

Writing Worksheet: Grades 1–3

The following writing sheet can be used as a scaffold to aid students as they apply and transfer what they have learned in *Reading Horizons Discovery*® lessons to their writing.

Use the Current Skill in Writing

During writing workshops, encourage students to practice the current reading skill in their writing. This can be as simple as “Use three *L*-Blend words in your writing today.” Making that direct tie to the current lesson is an effective way to help students be cognizant that what they are learning in decoding instruction applies to their own writing.

Teach and Practice Proofreading

Use Reference lessons as a springboard to teach, model, and practice proofreading. Students can begin to practice proofreading by comparing their work to a correct example from the teacher for dictation sentences. When appropriate, you can then have them examine their original writing for the correct use of specific skills such as capitalization, punctuation, and correct spelling.

Checkboxes are provided at the bottom of the worksheet to remind students to check their own work. An additional checkbox provides a place for you to indicate that you’ve checked the writing for those elements as well.

Utilize Word Walls and Skill Walls

Most Common Words (MCWs) Word Wall Cards provide an easy way to display MCWs that have been taught thus far. You might also keep a “skill wall” to display the specific skills (and example words) that students should strive to use in their writing.

Name: _____

Most Common Words <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher	Skill Words <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher
Punctuation <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher	Capitalization <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher