inspiring successful writers

Teaching writing has never been easier
WriteShop Primary is a parent-guided curriculum for K-3rd graders with engaging, easy-to-implement activities. You’ll love how lessons accommodate pre-writers as well as beginning and developing writers. The program teaches the skills of the writing process at the very simplest level through hands-on activities, crafts, and picture books.

WriteShop Primary Features

• No-pressure activities
• Step-by-step lessons
• Crafty publishing ideas
• Oral activities for kids who aren’t reading or writing yet
• Simple scripts that help you teach new skills
• Parent tips to help struggling writers
• Ways to tailor assignments to a child’s abilities
• Flexible schedules
• Multisensory appeal
• Ideal for both reluctant and eager writers
• Effective for students who learn with difficulty

In Book A, children learn to:

• Generate story ideas
• Identify beginning, middle, and end
• Plan a story before writing it
• Choose titles
• Think of simple ways to improve a story
• Use a story web to organize details
• Participate in daily guided writing
• Recognize words that rhyme
• Begin a sentence with a capital letter
• Identify and use ending punctuation

This gradual and oh-so-gentle program was ideal for a boy who’d much rather do science experiments and math.

– Patricia, Florida | WriteShop Primary user

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WriteShop Primary was very easy to teach. I loved that the lessons were easy to adapt to different learning styles.

– Bonnie, Texas | WriteShop Primary user

In Book B, children learn to:
- Use graphic organizers to plan a story
- Include a beginning, middle, and end
- Plan a story with a problem and solution
- Add story details
- Use a different voice to tell a story
- Choose story endings
- Write or dictate a friendly letter
- Write or dictate a personal narrative
- Retell nursery rhymes and fairy tales in their own words
- Use correct paragraph form and indentation

In Book C, children learn to:
- Plan the main ingredients of a story before beginning to write
- Learn to ask who, what, when, where, and why
- Write entries in a personal journal
- Identify describing words
- Describe an object, a person, and a place
- Summarize contents of familiar books
- Write a book report
- Write a nonfiction article
- Collect facts and use research to write a short report
- Use a simple editing checklist

Where to start?
Start at the level that best fits your child’s thinking skills, not his writing skills. A child’s ability to physically write things down often lags behind his intellect and vocabulary. Key concepts carry over into future books, so don’t worry about “missing” something.

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<td>Book A includes very simple concepts and artwork that appeal to little learners. Reading and writing skills are NOT required, all work may be done orally. Older children with special needs or extreme reluctance to writing may also find success with the gentle pace if they are not put off by the simplistic content and illustrations.</td>
<td>Book B is a great middle-of-the-road choice when a child hasn’t had much prior writing experience. Children can dictate their stories to you if physical writing skills are still emerging. 9- and 10-year-olds with special needs may also find success with Book B if they don’t mind the simplicity of the worksheets.</td>
<td>Book C is a good option for children who are functioning well at grade level. It is also a fine choice for advanced or highly verbal 3rd graders, though stronger writers might prefer WriteShop Junior Book D.</td>
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WriteShop Junior teaches students to write fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Creative lessons spark enthusiasm in both eager and resistant writers. And when fun replaces fear, a child’s confidence as a writer begins to blossom. Sprinkled with pre-writing games, hands-on projects, and teaching tips, WriteShop Junior’s incremental lessons encourage success. Whether your child is more advanced or just beginning, the program’s flexibility lets you tailor activities to their level.

WriteShop Junior Features

- Multisensory appeal
- Incremental lessons
- Positive emphasis on editing & revising
- Focus on voice, word choice, and sentence length
- Creative publishing ideas
- Fiction, nonfiction, short reports, and poetry
- Suggested scripts to help you model writing
- Introduction to writing genres
- Fold-N-Go Grammar
- Flexible teaching schedule
- Tips to help struggling writers
- Ways to tailor lessons to child’s level
- Effective for students with learning challenges

Where to start?

Start at the level that best fits your child’s thinking skills, not his writing skills. A child’s ability to physically write things down often lags behind his intellect and vocabulary. Some 4th and 5th graders still have a hard time putting pencil to paper. If you have a child like this, resist the temptation to start him in WriteShop Primary. Placing him in a level that feels “beneath him” socially and emotionally can jeopardize his willingness to write.

