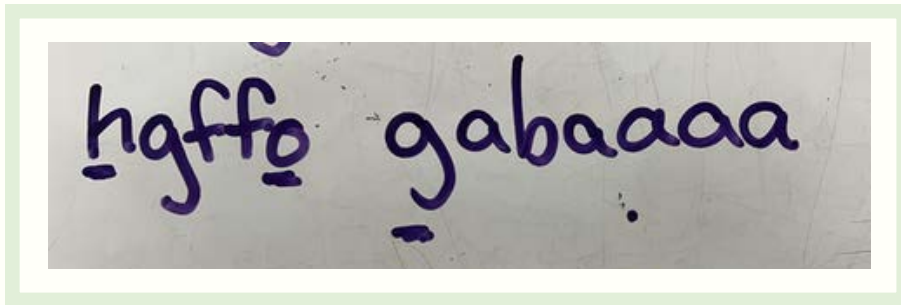


Once their writing is explained, it is clear they are phonetically representing initial and/or medial and/or final sounds in words.



# D.1 Phonetic Stage Initial Sounds

Student generates letter strings which may or may not include spaces. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility. Once further information is provided (e.g., from writer's circle or student's translation), it is clear student is writing on the writing topic and representing more than 50% of initial sounds in words or more; however, words are not yet intelligible without the further information.



Student wrote on a computer with a QWERTY keyboard.  
Student translated writing as "Hippo Gross".

**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_

AAC system/speech: PODD book Short description of how language generated: after watching video used PODD to offer an opinion, he chose "don't like" then gross

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other \_\_\_\_\_

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: He selected letters he wanted by pointing then signed "finish"

# D.2 Phonetic Stage Initial, Medial and Final Sounds

Pt h kt s n t smg pel

Student wrote on a computer with a QWERTY keyboard.  
Student translated writing as “Pete the Cat is in the swimming pool”.

Student generates letter strings which may or may not include spaces. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility. Once further information is provided, (e.g., from writer’s circle or student’s translation), it is clear student is representing 50% or more of salient sounds (i.e., initial, final and/or medial) in words; however, words are not yet intelligible without the further information.

## Writing Record Sheet

Student:  
Staff Member: Molly

AAC system/speech : **verbal speech**  
Short description of how language generated: **verbal speech**  
**Pete the cat is in the swimming pool.**

Pencil used: Handwriting Flip chart low tech Flip chart high tech QWERTY high tech QWERTY low tech Other **Keyboard computer**

Supports used: Word Wall Word prediction Other

Student Engagement: **Fully engaged.** Partially engaged Not engaged

Topic selection process: **independent speech**

Access Method: Direct access Partner Assisted Scanning Other

Comments:

# Group D

## Learning Goals:



### Top Tip

Mini-lessons at this level would focus on simple sentences and using spaces.

Overall goal:



One complete simple sentence written independently

For students at this level appropriate goals may include:



Using medial and final sounds in words in writing



Using both sight words and letter-by-letter spelling in writing



Generating a partial or complete sentence independently including appropriate little words



Generating a partial or complete sentence independently including subject, verb and object



# Group D

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Always begin with a mini-lesson, modelling writing yourself about a similar writing task to the students'. Use this as an opportunity to model different skills across time e.g. thinking of ideas, using word wall, sounding words out, writing more, etc. Make sure you remove your modelled writing so students can't copy it.
2. Give the student an appropriate writing stimulus e.g. photo, video. Ask the student to choose if appropriate.
3. Ask the student to write. Students at this level are generally aiming to learn to write one good sentence. They should be using a keyboard most or all of the time, with handwriting optional depending on their motor skills.
4. As students are writing, move around and conference with the students. For students who struggle with ideas and language, move to them first. Use AAC to support them in this area. If needed you can co-construct to generate a sentence fragment or complete sentence.
5. If needed, provide scaffolds to help support them in the writing process e.g. lines for the words they are writing or recording the sentence onto a BIGmack switch
6. Continue to move around and support students with writing. If students do not know how to spell a word, encourage them to write down every sound they can hear or use the word wall. Do not correct spelling or work on capitals or end punctuation, etc.
7. Follow with a short conference about their writing, providing lots of positive feedback, particularly around the area focused on in the mini lesson, and (if needed) writing a "translation" on the back of their work or on a post-it note as appropriate. The only piece of form you would focus on is spaces.
8. At this level, students should get frequent opportunities to share their writing with their peers. Not every student, every day - but by building in a daily opportunity to share writing, each student should be able to participate regularly in this activity.

# Language Generation

## Group D



Student generates language for their writing using AAC and/or speech. Adult may co-construct to a complete sentence to provide opportunities to model using little words and/or writing a sentence. Use AAC to model the co-constructed meaning, including little words.

# Group D

## Conventional Literacy Activities



- DAILY opportunities to write for real reasons
- Comprehensive conventional literacy intervention
- Writing to the students e.g., morning message; make sure you use word wall and sounding it out
- Comprehension Instruction (Anchor, Read, Apply)
- Actively work on inner voice
- Independent writing; students should be using a keyboard or full alphabet display at this stage if they haven't already moved to it; Begin writing instruction focusing on one good sentence.
- Repeated reading of books and readers – both by the student and by adults
- Do NOT point to words in books or let them do that!!
- Word wall and systematic sequential phonics (and predictable chart writing becomes a working with words task at this stage)

# Group E

# Words

# Group E

## Students are:



Writing one to three intelligible words



Or writing more than three intelligible words with no conventional sentence structure



# E.1 One Intelligible Word



Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard in Proloquo2Go on an iPad. No word prediction available. Student wrote about a photo she selected of cooking for a Halloween party. Student translated writing as “Happy Halloween”.

Student generates one intelligible word on the writing topic. The word has two or more letters, which may or may not be separated by spaces. The word relates to the topic and the meaning the student indicates. If the same word is repeated it is still counted as one word. Words may be embedded in a string of letters or appear on their own. Word does not have to be spelled correctly but needs to be intelligible without further information. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

Happy lllow happy llllowlloy. |

13-10-21

**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: Veronica

AAC system/speech: PLG Short description of how language generated: \_\_\_\_\_

photo writing

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other \_\_\_\_\_

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



# E.2 Two to Three Intelligible Words



Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard in Proloquo2Go on an iPad. No word prediction available. Student wrote about a photo she selected of cooking for a Halloween party. Student translated writing as “Happy Halloween”.

Student generates two to three intelligible words on the writing topic. Words may or may not be separated by spaces. The words relate to the topic and the meaning the student indicates. If the same word is repeated it is still counted as one word. Words do not have to be spelled correctly. The words “I” and “a” need to be separated by spaces to be considered words. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

is on DWS level 4

will demonstrate phonemic awareness of initial sounds in words through correct transcription of initial sounds in 50% of words by the end of term 4, given daily opportunities to write about self-selected meaningful topics.

Date	Writing topic	Starting sounds	Goal achieved
15/10	choice. Assessment	3/4.	✓

**Instructional focus:** I am learning to hear different sounds in words. Please model sounding out each word in mini lesson to me before each writing opportunity.

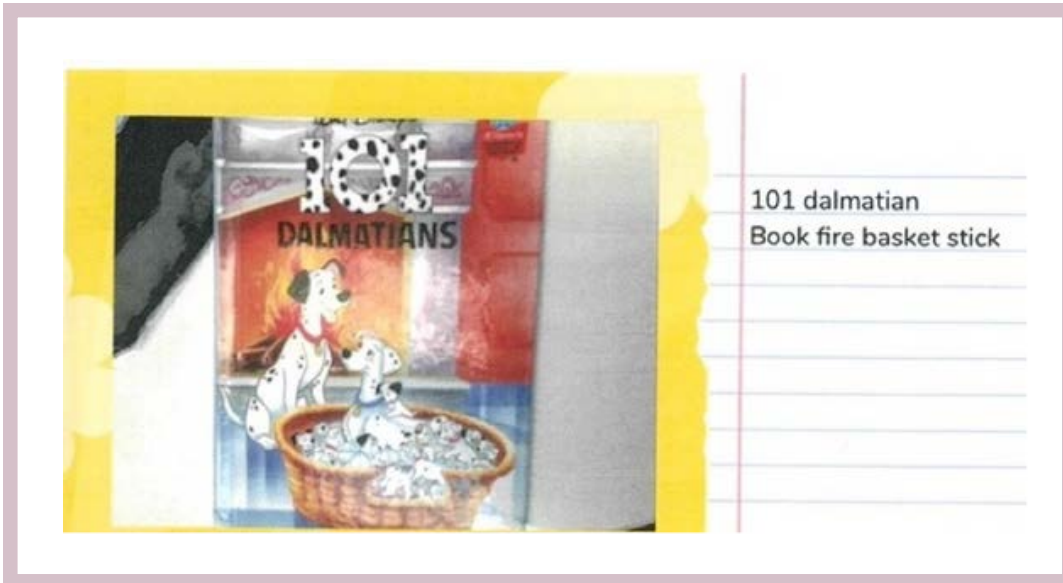
Sentence: <sup>A</sup>The caterpillar like strawberry.

Pencil used: QWERTY. Supports used: word wall, predictive.  Co-constructed

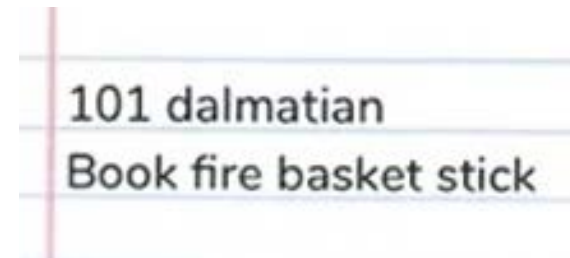
Student engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged



# E.3 More than Three Intelligible Words with No Conventional Sentence Structure



Student generates more than three intelligible words on the topic but with no little words or conventional sentence structure. May consist completely of nouns or a be a list of items in a selected picture or around a topic. Words may or may not be separated with spaces. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.



Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard on an iPad. Word prediction was available. Student wrote about a picture he selected of a book he has been engaging with.

Writing Record Sheet	
Student name: _____	Staff Member: <u>Skye</u>
AAC system/speech: <u>Speech + PDD</u>	Short description of how language generated: <u>Took a photo of a book : - - - - - has been engaging in</u>
Pencil used: <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart high tech <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QWERTY high tech <input type="checkbox"/> QWERTY low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
(specify) <u>Write About</u>	Supports used: <input type="checkbox"/> Word Wall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Word prediction <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Student Engagement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Partially engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Not engaged	
Access Method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct access <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Assisted Scanning <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Comments: (25/1/23) <u>listed things he could see on the cover.</u>	



# Group E

## Learning Goals:



### Top Tip

Mini-lessons at this level would focus on simple sentences and using spaces.

Overall goal:



One complete simple sentence written independently

For students at this level appropriate goals may include:



Using medial and final sounds in words in writing



Using both sight words and letter by letter spelling in writing



Generating a partial or complete sentence independently including appropriate little words



Generating a partial or complete sentence independently including subject, verb and object

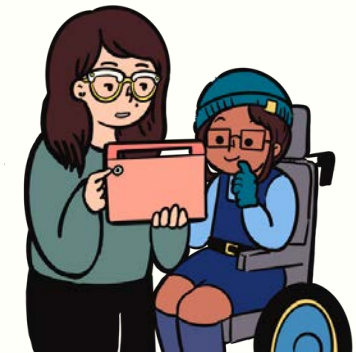
# Group E

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Always begin with a mini-lesson, modelling writing yourself about a similar writing task to the students'. Use this as an opportunity to model different skills across time e.g. thinking of ideas, using word wall, sounding words out, writing more, etc. Make sure you remove your modelled writing so students can't copy it.
2. Give the student an appropriate writing stimulus e.g. photo, video. Ask the student to choose if appropriate.
3. Ask the student to write. Students at this level are generally aiming to learn to write one good sentence. They should be using a keyboard most or all of the time, with handwriting optional depending on their motor skills.
4. As students are writing, move around and conference with the students. For students who struggle with ideas and language, move to them first. Use AAC to support them in this area. If needed you can co-construct to generate a sentence fragment or complete sentence.
5. If needed, provide scaffolds to help support them in the writing process e.g. lines for the words they are writing or recording the sentence onto a BIGmack switch
6. Continue to move around and support students with writing. If students do not know how to spell a word, encourage them to write down every sound they can hear or use the word wall. Do not correct spelling or work on capitals or end punctuation, etc.
7. Follow with a short conference about their writing, providing lots of positive feedback, particularly around the area focused on in the mini lesson, and (if needed) writing a "translation" on the back of their work or on a post-it note as appropriate. The only piece of form you would focus on is spaces.
8. At this level, students should get frequent opportunities to share their writing with their peers. Not every student, every day - but by building in a daily opportunity to share writing, each student should be able to participate regularly in this activity.

# Language Generation

## Group E



Student generates language for their writing using AAC and/or speech. Adult may co-construct to the level of a complete sentence to provide opportunities to model using little words and/or writing a sentence. Use AAC to model the co-constructed meaning, including little words.

# Group E

## Conventional Literacy Activities



- DAILY opportunities to write for real reasons
- Comprehensive conventional literacy intervention
- Writing to the students e.g., morning message; make sure you use word wall and sounding it out
- Comprehension Instruction (Anchor, Read, Apply)
- Actively work on inner voice
- Independent writing; students should be using a keyboard or full alphabet display at this stage if they haven't already moved to it; begin writing instruction focusing on one good sentence.
- Repeated reading of books and readers – both by the student and by adults
- Do NOT point to words in books or let them do that!!
- Word wall and Systematic Sequential Phonics (and predictable chart writing becomes a working with words task at this stage)

# Group F

# Sentence Fragments

# Group F

## Students are:



Writing one or more simple sentence fragments



Or one or more learned sentence fragments



# F.1 Learned Sentence Fragment, with Other Words on Topic

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Student begins writing with a learned sentence stem (e.g., from a predictable chart or book), which may or may not be appropriate for the topic or student's meaning (e.g., I want, I like, I am). This is followed by one or more words appropriate to the topic. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

I am the kfc

Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard on an iPad.  
Student wrote about a picture he selected.

**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Skill Member: Veronica

AAC system/device: P26 Short description of how language generated: \_\_\_\_\_

Food picture

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other \_\_\_\_\_

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

# F.2 Simple Sentence Fragment with Little Words



Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard on an iPad.  
Student wrote about a picture he selected.

Student generates a simple sentence fragment of two or more intelligible words on the topic that includes some little words (e.g., the, a, is). There is a definite attempt at sentence structure. Words may or may not be separated by spaces and may not be spelled correctly. End punctuation may or may not be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

A mnpk jjzs on the bed.

LEVEL on DWS level 4

I will demonstrate phonemic awareness of initial and final sounds in words through correct transcription of sounds in 20% of words by the end of term 4.

Date	Writing topic	Starting sounds identified	Final sound identified	Goal achieved
	PE lesson reflection	6/6	4/6	✓

Instructional focus: I am learning to hear different sounds in words. Please model sounding out each word in mini lesson to me before each writing opportunity.

Sentence: A monkey jumping on the bed.

