

I know my child has great ideas but they still can't get them down on paper.....what can I do?



Having access to a laptop or an iPad/tablet (especially one with a keyboard like the one above — you can buy keyboards separately from Amazon or the Apple Store and they just plug in to your iPad) offers them alternative ways of recording their thoughts on paper.

Teach your child to touch type on a PC using:-

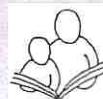
- BBC Dancemat
- Nessy Fingers

Help them to plan their writing using Mind Mapping

- book by Tony Buzan, Mind Maps for Kids
- iMindMap HD app
- or Popplet app (software also available for PCs).

Other useful apps

- Dragon Dictation—FREE -records what you say as text and will just need editing
- Clicker Docs- word processing package that can have word banks inserted as well as predictive text and will read your text back to you when you put in a full-stop.



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Empowering schools to remove barriers to learning for pupils with specific learning difficulties

Helping your child with developing their writing

Why do some children find writing difficult?

Children need to be able to write to

- ♦ access and record their learning in school
- ♦ do their job when they are grown up
- ♦ communicate with others both formally and informally
- ♦ record information just for themselves.

However, writing is a complex skill and involves combining lots of sub-skills. To be able to write well, you have to be able to

- ♦ control a pencil ,
- ♦ understand how the sounds are represented by letters,
- ♦ remember how to spell the many words which do not obey the spelling rules,
- ♦ have ideas and know the order you want to put them in,
- ♦ use clear language ,
- ♦ use punctuation and
- ♦ adapt your writing to your audience.

