


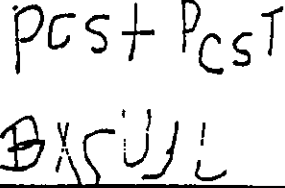


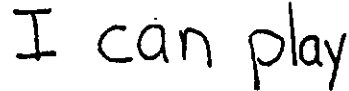


Developmental Stages of Writing

Stage	Description	Sample
Writing by Drawing	Child uses drawing to represent words.	
Writing by Scribbling	Child makes marks to represent writing and ideas. May be in a linear arrangement.	
Writing by making Letter-like forms	Child's writing looks like letters but is not actual letters. May include numbers.	
Writing strings of letters	Child writes using letters randomly, in a repeated sequence or pattern. Usually does not include spacing.	
Writing using beginning sounds	Child writes with one letter representing a word or just the beginning sound correct, followed by a random string of letters.	
Writing using inventive spelling	Child writes by using knowledge of letter-sound relationships.	
Conventional Spelling	Child writes using standard spelling.	

(Adapted from Sulzby, cited in Christie, Enz, & Vukelich)

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