Pencil used: QWERTY Supports used: predict + wv.  Co-constructed

Student engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged

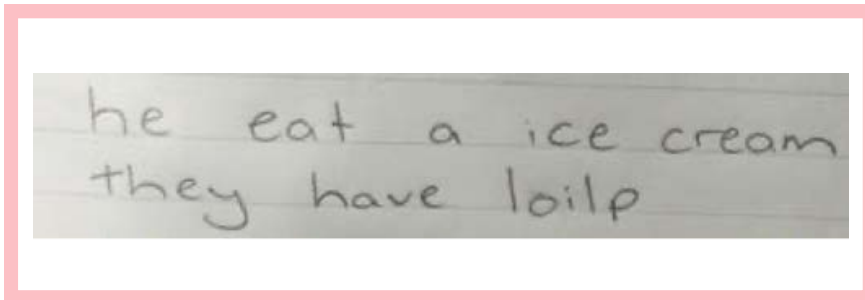


# F.3 Two or More Simple Sentence Fragments

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## with Little Words

Student generates two or more simple sentence fragments of two or more intelligible words on the topic that includes some little words (e.g., the, a, is). There is a definite attempt at sentence structure. Words may or may not be separated by spaces and may not be spelled correctly. End punctuation may or may not be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.



Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard in Proloquo2Go, with both word prediction and word wall available. Student wrote about a picture he selected.

### Writing Record Sheet

Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Member: Molly

AAC system/speech : **verbal speech/ p2g**  
Short description of how language generated:  
**He eat (p2g)**  
**A ice cream (verbal speech)**  
**They have lollypop (p2g)**

Pencil used: Handwriting Flip chart low tech Flip chart high tech QWERTY high tech QWERTY low tech Other **Keyboard computer**

Supports used: Word Wall Word prediction Other

Student Engagement: **Fully engaged.** Partially engaged Not engaged

Topic selection process: **independent speech**

Access Method: Direct access Partner Assisted Scanning Other

Comments:

# Group F

## Learning Goals:



### Top Tip

Mini-lessons at this level would focus on simple sentences and using spaces.

Overall goal:



One complete simple sentence written independently

For students at this level appropriate goals may include:



Using both sight words and letter-by-letter spelling in writing



Generating a complete sentence independently including appropriate little words



Generating a complete sentence independently including a subject, verb and object

# Group F

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Always begin with a mini-lesson, modelling writing yourself about a similar writing task to the students'. Use this as an opportunity to model different skills across time e.g. thinking of ideas, using word wall, sounding words out, writing more, etc. Make sure you remove your modelled writing so students can't copy it.
2. Give the student an appropriate writing stimulus e.g. photo, video. Ask the student to choose if appropriate.
3. Ask the student to write. Students at this level are generally aiming to learn to write one good sentence. They should be using a keyboard most or all of the time, with handwriting optional depending on their motor skills.
4. As students are writing, move around and conference with the students. For students who struggle with ideas and language, move to them first. Use AAC to support them in this area. If needed you can co-construct to generate a sentence fragment or complete sentence.
5. If needed, provide scaffolds to help support them in the writing process e.g. lines for the words they are writing or recording the sentence onto a BIGmack switch
6. Continue to move around and support students with writing. If students do not know how to spell a word, encourage them to write down every sound they can hear or use the word wall. Do not correct spelling or work on capitals or end punctuation, etc.
7. Follow with a short conference about their writing, providing lots of positive feedback, particularly around the area focused on in the mini lesson, and (if needed) writing a "translation" on the back of their work or on a post-it note as appropriate. The only piece of form you would focus on is spaces.
8. At this level, students should get frequent opportunities to share their writing with their peers. Not every student, every day - but by building in a daily opportunity to share writing, each student should be able to participate regularly in this activity.

# Language Generation

## Group F



### F.1

Student generates language for their writing using AAC and/or speech. Adult may co-construct to a complete sentence to provide opportunities to model writing a sentence on topic. Use AAC to model the co-constructed meaning, including little words.

### F.2 & F.3

Student independently generates language for writing the sentence. Discuss missing words in student-teacher conference after writing. If appropriate, use AAC to model the complete sentence.

# Group F

## Conventional Literacy Activities



- DAILY opportunities to write for real reasons
- Comprehensive conventional literacy intervention
- Writing to the students e.g., morning message; make sure you use word wall and sounding it out
- Comprehension Instruction (Anchor, Read, Apply)
- Actively work on inner voice
- Independent writing; writing instruction and mini-lesson focusing on one good simple sentence.
- Repeated reading of books and readers – both by the student and by adults
- Do NOT point to words in books or let them do that!!
- Word wall and Systematic Sequential Phonics (and predictable chart writing is a working with words task at this stage)

# Part II

# From Simple Sentences to Multiple Sub-Topics

# Group G

# Simple Sentences

# Group G

## Students are:



Writing one or more simple sentences of 3 to 6 words

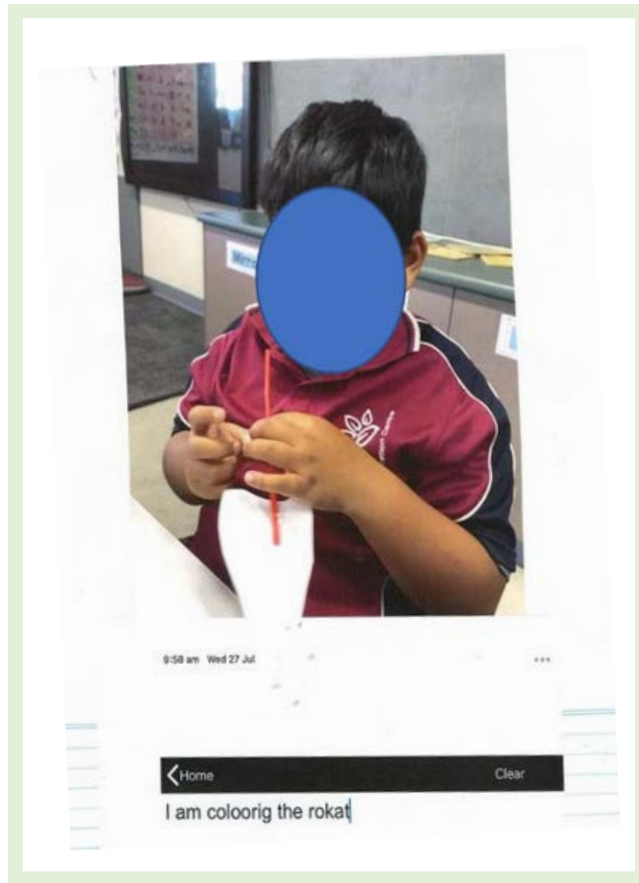


Simple sentences may also include conjunctions



# G.1 One Complete Simple Sentence of 3 to 6 Words; May Also Include Additional Partial Sentences

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Student independently generates one simple sentence with 3 to 6 intelligible words on the topic. All little words and parts of words are present. Writing may also include additional partial sentences. Words may or may not be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation may or may not be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

