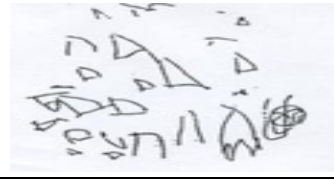


Stages of Emergent Writing

Stage	Description	Example		Children at this level
Drawing and scribbling	Drawing, marks or scribbles the child intends to be writing.			
Wavy scribbles or mock handwriting	Imitate writing and have a left to right progress; child pretends to write words and sentences.			
Letter like forms	Children use unconventional letter forms and familiar symbols such as circles but still give meaning to their writing.			
Letter strings	Strings of letters that not create words, written left to right, including uppercase and lowercase letters. Children give meaning to their writing.			
Invented or phonetic spelling	Different ways to represent the sounds in words: the first letter of the word or beginning and ending represent the entire word			
Later stages of intervened or phonetic spelling	Different ways to represent the sounds in words: the first letter of the word or beginning and ending represent the entire word. Children attempt multi-syllabic words.			
ELG Writing	Write recognisable letters, most of which correctly formed. Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.	