

Parent Leaflet – Talk for Writing



What is Talk for Writing?

Talk for Writing helps children **become confident writers** by learning to **talk through ideas before writing**. They develop skills in **speaking, listening, reading, and writing** in a fun and structured way.

How it Works

1 Imitation

Children **learn a model text** (story, explanation, or instructions) using:

- Actions
- Story maps
- Repetition and drama

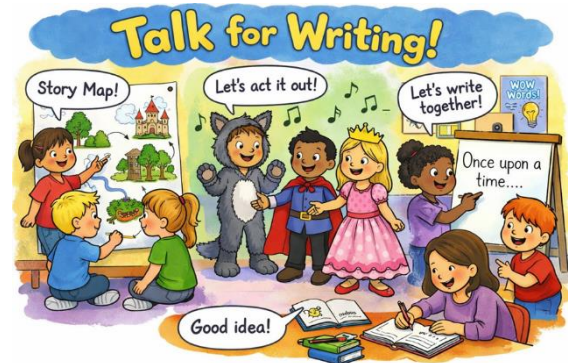
2 Innovation

Children **adapt the text** by:

- Changing characters, settings, or details
- Experimenting with ideas
This helps them **practice creativity and structure**.

3 Invention

Children **write their own version** of the text, using the skills and ideas they've learned.
This builds **confidence and independence**.



Why We Use Talk for Writing

- Builds confidence in speaking and writing
- Improves vocabulary and sentence structure
- Helps children understand how texts are structured
- Encourages storytelling and creativity
- Supports independent writing

How You Can Help at Home

- Ask your child to **tell a story or explain something** they've learned
- Encourage them to **use new words and phrases**
- Listen and **ask questions about their ideas**
- Praise their **effort and creativity**

In Simple Terms:

Children learn to write well by first learning to **talk well**. Talk for Writing turns **spoken ideas into great writing!**