I am colouring the rocket

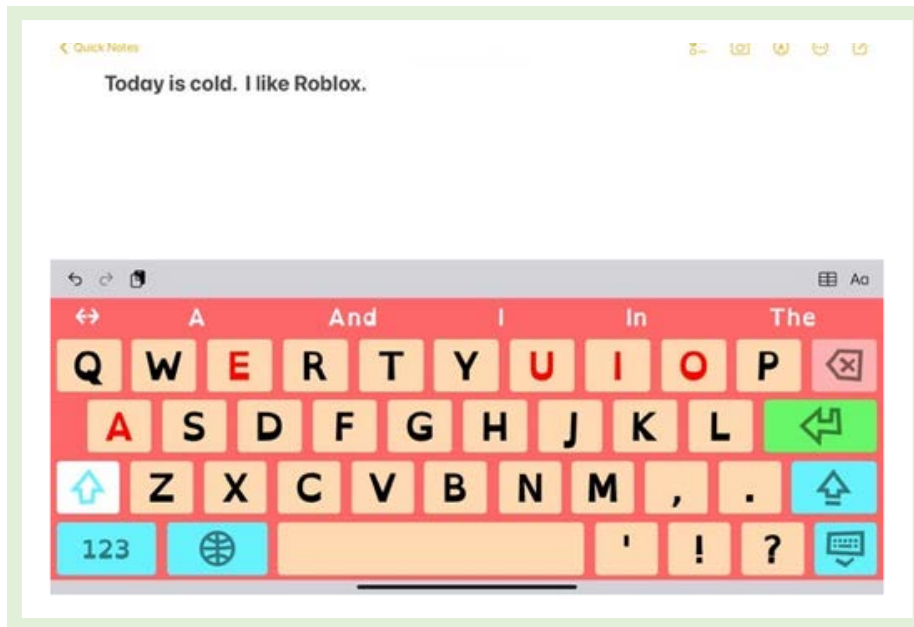
Writing Record Sheet	
Student:	Staff Member: <i>Renee</i>
AAC system/speech: <i>Speech/PEK</i> Short description of how language generated: <i>L: I am colouring the rocket.</i>	
Pencil used: <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart high tech <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QWERTY High tech <input type="checkbox"/> QWERTY low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
(specify) _____ Supports used: <input type="checkbox"/> Word Wall <input type="checkbox"/> Word prediction <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Student Engagement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully engaged. <input type="checkbox"/> Partially engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Not engaged	
Access Method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct access <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Assisted Scanning <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Comments: <i>Independently generated</i>	

Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard on an iPad.  
Student wrote about a picture he selected.



# G.2 Two or More Sentences (Simple, Expanded or Complex) on Different Topics; May Also Include Additional Partial Sentences

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Student selected letters on a QWERTY Keedogo Plus keyboard in the Notes app on an iPad. Student was writing about the weekend.

Student generates two or more sentences on different topics. All little words and parts of words are present. Student makes no use of conjunctions to show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast. Writing may also include additional partial sentences. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation may or may not be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

Today is cold. I like Roblox.

**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: Josh

AAC system/speech: Proloquo2Go Short description of how language generated: \_Student was writing about the weekend.

He wrote about it being cold and then reverted to his favourite topic from his birthday (please note if meaning was attributed by adult)

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other

(specify) Keedogo Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged.  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Topic selection process: All students were asked to write about the weekend (e.g. choice of 3 photos)

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other

Comments: Student generated the language and writing independently

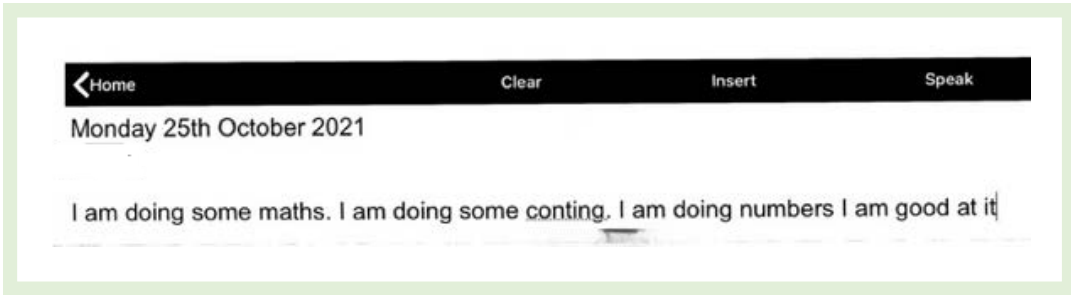


# G.3 Two or More Simple Sentences of 3 to 6

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## Words on the Same Topic with No Use of Conjunctions; May Also Include Additional Partial Sentences on the Same Topic

Student generates two or more simple sentences of 3 to 6 intelligible words on the same topic. All little words and parts of words are present. Student makes no use of conjunctions to show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast. Writing may also include additional partial sentences. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation may or may not be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.




Student selected letters on a QWERTY Keedogo Plus keyboard in the Notes app on an iPad. Student was writing about the weekend.

Writing Record Sheet	
Student: LUKKIN, WSE12	Staff Member: <i>Carolyne</i>
AAC system/speech: _____	Short description of how language generated: _____
Pencil used: <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart high tech <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QWERTY high tech <input type="checkbox"/> QWERTY low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
(specify) _____ Supports used: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Word Wall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Word prediction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Student Engagement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Partially engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Not engaged	
Topic selection process: <i>Choice of three photos</i> (e.g. choice of 3 photos)	
Access Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Direct access <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Assisted Scanning <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Comments: <i>Writing sample 2</i>	



# G.4 Two or More Simple Sentences of 3 to 6 Words on the Same Topic with One or More Conjunctions; May Also Include Additional Partial Sentences on the Same Topic



**I had garlic bread with sauce. It is yummy and healthy. It is nice. I love to put cheese on.**

Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard on a computer with word wall available. Student wrote about a topic he selected.

Student generates two or more simple sentences of 3 to 6 intelligible words on the topic and uses one or more conjunctions to show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast. Writing may also include additional partial sentences. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation may or may not be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

Writing Record Sheet

Student: Sam Staff member: Sam

AAC system/speech: Speech Short description language generation: Independent  Meaning attributed

Co: Construction techniques used:  Invitations for more info  Expectant  Navigate in student's AAC  Indicate student's AAC  Positive  Praise  Modeling

Writing tool:  Handwriting  Flip chart  Flip chart  QWERTY  QWERTY  QWERTY  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Access:  Pointing  Partner Assisted  Scanning  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Topic selection process: (e.g. choice of 3 photos) choice from internet on food

Supports used:  Word wall  Word prediction  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Student engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged

# Group G

## Learning Goals:



### Top Tip

Mini-lessons at this level would focus on one of:  
writing more; writing is about telling stories;  
expanding one sentence with questions, using the  
5Ws (who, what, where, when, why?); using word  
wall; sounding out (spelling); reading the room;  
using capitals and full stops.

Overall goal:



Expanding on simple sentences

For students at this level appropriate goals may include:



Writing a complete expanded sentence independently



Using three or more elements of who, what, when, where, and why in writing one or more sentences, including one expanded sentence.

# Group G

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Always begin with a mini-lesson, modelling writing yourself about a similar writing task to the students'. Use this as an opportunity to model different skills across time e.g. thinking of ideas, using word wall, sounding words out, writing more, etc. Make sure you remove your modelled writing so students can't copy it.
2. Give the student an appropriate writing stimulus e.g. photo, video. Ask the student to choose if appropriate.
3. Ask the student to write. Students at these levels are learning to write more, that writing is about telling stories and that they can write across a number of days.
4. As students are writing, move around and conference with the students. For students who struggle with ideas and language, move to them first. Use AAC to support them in this area. All language generation should be done independently by the student(s) at these levels.
5. If needed provide scaffolds to help support them in the writing process e.g. visuals for the 5Ws or a map to build information about a topic.
6. Continue to move around and support students with writing. If students do not know how to spell a word, encourage them to write down every sound they can hear or use the word wall.
7. Finish up with a short conference about their writing, providing lots of positive feedback, particularly around the area focused on in the mini lesson, and (if needed) writing a "translation" on the back of their work or on a post-it note as appropriate. Students at the upper levels may be writing across several days including self-editing.
8. At this level, students should get frequent opportunities to share their writing with their peers. Not every student, every day - but by building in a daily opportunity to share writing, each student should be able to participate regularly in this activity.

