

Reading can boost your child's writing skills



Reading is an excellent way to learn about writing. More exposure to reading will improve your child's writing—the more he reads, the more he'll know about different elements of writing, from structure to style.

When it comes to your child's writing, reading will help him:

- **Build vocabulary.** Once your child reads a new word and understands its meaning, he will be able to use it in writing.
- **Use different writing styles.** It's enlightening for kids to read different types of writing, such as humor, persuasive argument or suspense. This can provide inspiration! Encourage your child to try a new genre of writing after reading a particularly enjoyable book.



- **Increase knowledge.** Reading helps students learn about new topics and favorite subjects. Encourage your child to write about topics he's interested in and include any new ideas he may have on the subject.
- **Be reflective.** When your child reads, he can think about the writing and learn from it. Writing in a journal afterwards can reinforce what he learned.