

Developing writing skills and subject knowledge


Age Group	4 - 5 yrs	5 - 8 yrs	8 - 11 yrs	11 - 13 yrs	13 - 16 yrs	16 - 18 yrs
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Building Words (Spelling)

r ai n rain fall
 [Phonics] [Prefix/suffix]

rain ing pre cip i ta tion
 [Tenses] [Spelling Patterns]

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 The examples in this table demonstrate how the bricks can be used to build topic knowledge **and** writing skills. All of the ideas are from an imaginary project on **rain**.

Creating Sentences (Grammar)

It was raining. Because it was raining, we could not play.
 [Sentence Building] [Clauses in Sentences]

Sadly, it was raining hard. Drenched and forlorn, Sam shivered in his mums arms.
 [Integrating Adverbs] [Advanced Grammar]

Making Meaning (Conceptual Knowledge)

Has to be kept dry!	Can get wet!
Paper	Umbrella
TV	Coat
Hamster	Tyres

[Sorting Tasks]

Evapor-ation	condens-ation	Precipit-ation
Water Cycle		
Surface run-off		

[System Models]

Causes of Flooding	Effects of Flooding
Heavy Rain	Homeless-ness
High run-off	Pollution

[Cause and Effect Analysis]

H O H [Biological Structures]

Writing Plans (organising ideas)

	Intro	
Point 1	evidence	explain
Point 2	evidence	explain
Point 3	evidence	explain
	conclusion	

[Extended Writing]