# Language Generation

## Group G



Student should be independently generating all language for their writing.



# Group G

## Conventional Literacy Activities



- DAILY opportunities to write for real reasons
- Comprehensive conventional literacy intervention
- Writing to the students e.g., morning message; modelling writing an expanded sentence
- Comprehension Instruction (Anchor, Read, Apply)
- Actively work on inner voice
- Independent writing; writing instruction and mini-lesson focusing on one good simple sentence. Begin introducing writing using the 5Ws to write more with meaning
- Self-selected reading from book at or below their reading level by the student
- Do NOT point to words in books or let them do that!!
- Word wall and systematic sequential phonics



# Group H

# Expanded Sentences

# Group H

## Students are:



Writing one or more expanded sentences



Writing may also include conjunctions and three or more components of “Who, What, When, Where and Why”



# H.1 One or More Expanded Sentence Fragments on the Same Topic with No Use of Conjunctions; May Also Include Additional Partial or Complete Simple Sentences on the Same Topic

Student generates one nearly complete expanded sentence of 5 or more words on the topic. One or two little words or parts of words (e.g., the, plural -s) are missing. Sentence fragment(s) may also include some additional little words which are not required by conventional sentence structure. This fragment may or may not be accompanied by one or more simple sentences. Student makes no use of conjunctions to show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast, but sentences and sentence fragments are on the same topic. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

I am got the paper wings in the hall.

Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard in Proloquo2Go, with word prediction available. Student wrote about a picture she selected.

**Writing Record Sheet**

Student/Staff member: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AAC system/device: \_\_\_\_\_ Short description of how language generated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Topic selection process: choice of three photos (e.g. choice of 3 photos)

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Writing sample 1



# H.2 One or More Expanded Sentence Fragments with Conjunctions on the Same Topic; May Also Include Additional Partial or Complete Simple Sentences on the Same Topic

Student generates one nearly complete expanded sentence of 5 or more words on the topic. Sentence fragment may be missing two or three little words or parts of words (e.g., the or -ing) or may contain additional little words which are not required by conventional sentence structure. This fragment may or may not be accompanied by one or more simple sentences. Student uses one or more conjunctions to show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

I am at school we are playing. With the boll at school with a sso. We are having fun. And I like to hangout with efin.

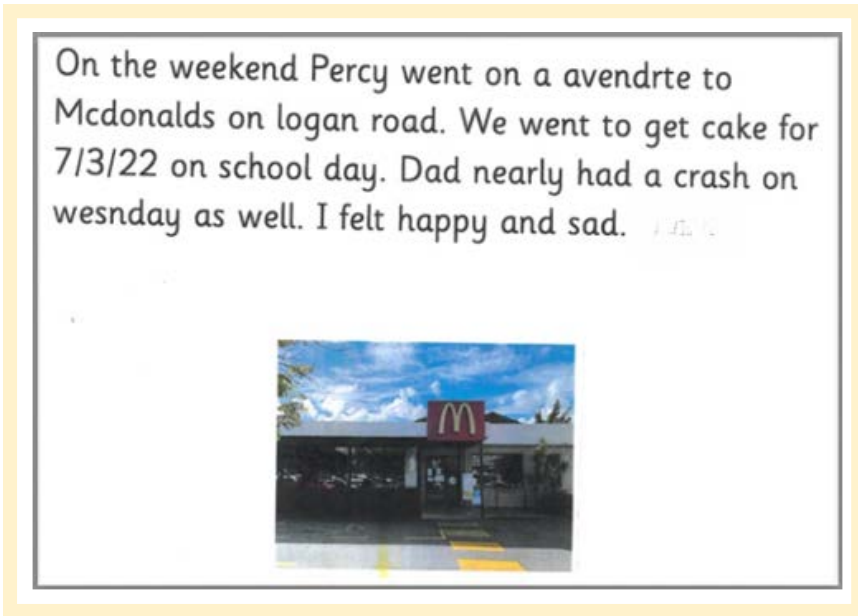
Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard, with word prediction available. Student wrote about a picture he selected.

Writing Record Sheet	
Student: (P. 10, 11)	Staff Member:
AAC system/speech: _____	Short description of how language generated: _____
Pencil used: <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart high tech <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QWERTY High tech <input type="checkbox"/> QWERTY low tech <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
(specify) _____ Supports used: <input type="checkbox"/> Word Wall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Word prediction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Student Engagement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully engaged. <input type="checkbox"/> Partially engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Not engaged	
Topic selection process: <u>3 photos to choose from</u> (e.g. choice of 3 photos)	
Access Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Direct access <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Assisted Scanning <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Comments: <u>Writing Sample 1</u>	



# H.3 One or More Expanded or Complex Sentences V1.2 December 2023

## on the Same Topic with Limited Organisation; May Also Include Additional Partial or Complete Simple Sentences on the Same Topic



Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard on a computer. Student wrote about a topic and image he selected.

Student generates one complete expanded sentence on the topic. The sentence has 5 or more words which may or may not be accompanied by one or more simple sentences. The sentences are not organised, presenting information in a disordered way which may impact on the reader's comprehension. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility

**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: Mat/Kahilo

AAC system/speech: verbal Short description of how language generated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 attributed by adult) \_\_\_\_\_ (please note if meaning was

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Watch  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged


Topic selection process: Google image  
 (e.g. choice of 3 photos)

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



# H.4 One or More Expanded Sentences with Two or More Components of “Who, What, When, Where and Why” on the Same Topic; No Use of Conjunctions; May Also Include Additional Partial or Complete Simple Sentences on the Same Topic.



I went on a train from port Adelaide to the city. I went with my friend shun.  
It was suny I had fun.

Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard in Proloquo2Go, with both word prediction and word wall available. Student wrote about a picture he selected.

Student generates one or more complete expanded sentence(s) on the topic. The sentence has 5 or more words. All little words and parts of words are present and two or more components of “Who, What, When, Where and Why” are included. This expanded sentence may or may not be accompanied by one or more simple sentences. Student makes no use of conjunctions to show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_

AAC system/speech: \_\_\_\_\_ Short description of how language generated: \_\_\_\_\_

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other

(specify) laptop Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged,  Partially engaged,  Not engaged

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Assessment conditions



# H.5 One or More Expanded Sentences with Conjunctions and Two or More Components of “Who, What, When, Where and Why” on the Same Topic; May Also Include Additional Partial or Complete Simple Sentences Without Conjunctions on the Same Topic.



This dog is green. He rolled in green paint. Then he rolled in green grass. Then he rolled in a giant puddle of green hair dye. The little dog realises that he's fur is green. He try's to wash it off. It want come off. It is there to stay.

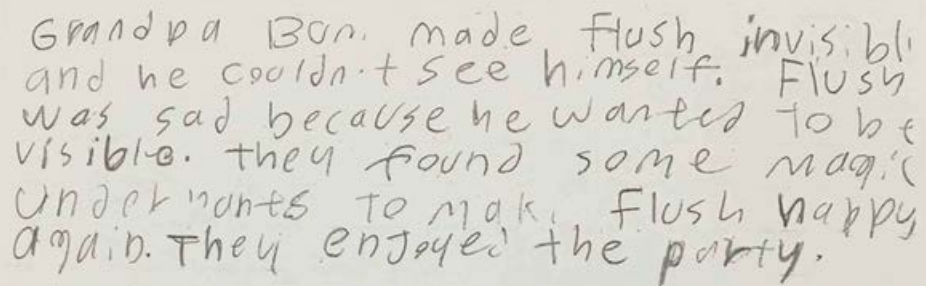
Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard with word wall available. Student wrote about a picture he chose.

Student generates one complete expanded sentence on the topic. The sentence has 5 or more words and uses one or more conjunctions to show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast. All little words and parts of words are present and two or more components of “Who, What, When, Where and Why” are included. This expanded sentence may or may not be accompanied by one or more simple sentences. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.





## H.6 Two or More Expanded Sentences with Conjunctions and Three or More Components of “Who, What, When, Where and Why” on the Same Topic; May Also Include Additional Partial or Complete Simple Sentences or Expanded Sentences Without Conjunctions on the Same Topic.



Grandpa Bum. made Flush invisibli and he couldn't see himself. Flush was sad because he wanted to be visible. they found some magic Underpants to mak. Flush happy again. They enjoyed the party.

Student handwrote about the book of the week “Bum Magic.” Word wall was available. Writing says “Grandpa Bum made Flush invisible and he couldn’t see himself. Flush was sad because he wanted to be visible. They found some magic underpants to make flush happy again. They enjoyed the party.”

Student generates two or more complete expanded sentences on the topic. Each sentence has 5 or more words and uses one or more conjunctions to show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast. All little words and parts of words are present and three or more components of “Who, What, When Where and Why” are included. These expanded sentences may or may not be accompanied by one or more simple sentences or expanded sentences without conjunctions. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.



# Group H

## Learning Goals:



### Top Tip

Mini-lessons at this level would focus on one of:  
writing more; writing is about telling stories;  
expanding one sentence with questions, using the  
5Ws (who, what, where, when, why?); editor's  
checklist; using word wall; sounding out (spelling);  
reading the room; using capitals and full stops.

Overall goal:



Writing complex sentences with two  
or more clauses

For students at this level appropriate  
goals may include:



Writing a complete complex  
sentence independently



Using four or more elements of who,  
what, when, where, and why in  
writing one or more sentences  
including one complex sentence

# Group H

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Always begin with a mini-lesson, modelling writing yourself about a similar writing task to the students'. Use this as an opportunity to model different skills across time e.g. thinking of ideas, using word wall, sounding words out, writing more, etc. Make sure you remove your modelled writing so students can't copy it.
2. Give the student an appropriate writing stimulus e.g. photo, video. Ask the student to choose if appropriate.
3. Ask the student to write. Students at these levels are learning to write more, that writing is about telling stories and that they can write across a number of days.
4. As students are writing, move around and conference with the students. For students who struggle with ideas and language, move to them first. Use AAC to support them in this area. All language generation should be done independently by the student(s) at these levels.
5. If needed provide scaffolds to help support them in the writing process e.g. visuals for the 5Ws or a map to build information about a topic.
6. Continue to move around and support students with writing. If students do not know how to spell a word, encourage them to write down every sound they can hear or use the word wall.
7. Finish up with a short conference about their writing, providing lots of positive feedback, particularly around the area focused on in the mini lesson, and (if needed) writing a "translation" on the back of their work or on a post-it note as appropriate. Students at the upper levels may be writing across several days including self-editing.
8. At this level, students should get frequent opportunities to share their writing with their peers. Not every student, every day - but by building in a daily opportunity to share writing, each student should be able to participate regularly in this activity.

# Language Generation

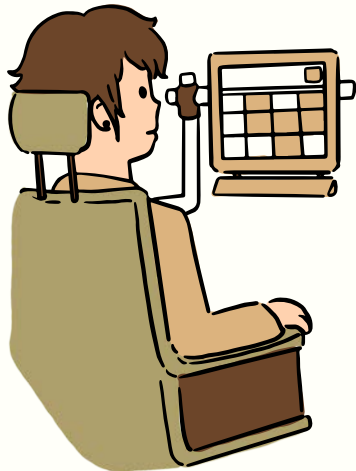
## Group H



Student should be independently generating all language for their writing.

# Group H

## Conventional Literacy Activities



- DAILY opportunities to write for real reasons
- Comprehensive conventional literacy intervention
- Writing to the students e.g., morning message; modelling writing complex sentences
- Comprehension Instruction (Anchor, Read, Apply)
- Actively work on inner voice
- Independent writing; writing instruction and mini-lesson focusing on one complex sentence.  
Continue modelling writing using the 5Ws to write more with meaning.
- Self-selected reading from book at or below their reading level by the student
- Do NOT point to words in books or let them do that!!
- Word wall and Making Words

# Group 1

# Complex Sentences

# Group 1

## Students are:



Writing one or more complex sentences with two or more clauses, conjunctions and three or more components of “Who, What, When, Where and Why”



# I.1 One Partial Complex Sentence with Two or More Clauses, Use of Conjunctions and Three or More Components of “Who, What, When, Where and Why”; May Also Include Additional Expanded or Simple Sentences, Partial or Complete, on the Same Topic.

I am outside with my friend trashy we are dancing and I am hole dancer. I like to dance with my friends

Student wrote on a QWERTY keyboard on a computer, with word wall available. Student wrote about a picture she selected.

**Writing Record Sheet**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AAC system/speech: \_\_\_\_\_ Short description of how language generated: \_\_\_\_\_

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student Engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged

Topic selection process: choice of three photos (e.g. choice of 3 photos)

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Writing sample 1

Student generates one partial complex sentence with 6 or more words on the topic and two or more clauses; however, one or more little words is missing. The sentence should use one or more conjunctions to show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast. Three or more components of “who, what, when, where and why” are included. This complex sentence may or may not be accompanied by one or more simple or expanded sentences, partial or complete. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used, although other punctuation is not required. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.



# 1.2 One or More Complex, Expanded and Simple Sentences on the Same Topic with Limited Organisation; May Also Include Additional Partial or Complete Simple Sentences on the Same Topic.



For breakfast this morning I had eggs with bacon and cheese and tomato sauce and I melted it in the microwave. I also had a cup of coffee. I had a vanilla latte. Because they are very nice and yummy and healthy and delicious. I woke up at 5:40am this morning. I was in the lounge room and I was watching fireman Sam on our nans TV on YouTube this morning.

Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard on a computer. Student wrote about a topic he selected.

Student generates one complete complex sentence on the topic. The sentence may or may not be accompanied by one or more simple sentences. The sentences are not organised, presenting information in a disordered way which may impact on the reader's comprehension. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility

Writing Record Sheet

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff member: Sam

AAC system/speech: Speech Short description language generation: Independent  Meaning attributed

Co:Construction techniques used:  Invitations for more info  Expectant pause  Navigate in student's AAC  Indicates student's AAC  Positive  Praise  Modeling

Writing tool:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Access:  Pointing  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Topic selection process: choice from internet on food  
(e.g. choice of 3 photos)

Supports used:  Word wall  Word prediction  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Student engagement:  Fully engaged  Partially engaged  Not engaged





# I.3 One Complex Sentence with Two or More Clauses, V1.2 December 2023

Use of Conjunctions and Three or More Components of “Who, What, When, Where and Why”; May Also Include Additional Expanded or Simple Sentences, Partial or Complete, on the Same Topic.



Student wrote on a QWERTY keyboard, with both word prediction and word wall available. Student wrote about a picture she selected.

