

9 STAGES OF EARLY WRITING

1 Scribble Stage

Scribbles are lines and circles starting any place on the page.

2 Separate Scribbles

Scribbles separate as child moves pencil to many starting points.

3 Left to Right Scribbles

Child moves pencil across the page from left to right.

4 Scribble/Mock Writing

Scribbles resemble writing with no identifiable letters.

5 First Letters

Some scribbles resemble actual letters.

6 Transition Stage

First attempts to make specific letters.

7 Strings of Letters

Child writes letters without forming words.

8 Copies Print

Child interested in writing real words and attempts copying.

9 Conventional Writing

Child writes real words and is interested in spelling.

Children do not learn to walk or talk at the exact same age. The same is true of writing. The process will look different for each child, but the stages listed above are a guide for you as a parent. Encourage your child as he works hard and makes progress!

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