## **Dyslexia and Writing**

- 1. Keep copying from the board to an absolute minimum. If copying is necessary, try alternating the colours of each line to help your learner track their place.
- 2. Provide sentence starters for your learner.
- 3. Scaffold writing tasks with mind maps and writing frames VCOP pyramids (examples are available in TES resources).
- 4. Provide spelling lanes, word banks and key word charts. students how to use them.



5. Encourage use of mind maps/ post it notes when pupils are planning their piece of writing. Post it notes are great as they can be moved around once the ideas have been noted down.



- 6. Allow pupils to 'talk it out' before writing. Let them talk to a partner about their ideas so they have clarified their thoughts before actually writing.
- 7. Pace writing by determining how much has to be done in a time limit and, if necessary, give motivational feedback.
- 8. Allow pupils to record their answers using alternative formats (mind maps, video recordings/ spoken recordings).
- 9. Use pencil grips or alternative pens to improve control.
- 10. Offer a choice of paper size, shape, colour, lined/unlined, graph and a range of media.
- 11. Use available assistive technology with appropriate students -
- computer or laptop
- free voice recognition such as Siri for ipads voice recognition in googledocs.
- predictive word processing can help pupils to get started and improve motivation when the work may otherwise feel overwhelming.

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- Allow appropriate students to use a scribe on occasions computer based/ exam reader pen).

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