## Writing at Home

Writing should be fun. It doesn’t have to be just pen on paper, it could be labeled pictures, videos, voice recording, songs, cartoons, poems, journals, scrapbooks, dictated on a device (<https://www.howtogeek.com/399757/how-to-use-voice-typing-in-google-docs/>),

…… the more variety the better! Here are some online ideas:

* The Literacy Shed

<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>

Lots of pictures and videos to inspire writing

* Pobble365

<https://www.pobble365.com/>

New ideas and challenges every day

* Top 5 tips for writing a story from Harriet Muncaster <https://youtu.be/pXjk5F-XIbs>
* Tips for writing poetry from Ben Davis <https://youtu.be/aRpV93yPxZ4>
* Learn to type <https://www.typingclub.com/>

**Some other good ideas**

1. Create a family history keepsake

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/create-family-history-keepsake> Make a book, video or website of your family's history by trying out some of the following ideas:

* Find out more about the people in your family:  their jobs, hobbies, friends and the places, people and things they love.
* Use photos, video, recordings and scribblings to make an interesting keepsake your family will want to keep and add to as time goes on.
* Have a whole page or section on each member of the family and give everyone free choice for what they include on their pages.
* Use different ways of showing the things you love doing, through writing, cartoons, sketches, collage...

1. Design a New Room for the Chocolate Factory<https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/writing-fiction/creative-writing-ideas>
   * 1. Based on "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl.

* Remind the children of the story and the Chocolate Room.
* Think of any of the other rooms there could be in the factory. Make a list of these on the board for the children to refer to later.
* Now ask the children to make up a new room for the chocolate factory, making sure that they are as descriptive as possible.

1. One day I will be famous

<https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/writing-fiction/creative-writing-ideas>

* Write or make a video about what they would like to be famous for, and why.
* Create a written or video diary, as if the child was famous in the future. How does it feel? What things do they do?
* Conduct an interview with the child who is now famous. Dress up!

1. Cookery

* Create/Invent a new recipe –the best/worst birthday cake ever/ the best/worst pie/pizza.
* Write the ingredients and how to cook
* Make a video
* Write a menu for a restaurant : The best/worst restaurant in NZ!

1. Move over Spiderman!

* Create a new superhero. What powers does she/he have. How do they dress?

1. Words within walls

* Make a list of words that describes your house and the people in it. See how many you can collect.

1. Words in words-1 minute

* Make a list of words that that you can find hiding inside another word.
* Words=because/ begin/ together/ isolation

1. 1 minute Word ladders
   * The aim of the game is to make a list of words where the last letter of a word is the first letter of the next word: e.g.
   1. cat
   2. time
   3. egg
   4. go
   5. open
   6. now
2. How to….dance, play a guitar, ride a skateboard etc.

* Create a video to teach someone (mum, Dad, teacher etc.) a new skill.

1. Write a letter/email/message

* To a school friend , family, Jacinda Ardern, school principal. Tell them about what you’ve been doing, your ideas about things etc.

1. Write a set of instructions for hand washing
2. If you could have 3 wishes-hat would they be?
3. How many words can you find/ think of that rhyme with …play?
4. Write sentences (or silly sentences) where nearly every word begins with the same sound e.g. We were waiting with Walter while Will was wobbling on the wall.
5. Write 5 different sentences for the beginning of a gripping story/movie script e.g. I was just about to jump!
6. Write 5 different sentences for the end of a story/ movie part e.g. She thought it was all over…it wasn’t.
7. Write/ create a sentence that starts with these starters:

* Without warning…….
* Soon afterwards…..
* It took several seconds but……
* Suddenly……
* It wasn’t long before….

1. Write down ten questions you would like to ask…

a character in the book/ famous person/ grandparents / pet /alien etc.

1. Drama

Anything that develops speaking will also improve writing.**Re-enacting a favourite movie/book scene, is a wonderful way to underpin dialogue writing (and all the other creative, cognitive processes involved).**

* Free scripts and skits for all age kids.

<https://a2zhomeschooling.com/explore/fine_arts_kids/theatrics/drama_scripts_skits_kids_teens/>

* Recreating Scenes: You could play all the parts yourself if you get the right scene!

Some examples are: <https://www.momtastic.com/parenting/453343-movie-scenes-my-kids-love-reenact/>

* Theatre and Drama online resources e.g. scripts, monologues, tips, links

<http://www.bbbpress.com/teaching-drama-online/>,