

How to do *Shared writing* with a child

1. **Talk** together about what to write, for example: Granny's birthday card or a little story of something that happened.
2. Help your child to **decide on the sentences** to write, for example: Happy birthday Gran love from Thandi.
3. **Draw a line** for each word in the sentence _____
Point to each line as you say the sentence.
4. Encourage your child to write as much as they can on their own. **Encourage 'invented' spelling ('have-a-go' writing).**
5. **Help** your child with sounding out words. You can say: "What sound does it start with? What comes next?" Say each word slowly so that the sounds are easier to hear.
6. **Praise** all efforts and encourage your child not to be afraid of making mistakes.
7. **Write** words your child is struggling to write.
8. **Read** the sentence together.
9. Encourage your child to **draw a picture** to go with the writing OR draw first and then write.

