

Year 2 Writing Checklist

These checklists link to the National Curriculum Teacher Assessment for Key Stage 1 in writing. They are split into:

- Working Towards the Expected Standard
- Working at the Expected Standard
- Working at Greater Depth Within the Expected Standard

All of the statements are progressive within and across the year groups, and work on the expectation that the majority of pupils will be working on their own year group's aims.

How to Use the Checklists

The grids can be used to track the attainment of individual pupils or alternatively, could be used to highlight the progress of groups of students who are focusing on the same development areas or writing targets.

They allow teachers to make 'best fit' judgements by ticking and dating relevant criteria as a child/group progresses throughout a term or school year.

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Working Towards the Expected Standard:

Pupil(s) can write sentences to form a short narrative about their own and others' experiences (real and fictional), after discussion with the teacher:	
demarcating some sentences with capital letters and full stops	
segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling some correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others	
spelling some common exception words*	
forming lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place	
forming lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another in some of the writing	

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Working at the Expected Standard:

Pupil(s) can write a simple, coherent narrative about their own and others' experiences (real and fictional), after discussion with the teacher:		
writing about real events, recording these simply and clearly		
demarcating most sentences with:	capital letters and full stops	
and with use of:	question marks.	
using present and past tense mostly correctly and consistently		
using co-ordination (or / and / but)		
using some subordination (when / if / that / because)		
segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others		
spelling many KS1 common exception words*		
writing capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters		
using spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters		

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Working at Greater Depth within the Expected standard:

Pupil(s) can write effectively and coherently for different purposes, drawing on their reading to inform the vocabulary and grammar of their writing, after discussion with the teacher:		
making simple additions, revisions and proof-reading corrections to their own writing		
using the full range of punctuation taught at key stage 1 mostly correctly including [^] :	commas to separate items in a list	
	apostrophes to mark singular possession in nouns and contractions	
spelling most common exception words*		
adding suffixes to spell most words correctly in their writing, e.g. -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly		
using the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters in most of their writing		

* These are detailed in the word lists within the spelling appendix to the national curriculum (English Appendix 1). Teachers should refer to these to exemplify the words that pupils should be able to spell.

[^] This relates to punctuation taught in the national curriculum, which is detailed within the Grammar and Punctuation Appendix to the National Curriculum (English Appendix 2).