

BASIC SKILLS FOR WRITING

1. Reading Comprehension

One of the basic skills for writing is reading comprehension. Students need to understand the meaning of strings of words, in sentences and in paragraphs.

2. Vocabulary

Having a good vocabulary helps in writing well. New vocabulary words are mostly learned through reading.

3. Spelling

Without reading practice and a strong vocabulary background, students may struggle with spelling. Without reading comprehension, vocabulary knowledge, and a strong spelling foundation, students may struggle with creating meaningful text. Revising and editing work may also be a challenge without reading, vocabulary, and spelling practice.

4. Transcription

Transcription is the physical act of producing words. This skill includes handwriting, typing, and spelling.

5. Sentence Construction

Students need to understand how sentences are constructed via grammar study. Understanding the correct use of punctuation is also a needed skill in writing effectively.

6. Genre and Content Knowledge

Genre knowledge means knowing how to use different types of writing.

7. Planning, Revising, and Editing

There is a process to writing. Students have to plan, revise, and edit work in order to express themselves well. There are a variety of strategies and graphic organizers that help with the writing process.