

Literacy Learning Progression

As students learn skills like reading, writing, spelling and adding, their progress can be tracked, as these skills are usually developed in a predictable order. The Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions, on the Australian Curriculum website, show the order in which most students develop these skills.

You can use the Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions to see where your child might be up to in their development of a particular skill, such as telling the time or writing words. You can also see the next typical steps in the development of this skill.

How does my child learn to spell?

What you can see from your child's work

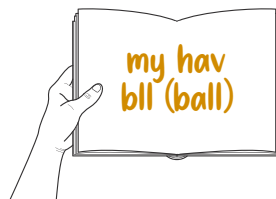
How your child learns to spell

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Writes their own name and a few letters to represent words.

Writes letters to represent words and spells their own name.



Writes letters for the main sounds in words. Writes words with some consonants but often missing vowels. Writes common short words correctly, e.g. "I", "my". Says or notices words that rhyme.

Writes letters for first or dominant phonemes in words, e.g. "d" for "dog". Writes some letters in sequence to represent words. Can sound out and write a few words correctly, e.g. "b-a-t".



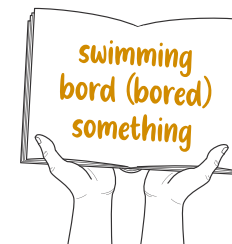
Writes some common words that can't be sounded out, e.g. "cry". Writes plurals by adding "s". Attempts to sound out words.

Uses visual and phonic knowledge to attempt to spell words. Writes common plurals formed by adding "s".



Blends sounds to write some less common words, e.g. "tr-a-ck". Knows some sounds formed with 2 vowels, e.g. "ee", "oa". Forms some plurals with "es", e.g. "boxes".

Writes most commonly used words correctly. Recognises some spelling errors.



Uses spelling rules to spell unfamiliar words, e.g. doubling the consonant after a short vowel in "clapping". Writes more difficult, unfamiliar words phonetically, e.g. "enjin" for engine.

Uses word families to spell words, e.g. "small", "smaller". Uses simple dictionaries and spellcheckers.

Spelling level 1–2

Spelling level 3–4

Spelling level 5

Spelling level 6

Spelling level 7

Foundation

Year 4