

Get ready!

- Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.
 - What skills should students develop so that they can write complete sentences?
 - How could a teacher help students who are learning to write numbers?

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Reading

- Read the writing standard. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).
 - Writing 1.c requires students to change singular nouns to plural forms.
 - Capitalizing letters and printing are in the same standard.
 - Students who can count to ten meet Writing 1e.

Writing.1: Writing Standards for Students

Writing.1a:

Students should be familiar with the letters of the alphabet. This includes knowing the sound associated with each letter. Students must also recognize the letter in both its **uppercase** and **lowercase** forms.

Writing.1b:

Students should learn to **print** uppercase and lowercase letters. Teachers should emphasize the difference between the two forms. Explain when students should use each form. In order to meet this standard, students must show an understanding of when to **capitalize** letters.

Writing.1c:

When students can print the letters **independently**, they should learn how to **spell** common words. Students should understand the concepts the words represent, rather than just simply write the letters. This competency also requires that students know how to **pluralize** words.

Writing.1d:

This competency requires that students be familiar with the basic **prepositions**. They must show knowledge of how to use and spell them.

Writing.1e:

Students should be able to demonstrate the proper way to write the ordinal **numbers** of 0-9. Students that meet this competency will count and write up to the number twenty.

Vocabulary

- Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

word BANK

pluralize print preposition capitalize

- The word 'on' is an example of a _____.
- When people _____ the word cat, they add an s to the end of the word.
- Students need to learn how to _____ both uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Make sure students _____ the first letters of their names.