

Writing Mini-Lesson Ideas

Dictation

The tutor can model writing by recording the student's dictation. You may ask the student to tell you a story about a picture that s/he drew or an activity in which s/he participated. You then write down what s/he says, and read it back to him or her while pointing to the words.

Draw a Picture and Write a Caption or Story

Have the student draw a picture and then write a story to go with it. Have the student read it back and then the tutor can take dictation. Both the student's and the tutor's versions can go with the picture.

Revise a Story

Writing is a process. You can work with the student over 2 or 3 meetings to revise and rewrite a story. Don't be too picky and try to fix all errors but make it a coherent story.