

Exceptional Expressions For Everyday Events

Writing is a form of communication that people use everyday. It can be as simple as jotting down a list of groceries, or it can be as complex as producing a research paper. Writing can also be as full of emotions as a love letter.

In a classroom, students have many opportunities to write. Students can write in their notebooks about a science experiment, or they can write on a computer a class report about Ancient Egypt. Look at the different ways people can write. Encourage students to use a new word everyday.

Follow-Ups

- If someone is in a hurry, would he or she: (a) scribble a note or (b) compose a message?
- How is typing different from writing?
- Is signing a note the same as drafting a note?
- When might someone engrave a message rather than write a note?
- Would someone pencil in a report on the Rocky Mountains or would someone compose the report?
- At what time might you want to jot something down?

The Spanish Connection

The word *write* comes from an Old English word, *writan*. *Writan* came from an Old Frisian word, *writa*, that means "to score, write." The Spanish word for *to write* is *escribir*. Write is not a cognate of *escribir*, however, *escribir* comes from the Latin word *scribere*. It is suggested that the word *scribe* came from the Latin word *scribere*. One definition of *scribe* is a person whose official duty is to write or record text. *Scribe* is also the root for words such as *describe*, *inscribe*, and *prescribe*. The definitions of these three words are tied to writing or communication through words. *Scribere* is also the origin of the words *scribble* and *scrabble*.

Word Changes

- *Write* is most commonly used as a verb.
- There are nouns derived from the word *write*, such as *writing* (a written work) and *writ* (a type of legal document).
- The surface or the device used for writing might be associated with specific words. For example, when people use a computer to write a report they are typing the report, or a writer may pen a letter.





Write as in

to write quickly

• jot

note

drop a linescribblescrabble

annotate

scrawl

pencil

Write as in to write using a device that makes the text permanent

- inscribe
- carve
- engrave

Write as in to write music

- record
- compose
- arrange

Write

Write as in to write literature

- pen
- draft
- author
- draft
- publish
- outline

Write with the use of a specific device

- type
- text
- chat

Write as in to carefully form the letters

- letter
- print
- handwrite

Write

Write as in to write your name

- sign
- autograph

COMMON PHRASES

- Write up
- Write in
- Write out
- Write back

THE SPANISH CONNECTION

- to inscribe / inscribir
- to autograph / autografiar
- to annotate / anotar
- to publish / publicar

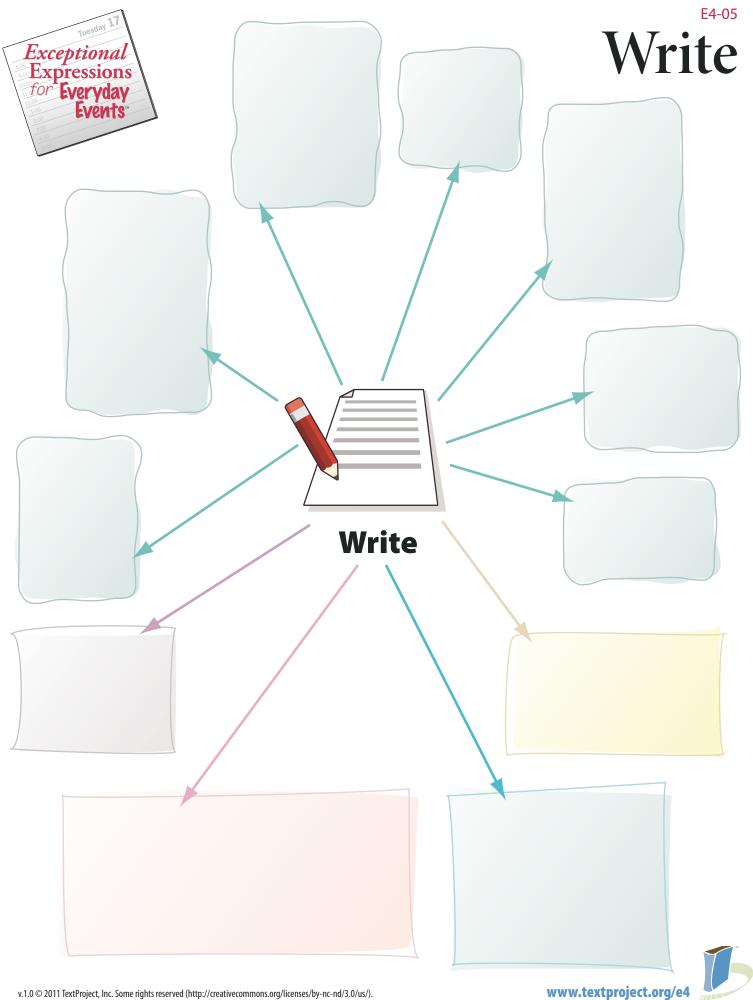
IDIOMS

- Nothing to write home about
- Write one's ticket
- Write something on the back of a postage stamp
- · Write (someone/something) off
- Drop a line
- Pencil in

SAME SOUND, DIFFERENT SPELLINGS write, right, & wright

Wright is an old word for worker. It is rarely used by itself but it is used in words such as playwright (someone who writes plays).







Write

Derivational Suffixes & Prefixes

- writer
- writers
- written
- unwritten
- rewrite
- rewrites
- rewriting

Inflected Endings

- writes
- writing

Irregular Spelling wrote

Compound Words

- write-in
- write-off
- write-up
- write out
- write down
- writer's block
- handwriting
- typewriter
- songwriter
- typewitten
- copy writer
- ghostwriter underwritten
 - skywriting

Morphological **Family for** Write