WriteShop Junior is a better fit for most upper-elementary students—even if they haven’t had much writing experience. You don’t have to worry about “missing” something because important concepts are reintroduced and practiced in future books. Also, Smaller Steps and Flying Higher activities allow you to adjust assignments to the child’s level of ability.

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<td>Most children who have completed WriteShop Primary Book C can move right into Book D. It’s also a good choice for first-time WriteShop students who have weak sentence or paragraph skills. 6th and 7th graders with special needs may also find success with Book D—as long as they won’t feel offended by the more juvenile worksheet illustrations.</td>
<td>Use Book E with upper-elementary children who have already learned basic sentence and paragraph skills. Though Book E teaches 5-paragraph writing, options are provided for children who may not be ready yet. 7th graders with special needs (or who haven’t had much formal writing instruction) may also find success with Book E.</td>
<td>Book F is ideal for students who are not quite ready for the junior-high level of WriteShop I or who would still enjoy and benefit from hands-on writing activities. Book F may also appeal to 8th graders with special needs.</td>
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For a mom who feels like her writing skills are lacking, WriteShop has been a great resource... I know my son is learning everything he needs!

—Krista, Ohio | WriteShop Junior user

In Book D, children learn to:
• Plan, create, and publish stories and short reports
• Use brainstorming sheets to plan and organize
• Practice narrowing a topic
• Develop beginning, middle, and end
• Write humor, mystery, and historical fiction
• Write a personal narrative
• Write a nonfiction report
• Write sentences of different lengths
• Use a variety of self-editing tools
• Use references

In Book E, children learn to:
• Plan and organize each writing project
• Write five-paragraph stories and reports
• Write with dialogue
• Develop voice and emotion
• Choose strong words and synonyms
• Write sentences of varying lengths
• Write in different fiction genres such as science fiction and adventure
• Write fables
• Write descriptive and personal narratives
• Write nonfiction and book reports

In Book F, children learn to:
• Use graphic organizers and brainstorming tools
• Write five-paragraph stories and reports
• Use dialogue to show, not tell
• Add sentence starters
• Describe characters, setting, and plot with sensory detail
• Choose and use point of view
• Write tall tales, mystery, historical fiction, and adventure stories
• Write book reports and summaries
• Write a persuasive letter
• Write a research-based report

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Parents love WriteShop! This flexible writing program helps new and veteran homeschoolers alike tackle junior high and high school-level writing with confidence. From brainstorming to final draft, the Teacher’s Manual clearly defines your role in the writing process. You’ll love the examples, detailed lesson plans, and step-by-step instructions.

WriteShop I and II set teens on a course for success. Assignments give them a chance to practice creative, expository, narrative, and persuasive writing. With each lesson, they’ll learn and apply new skills. By the end of the lesson—after brainstorming, writing, editing, and revising—they’ll have a polished paper to be proud of!

WriteShop I & II Overview
• Creative and varied lessons and activities
• Incremental lessons that build on earlier skills
• Relates grammar to writing in a practical way through Skill Builders
• Graphic organizers and step-by-step planning strategies
• Strong emphasis on editing and revising
• Effective for students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or dysgraphia
• Optional video course walks students through each lesson

Where to start?
WriteShop is “ungraded,” so most students should begin in WriteShop I. This level is a good choice for reluctant or first-time WriteShop students who have weak sentence or paragraph skills. WriteShop I helps students pay better attention to content and grammar while teaching important elements of content and style.

Do you have motivated or advanced writers? Even if they love to write, it doesn’t mean they’re writing effectively. Students who already have strong writing skills can still benefit from WriteShop I, especially if they are rambling or wordy writers.

