



LITERACY COUNCIL
FREDERICK COUNTY, MD
EMPOWERING ADULTS THROUGH ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

Tutor Training Workshop

Writing


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Literacy
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Writing Overview

- Explain why teaching writing is important
- Show various writing systems
- Discuss the basic mechanics of writing
- Highlight examples of integrated writing activities for ESL and Basic Literacy learners at various levels





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Why teach writing?

Writing enhances reading skills by

- reinforcing the mechanics.
- helping students formulate and organize thoughts.
- providing practice for authentic/task writing.
- introducing basic compositional skills.

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Writing systems

- 我喜欢写东西
- أنا أحب أن أكتب
- Мне нравится писать.
- J'aime écrire.
- Me gusta escribir.



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Two components of writing

Mechanics

- Handwriting
- Spelling
- Grammar



Composition

- Brainstorming
- Choosing words
- Putting ideas on paper



TIB
Handout

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Letter Formation

- Provide a handwriting chart.
- Progress from large motor to small motor skills.
- Focus on printing.
- Start with the letters the student needs or wants to learn.
- Copy letters, words, and sentences.



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Can you write?

	Б	БОЙ	Б Б
	Ш	ШИП	Ш Ш
	Л	ЛАДР	Л Л
	Ч	ЧЭР	Ч Ч
	Р	РОП	Р Р

ДИС БОЙ ХАЗ А ШИП.
ДИС БОЙ ХАЗ А ЛАДР.
ДИС БОЙ ХАЗ А ЧЭР.
ДИС БОЙ ХАЗ А РОП.

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Writing to Organize Thoughts

Lesson 6 Writing

1 Before you write

1. Use what you know to complete the chart.

2 Write

1. Imagine you are going to see the doctor.

3 After you write

1. Use what you know to complete the chart.

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Writing emphasis on mechanics: Challenger

1 Read and Write.

1. The name of Bob's friend is Eddie.

2. Do you know if he got the job?

3. Bob and his friends had fun at the park.

4. Mike did not know the rules, but Eddie did.

5. Can you save money?

6. He knows I am not late for the job.

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Authentic Writing (Real-world tasks)

Lesson E: Writing

Before you write

Task Write a letter to a friend about a weekend plan. Use the information in the table to help you write.

Write

My Family's Weekend Chores

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Write

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Templates and Models

Dear Mrs. Smith,

This is to inform you that our daughter Sarina, studying in grade 7, will not be in school Friday, Nov. 8th as we will be out of town. She will be back in school next Monday.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards, Mrs. Gonzalez

[Teacher]: Please excuse [child's name] absence on [day not in school]. He had a [reason]. ~[Your name]

[Date]
Dear [Teacher]:
Please excuse [child's name] absence on [day not in school]. He had a [reason].
Thank you.
Sincerely,
[Your name]

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Writing to express an opinion: Ventures

Before you write

Task Write a letter to a friend about apartment problems. Use the information in the table to help you write.

Write

My Apartment Problems

Write Write a letter to a friend about apartment problems. Use the information in the table to help you write.

Write

My Apartment Problems

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Writing to express an opinion: Challenger

5 Personal Questions. Write sentences that answer the questions. Use words that tell about you.

1. How would you tell someone about your feelings? _____

2. What is the most boring job you can think of? _____



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The other component: Composition

4 Write a Paragraph. Write a short paragraph about making your life more healthy. Use the questions below to guide you.

Do you eat foods that are good for you?

What foods could you eat that would be better for you?

Do you get enough exercise?

What new exercise could you do that would be good for you?

How could your life be better if you ate better food and got more exercise?



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Review

- Use the integrated writing activities in the student books, but don't overcorrect. Be encouraging and supportive with student writing attempts-both mechanical and compositional.
- Encourage real-world, simple task writing such making lists, sending texts and writing emails.
- Language Experience activities are great for creating an 'authorship' feeling for the student.



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