

Developing Writing Skills

Developing the process of getting thoughts and ideas written down in a fluid coherent form.



- **Difficulty putting ideas together** i.e. coming up with ideas, thinking of sentences to express those ideas and then working out/remembering how to spell the words in those sentences is too much all at one time.
 - a. jot down ideas on 'post its' as they occur
 - b. come up with sentences to go with the ideas, write then on 'post its' and attach to relevant 'ideas post it'
 - c. arrange 'post its' into the correct order
 - d. write it all out properly thinking about/checking spelling.

Alternatively

- a. jot ideas down randomly on a big piece of paper
 - b. underneath each idea plan and write down a sentence or two for that idea
 - c. highlight ideas that go together in the same coloured highlighter
 - d. check spelling / grammar of each sentence
 - e. write out sentences that go together in paragraphs
- **Difficulty drawing ideas/information from text**
 - a. use a highlighter to highlight important relevant words as you read
 - b. use different coloured highlighters to correspond with different points
 - c. practise reading a paragraph and summing it up in one short sentence

The idea of these strategies is to break a task down into manageable chunks that don't overload a learner's processing skills.

Although long winded at first, with practise, the whole process speeds up and may eventually be done away with as skills develop.

Practise is essential.