

What you can do

You can help your child to become a writer:

- Read three to five books with them every day.
- Take them places that will feed their imagination, such as a park, a playground, a farm, a zoo, a beach, your local library or a local show. Talk to them about the experience.
- Encourage them to draw and to talk with you about their drawings.
- Show them how you write (with a pen, on the computer, tablet or phone).
- Teach them how to write their name and, if they are interested, how to write other people's names.
- Encourage them to write birthday cards, invitations or recipes and explain the purpose.
- Draw with them.



Want to know more?

The VCAA website's Early Years Professional Learning section has resources from Dr Noella Mackenzie's presentation at a VCAA and the Bastow Institute seminar.

Dr Mackenzie presented on how drawing and writing can be viewed as a unified system of meaning.

www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/earlyyears/profdev/index.aspx

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