Student generates one complete complex sentence on the topic. The sentence has 6 or more words with two or more clauses. The sentence should use one or more conjunctions to show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast and include three or more components of “who, what, when, where and why”. This complex sentence may or may not be accompanied by one or more simple or expanded sentences. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used, although other punctuation is not required. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

AAC system used: \_\_\_\_\_ Short description of how language generated: \_\_\_\_\_

Pencil used:  Handwriting  Flip chart low tech  Flip chart high tech  QWERTY high tech  QWERTY low tech  Other \_\_\_\_\_

(specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Supports used:  Word Wall  Word prediction  Other \_\_\_\_\_

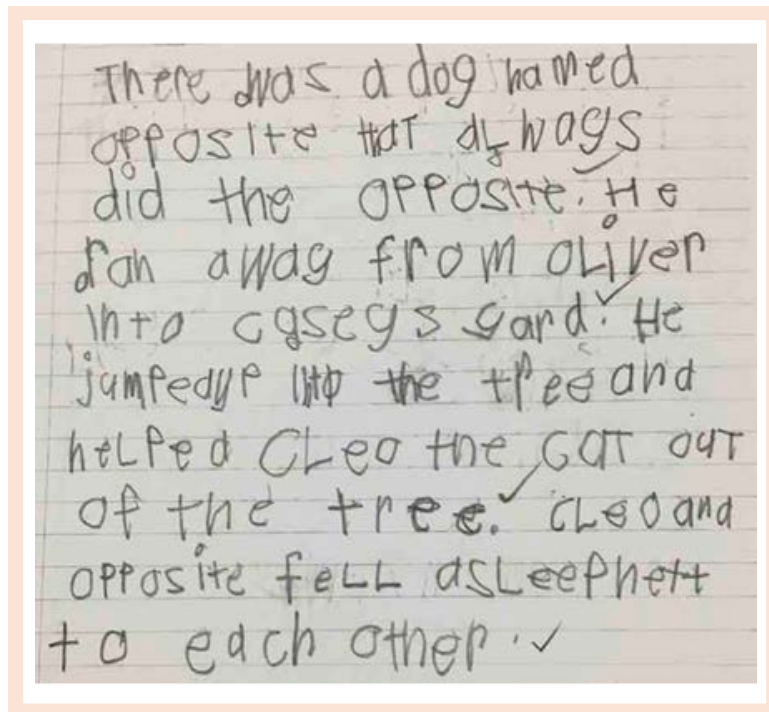
Student Engagement:  Fully engaged.  Partially engaged.  Not engaged

Access Method:  Direct access  Partner Assisted Scanning  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Assessment Conditions



## I.4 Two or More Complex Sentences, Each with Two or More Clauses and Use of Conjunctions; Four or More Components of “Who, What, When, Where and Why are Used”; May Also Include Additional Expanded or Simple Sentences, Partial or Complete, on the Same Topic.



Student generates two or more complete complex sentences on the topic. Each sentence has 6 or more words and two or more clauses. There are two or more conjunctions that show the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast. Four or more components of “who, what, when, where and why” are included.

Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used, although other punctuation is not required. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.

Student hand wrote the sentences. Word wall was available.

# Group 1

## Learning Goals:



### Top Tip

Mini-lessons at this level would focus on one of: writing is about telling stories, true and made up; editor's checklist; adding more; titles; beginning, middle and end; other ending punctuation; informational pieces and mind mapping; writing across multiple days, and publishing.

Overall goal:



Learning to write more, using two or more sub-topics, each outlining a different area of the overall topic.

For students at this level appropriate goals may include:



Using simple, expanded and complex sentences to vary their writing and engage the reader.



Outlining a topic before beginning, planning to address two or more sub-topics of the overall topic and researching information about those sub-topics.

# Group 1

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Always begin with a mini-lesson, modelling writing yourself about a similar writing task to the students'. Use this as an opportunity to model different skills across time e.g. thinking of ideas, using word wall, sounding words out, writing more, etc. Make sure you remove your modelled writing so students can't copy it.
2. Give the student an appropriate writing stimulus e.g. photo, video. Ask the student to choose if appropriate.
3. Ask the student to write. Students at these levels are learning to write more, that writing is about telling stories and that they can write across a number of days.
4. As students are writing, move around and conference with the students. For students who struggle with ideas and language, move to them first. Use AAC to support them in this area. All language generation should be done independently by the student(s) at these levels.
5. If needed provide scaffolds to help support them in the writing process e.g. visuals for the 5Ws or a map to build information about a topic.
6. Continue to move around and support students with writing. If students do not know how to spell a word, encourage them to write down every sound they can hear or use the word wall.
7. Finish up with a short conference about their writing, providing lots of positive feedback, particularly around the area focused on in the mini lesson, and (if needed) writing a "translation" on the back of their work or on a post-it note as appropriate. Students at the upper levels may be writing across several days including self-editing.
8. At this level, students should get frequent opportunities to share their writing with their peers. Not every student, every day - but by building in a daily opportunity to share writing, each student should be able to participate regularly in this activity.

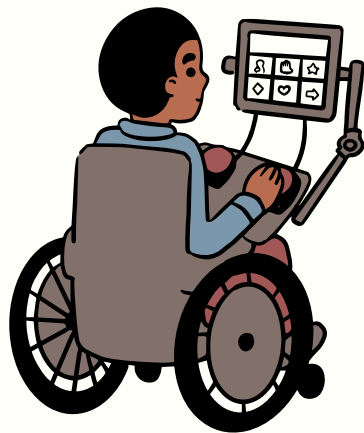
# Language Generation Group 1



Student should be independently generating all language for their writing.

# Group 1

## Conventional Literacy Activities



- DAILY opportunities to write for real reasons
- Comprehensive conventional literacy intervention
- Comprehension Instruction (Anchor, Read, Apply)
- Actively work on inner voice if still required
- Independent writing; writing instruction and mini-lesson focusing on writing using multiple sub-topics.
- Self-selected reading from book at or below their reading level by the student
- Do NOT point to words in books or let them do that!!
- Word wall and Making Words

# **Group J**

# **Multiple Sub-Topics**

# Group J

## Students are:



Writing using two or more sub-topics, each outlining a different area of the topic; each sub-topic consists of 3 or more sentences, including at least one complex sentence





# J.1 Two Sub-Topics, Each Outlining a Different Area of the Topic; Each Sub-Topic Consists of 3 or More Sentences, Including at least One Complex Sentence.

Astronauts will be in the story, in space world on looking at planet day.

In space world there are astronauts. The astronauts are go to astronaut school. On their birthdays they eat iced space cakes, space biscuits, space cookies, sweet colour space milk, space bars, space block chocalates, sweet coloured space bread, space candy and space cereal.

Tomorrow was look at the planets day. After they come home from astronaut school the astronauts go straight out to look at space planes and rockets. But then they remember that they forgot to bring their toy telescopes. They go straight back to their space houses and grab their toy telescopes and then go into outer space to look at the planets.

The moral of this story is always bring your telescope when you go to outer space.

Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard. Student wrote about a topic he selected.

Short description of how language generated:

**Independent writing**

Pencil used: Handwriting Flip chart low tech Flip chart high tech QWERTY high tech QWERTY low tech Other **Keyboard computer**

Supports used: Word Wall Word prediction Other

Student Engagement: **Fully engaged.** Partially engaged Not engaged

Student generates writing with two sub-topics, each outlining part of the topic (e.g., an animal's habitat and its diet). Each sub-topic consists of three or more sentences, including at least one complex sentence. The complex sentence has two or more clauses. Use of conjunctions shows the reader how ideas are linked or how ideas contrast. Sub-topics may or may not be arranged as paragraphs. Words must be separated by spaces and do not have to be spelled correctly. End punctuation must be used, although other punctuation is not required. Writing can be accompanied by a picture, which can be used to support intelligibility.



# J.2 Three Sub-Topics, Each Outlining a Different Area of the Topic; Each Sub-Topic Consists of 3 or More Sentences, Including at least One Complex Sentence.

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Once up a time there lived the clever boy and his brothers. The rest of their family had moved to the city and had found some grand hotels and apartments to live in.