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<td>WriteShop I</td>
<td>For average to strong, motivated writers. WriteShop Junior Book E or F: Reluctant 6th graders who have not used WriteShop before may gain more confidence starting here.</td>
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<td>7th-9th Grade</td>
<td>WriteShop I</td>
<td>Regardless of student skill level or previous writing experience, these are the ideal years to introduce WriteShop I.</td>
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<td>10th Grade</td>
<td>WriteShop I</td>
<td>For sophomores with little or no prior writing experience. WriteShop II: A good option for older teens who have a solid foundation in paragraph writing and experience with descriptive, informative, and narrative writing.</td>
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<td>11th-12th Grade</td>
<td>WriteShop II</td>
<td>For most juniors and seniors. The first three lessons of WriteShop II review lesson concepts and skills that are introduced in WriteShop I. WriteShop I: Some older teens may need to find their footing using this level first.</td>
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<td>Special needs</td>
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<td>Teens with learning challenges such as dyslexia or dysgraphia often find success with WriteShop I due to its incremental, step-by-step lessons.</td>
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“Our son went from hating writing to asking for more.”
— Heily, California | WriteShop I user
I can’t tell you how instrumental WriteShop has been to help my dear son break through some really tough writing walls.

– Christine, Alaska | WriteShop I & II user

In WriteShop I, students learn to:

• Use observation and experience to write stronger paragraphs
• Describe objects, people, and places with sensory detail
• Write to explain
• Understand omniscience in narrative writing
• Correctly use emotion, voice, and tense in narrative writing
• Narrow a broad topic to a specific topic
• Brainstorm before writing
• Develop effective, well-constructed sentences
• Use mature and varied sentence structure
• Improve use of punctuation
• Improve self-editing techniques

In WriteShop II, students learn to:

• Write basic but solid multi-paragraph essays
• Develop main points with details, facts, examples, and logic
• Write to persuade
• Write different kinds of essays
• Write an effective timed essay
• Use descriptive narration
• Use narrative voice and different points of view
• Understand propaganda in writing
• Improve use of writing vocabulary
• Develop well-structured, more complex sentences
• Use transitions and parallel sentence construction
• Write more concisely

Teacher’s Manual for WriteShop I & II

Confidently teach descriptive, informative, narrative, and persuasive writing. Lesson plans cover BOTH WriteShop I and WriteShop II. The Teacher’s Manual is a required component of the WriteShop program.

• Lesson plans and flexible schedules
• Instructions for teaching concepts not covered in student books
• Pre-writing activities
• Modeling and discussion ideas
• Editing and grading tips and examples
• Tips for spotting and correcting writing problems
• Instructions for using writing skills checklists and evaluation forms
• Answer keys to Skill Builders and pre-writing activities
• Extensive appendix offering hundreds of ideas for lesson expansion, essay topics, and writing across the curriculum

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At the **Heart of Learning** Is the **Ability to Write**

WriteShop understands the challenges of teaching writing. That's why we've created materials that teach your child how to write—and show you how to teach. Our step-by-step lessons help you introduce and review the building blocks of the writing process.

We invite both new and veteran homeschoolers to explore our website and blog to see how WriteShop can help you along your homeschooling journey.

**Writing Curriculum for All Ages**

**WriteShop Primary.** WriteShop Primary is all about helping young children feel successful. Picture books, games, and crafts make writing fun for readers and nonreaders alike.

**WriteShop Junior.** This upper-elementary curriculum introduces children to the excitement of writing in different genres. Activities keep kids engaged with fun games that teach skills but don't require any writing.

**WriteShop I and II.** Teens tackle descriptive, expository, narrative, and persuasive compositions and essays while learning to use sentence variations, make strong word choices, and improve self-editing skills.

**Do You Have Children with Special Needs?**

Both reluctant writers and students with special needs benefit from similar techniques. WriteShop's methods have proved to be an excellent fit for students with ADHD, high-functioning autism, dysgraphia, and dyslexia through:

- Targeted, systematic instruction
- Clearly defined expectations
- Reinforcement and repetition
- Bite-sized assignments
- Multisensory activities and projects

“Love this program ... it is perfect for the dyslexic learner because of its explicit, systematic, multisensory instruction. What's more ... my kids like it!”

– Marianne Sunderland, Homeschooling with Dyslexia | WriteShop Junior user

Our friendly curriculum advisors are here for you! They can help you select the perfect level for your student!