

# Primary Writing Possibilities

## No technology required!

Below are a few possibilities to inspire your learners to write at home! They might make books, posters, letters, lists, or signs from anything found around their home. Cardboard boxes, scrap paper, newspaper, greeting cards, or envelopes can become masterpieces!

### Listening and Noticing Walk

Go for a walk in your neighbourhood. What do you hear? What do you see? What do you wonder? What would you change?

### I Remember...

Have a discussion with someone in your family about a memory you share. Is it a funny memory? Is it a special place you went? Is it a visit from someone or a special celebration? Create something to record your memory.

### What's In Your Heart?

Cut out or draw a heart on a piece of paper. Fill the heart with writing and drawings of everything you love in your heart. Share your writing with someone in your family.

(Inspired by @GeorgiaHeard1 on Twitter. Find her demo at: <https://twitter.com/GeorgiaHeard1/>)



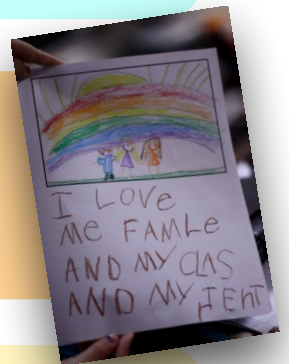
### Dear Teacher

What have you been doing while you are safe at home? Write a letter to your teacher to share about what you have been doing.

### Important People

Make a list of people in your life that matter most to you. Perhaps write a list of memories you have with each person, what you love about them, or write them a note. Perhaps this could be made into a book about your important people.

(Resource: "The Writing Strategies Book", Jennifer Serravallo, 2017)



### Future "You"

Think about what you might be like when you are much older. What would you like to remember about you today? What do you like to do? Who are your friends? What are you learning to do better? Write a letter to yourself when you are older and tell yourself all about it. What questions do you have for the "future you"?

## Gratitude

To be grateful means to be thankful. What are you grateful for? Have a discussion with someone in your family and try to think of as many things as you can that you are grateful for this week. How could you record some of these things? Could you make a book? Or a poster? Or write them as a list? Or another way?

## Welcome to My Home!

Create and label a map of your home. Perhaps you could write a description of your home. Start at one place and describe what you see. What detail could you tell about each room as you move through your home? What memories does each spot bring up for you?

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## Window Wonders

Choose one window in your home to look out. Spend some time quietly observing what you see. Are there people, animals, nature, traffic, interesting weather or things in the sky? Is there something you have not noticed before? Write a list of questions you wonder about what you noticed outside your home.

## Expert

Is there something you can teach me about? Is it a sport, a story, a dance, a skill or a show you are an expert on? Create a book to teach me all about it!

## Memory Game

Ask a family member to put together a collection of items on the floor, or in a flat basket, tray, platter, or plate. Examine the items for a few moments, then cover them with a towel or blanket. On a piece of paper, draw and label as many of the items that you can remember from your memory.

## X Marks the Spot

Find a rock and draw an 'X' or a face onto it. Hide the rock either in your room, home or yard, then create and label a map of that space. Mark an 'X' where you have hidden the rock! Add enough detail so someone in your family could follow your map to the hidden rock!

## Be Your Favourite Author

Our favourite books, characters or authors can inspire our stories! You might try writing a book the way your favourite author writes. Is it with speech bubbles, silly adventures or without words? Or possibly an information book. Or you might think of a favourite character from a book you have read or heard. Could you imagine that character in another story? What adventures might they have? Create a book that stars this character!