The clever boy and his brothers had been left behind by their family and had been many times looking for someone to take care of them. Then the king that had been watching them out of his castle window made up his mind to welcome them by preparing them a feast in their food rooms. They had lots of playrooms and toy rooms, TV rooms and dining rooms. First the king told them to eat the feast in the dining room. Then after they ate he told them to go to bed. Then he told them to wake up and eat all the food in the food room including to eat all the biscuits in the biscuit room. Then it was the clever boy's birthday and he had to celebrate his birthday by eating all the cake in the cake room. Then it was his brothers' birthday and they had to eat all the cupcakes in the cupcake room with chocolate knives and candy forks. Then he ordered his waiters to prepare special lunches, special dinners, special afternoon tea, and special desserts. Then they began to miss their family.

The problem was their family began to miss them and thought that they would never see them again for the rest of their life. The clever boy and his brothers began to miss their family and thought that they would never see their family again for the rest of their life. They were all very sad.

The solution was that the clever boy and his brothers asked the king if they could go back to their family. Since they had done what he told them to do so he told them that they could at last go to their family. He gave them candy party bags and sent them on their way. In a few minutes they arrived and their family said hello to them. Their family were so glad to see them that they prepared banquets. Then it was their family's birthday and they celebrated it by eating all the cake. Then they had parties. They they all lived happily ever after with their family.

Student selected letters on a QWERTY keyboard, with both word prediction and word wall available. Student wrote about a topic he selected.

Short description of how language generated:

**Independent writing**

Pencil used: Handwriting Flip chart low tech Flip chart high tech QWERTY high tech QWERTY low tech Other **Keyboard computer**

Supports used: Word Wall Word prediction Other

Student Engagement: **Fully engaged.** Partially engaged Not engaged

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## J.3 Four or More Sub-Topics, Each Outlining a Different Area of the Topic; Each Sub-Topic Consists of 3 or More Sentences, Including at least One Complex Sentence.

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On Friday the 21st of June 2019, I went to Prospect Centre with my mate JB. On the way to Prospect Centre, the buses we saw were 885, 1115, 255, 1289, and 2531. When we got there, we went to Foodbank at Edwardstown with Damien and our teacher Kim Woods. The bus we rode was 2505, with Angry Birds and the Brown bubbly soft drink. On the bus, I played the game Angry Birds on my phone. When we got off the bus, I finished playing Angry Birds on my phone, so we walked to Adelaide Railway Station. The electric train we rode was 4016. JB and I listened to hit107 on my phone. We rode it to Emerson station, and then we walked to Foodbank at Edwardstown. When we got there, we used the elephant foot to squish up the cardboard boxes. During that time, we took turns cleaning the floor. I went first, Damien went second, and JB went last. After our recess break, we did some weighing of the boxes to make sure that the boxes did not weigh under 10.2 kilos. Some weighed under 10.2, so we had to find the stuff that was missing in the box. After that, we caught the electric train back to the city numbered 4018. We walked to the Myer Centre and had lunch. We all had McDonalds for lunch, while our teacher Kim Woods, had his own lunch. After we ate lunch, we waited for the bus on route 222 to Mawson Interchange. The bus we rode was 2597, with the Volkswagen EOFY Sale. I continued to play Angry Birds on my phone until we got to Prospect Centre. When we got back, we did work on our Foodbank visit. After we did our work, we played UNO. On the way home, the buses I saw were 2542, 2546, 1112, 1528, and 1966. Scania K230UB 1528 bus was in Port Adelaide Depot, advertising Uber Eats with Ruby Rose and Rebel Wilson. After dropping JB off at home, we got Hungry Jacks for lunch. After that, we went home.

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Student wrote with a keyboard and Microsoft Word. Word wall was available but not used.

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On Saturday the 22nd of June 2019, I went to my Nan's with my mum. The buses I saw on the way to my Nan's were 2507, 2582, 2536, 2745, and 2405. We went shopping at Munno Para and got some groceries, including a new microwave plate because her old microwave plate broke. We also got the stepladder and then we went to my Nan's house, dropping off the groceries we brought. After that, we went to Hungry Jacks at Munno Para and had lunch. After that, we did more shopping, this time at Woolworths. We got more groceries and then we went back home at Nan's. We did some packing, and unpacking, as we were about to head back home to avoid the football traffic. On the way home, the buses I saw were 2505, the one I rode with JB with Angry Birds and I played that game on my phone, 1234 with John Wick 3, and 1178 with Optus. We dropped off our stuff we got from Nan's, and then we went to Melissa's for afternoon tea. I played Angry Birds on my phone. Then we pretty much went back home after that. The buses I saw in Port Adelaide bus depot with new ads were 1413 with Uber Eats, with Ruby Rose and Rebel Wilson, and 1415 with Toy Story 4. Speaking of Toy Story, after watching the news, we watched Toy Story 2 on Channel 9. After that, I played Candy Crush on my iPad. I got up to level 852 I think? But I went to bed after playing a bit of Candy Crush on my iPad.

On Sunday the 23rd of June 2019, I went to my mum's friend, Christina's place. We looked at her current house before the new flooring would get put in. The changes I noticed was her baby's room looked practically empty, and the old destroyed door, got removed and a new door got put in. The walls also looked fresh with new paint. After that, we went back home and I played Angry Birds on my phone.

Student wrote with a keyboard and Microsoft Word. Word wall was available but not used.

# Group J

## Learning Goals:



### Top Tip

Mini-lessons at this level would focus on one of: writing is about telling stories, true and made up; editor's checklist; adding more; titles; beginning, middle and end; other ending punctuation; informational pieces and mind mapping; writing across multiple days, and publishing.

Overall goal:



Learning to write more, using two or more sub-topics, each outlining a different area of the overall topic.

For students at this level appropriate goals may include:



Using simple, expanded and complex sentences to vary their writing and engage the reader.



Outlining a topic before beginning, planning to address two or more sub-topics of the overall topic and researching information about those sub-topics.

# Group J

## Suggested Guidelines

1. Always begin with a mini-lesson, modelling writing yourself about a similar writing task to the students'. Use this as an opportunity to model different skills across time e.g. thinking of ideas, using word wall, sounding words out, writing more, etc. Make sure you remove your modelled writing so students can't copy it.
2. Give the student an appropriate writing stimulus e.g. photo, video. Ask the student to choose if appropriate.
3. Ask the student to write. Students at these levels are learning to write more, that writing is about telling stories and that they can write across a number of days.
4. As students are writing, move around and conference with the students. For students who struggle with ideas and language, move to them first. Use AAC to support them in this area. All language generation should be done independently by the student(s) at these levels.
5. If needed provide scaffolds to help support them in the writing process e.g. visuals for the 5Ws or a map to build information about a topic.
6. Continue to move around and support students with writing. If students do not know how to spell a word, encourage them to write down every sound they can hear or use the word wall.
7. Finish up with a short conference about their writing, providing lots of positive feedback, particularly around the area focused on in the mini lesson, and (if needed) writing a "translation" on the back of their work or on a post-it note as appropriate. Students at the upper levels may be writing across several days including self-editing.
8. At this level, students should get frequent opportunities to share their writing with their peers. Not every student, every day - but by building in a daily opportunity to share writing, each student should be able to participate regularly in this activity.

# Language Generation Group J



Student should be independently generating all language for their writing.

# Group J

## Conventional Literacy Activities



- DAILY opportunities to write for real reasons
- Comprehensive conventional literacy intervention
- Comprehension Instruction (Anchor, Read, Apply)
- Actively work on inner voice if still required
- Independent writing; writing instruction and mini-lesson focusing on writing using multiple sub-topics.
- Self-selected reading from book at or below their reading level by the student
- Do NOT point to words in books or let them do that!!
- Word wall and Making Words