

Let's Practise at Home

Writing for Pleasure

Creating a Writing Box.

Writing messages.



Targets:

- **To write for pleasure**
 - ❖ Talk with your child - how does it feel to receive a written message?
 - ❖ What kinds of ways can messages be written?
 - ❖ What are the usual ways? e.g. a letter, postcard,
 - ❖ What are the fun ways? e.g. a message in a bottle, a message under your pillow or on a post-it note
- **To create and fill a writing box with:**
 - ❖ recycled or new paper
 - ❖ home made envelopes
 - ❖ pictures or card fronts
 - ❖ other accessories



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- **How to create a Writing Box**

- ❖ Choose a smallish, substantial box
- ❖ Cut to create a small open box, at least A5 in size
- ❖ Create sections in the box by adding a divider or another box
- ❖ Cover in your own style!
- ❖ Add paper and home made envelopes
- ❖ Add pens and pencils
- ❖ Keep it **FULL**, paper does not have to be new or perfect, the back of clean paper is fine and is great recycling, used envelopes are handy too. Add cards, pictures, scraps of gift wrap, whatever your child might like.



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Enjoying writing
messages.



Message Writing Do this whenever and wherever there is an opportunity... *(keep your writing box full of writing supplies)*

- ❖ Write your child a message, not always asking them to do something, perhaps noticing a good, kind or interesting thing they have done.
- ❖ Write a message to share with your child. perhaps about some family information e.g. what is for dinner tomorrow or plans for the weekend.
- ❖ Leave your message somewhere your child will find it, ask them to write back to you with a message too.
- ❖ Write a message to send or deliver to a family member or a friend, ask them to reply.



Writing for Pleasure Envelope Templates



Here are some useful envelope templates, look online for different ideas – search for '*home made envelopes*' and be inspired...

Simple Envelope Template
From Kate Pullen for About.com
Cut the template from the paper, fold along the dotted lines. Use adhesive or double sided tape to fasten the edges.

