

***How and Where
Does Writing
Fit Into Our
Lives?***

Writing is...

Practical...

Job-Related...

Stimulating...

Social...

Therapeutic...

***Interesting
Background
Tidbit***

Consequences:

- *Academic**
- *Social/Emotional**
- *Economic**

Contributing Factors:

- * Persistent receptive /expressive oral language deficits.**
- *Metacognitive deficits.**
- *Maintaining positive attitudes.**

- * Motivation.**
- * Persistence to meet expectations.**
- * Limited awareness of strengths and challenges.**

Reflection Time!!!

How Can Parents Help Improve Children's Writing Skills at Home?

- * Provide a Quiet Place.**
- * Have the Materials.**
- * Allow Time.**

- * Brainstorm Ideas.**
- * Praise.**
- * Respond To Them.**

- * Make Language Fun.**
- * Provide Opportunities to Read.**
- * Communicate with Teacher.**

Reflection Time!!!

Writing Tips for Use With Younger Children...

- *Get them used to making the shapes of the letters.**
- *Accept sloppy work.**
- *Encourage "scribble" writing.**

- *Allow them to spell words phonetically.**
- *Encourage copying and drawing.**
- *Explore new experiences with your child.**

- * Help them make labels, cards, and books.**
- *Teach /Practice Conversational Skills.**
- * Real Aloud on a regular basis...do a picture story.**

- * Write a story with your child.**
- * If your child would like to write their own story, help brainstorm ideas...**
 - * they can write about**
 - * what will happen**
 - * how it will end**

***Reflection
Time!!!***

***Tips for Helping
Struggling Learners...***

***Writing Reports and
Papers***

- * Encourage Journals.**
- * Assist with Essay
Topic Selection.**
- * Brainstorm Ideas.**
- * Stock up on Books, Movies,
and Games.**

- * Be Your Child's Scribe.**
- * Go Digital.**
- * Remind Your Child to
Proofread.**
- * Teach/Practice
Conversational Skills.**

***Reflection
Time!!!***

***Writing Tips for
Helping Older
Learners...***

***Encourage keeping a journal.**

***Play word/mind games.**

***Suggest making lists.**

***Monitor/check homework assignments, reports, and projects.**

***Check for rubrics.**

***Encourage dialogue.**

Be Certain *YOU* do not write or do assignments for them!!!!!!!!!!!!

Reflection Time!!!

How Parents Can Enhance Language Development Skills At Any Age!

*** Play *Family Games*.**

***Expand Vocabulary (i.e. computer learning tools)
WordCentral.com**

*** Explore New Experiences.**

*** Read Aloud.**

***Teach and Practice
Conversation Skills.
(Get into Their Heads)**

*** Make Language Fun!**

Children will not become prolific writers overnight. Like reading, writing takes time, so parents need to exercise patience. Implementing these activities at home *consistently* will ensure children develop good writing skills that last a lifetime.

**Language
+
Reading
+
Writing
=
Success**