

Development of writing skills

Student's Name:

Date:

Development stages/characteristics

Teacher comments

Stage 1: Pre-emergent

- Scribbles or draws to communicate.
- Show interest in letters and words.

Stage 2: Emergent

- Can recognize letters or simple words.
- Uses letters to label drawings (A, B, C).
- Sometimes writes from left to right.
- Sometimes writes with sound/symbol relationship.
- May be able to explain writing.

Stage 3: Dependent

- Uses his/her own inventive spelling.
- Copies print from the environment.
- Uses simple vocabulary.
- Leaves space between words.
- Develops a sense of story.
- May forget meaning over time.
- Meaning sometimes evident to reader.

Stage 4: Developing

- Uses vowels in inventive spelling.
- Writes simple sentences.
- Writes about personal experience.
- Can read writing to an audience.
- Re-reads to check meaning.

Stage 5: Independent

- Links oral language to writing.
- Writes for various purposes.
- Uses a plan when writing.
- Makes corrections when writing.
- Develops authorship and voice.