

Classroom accommodations for written expression disorder

Explore these common classroom accommodations for written expression disorder. They can help kids at school – and even at home.

Classroom materials and environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlight key words and phrases in writing tasks and prompts.• Provide graphic organizers and checklists.• Post strategies, graphic organizers, and checklists in the classroom.• Develop individualized spelling lists each week based on students' needs.• Have students keep a personal dictionary for hard and frequently used words.• Provide easy access to writing tools like pencils, paper, and laptops.
Completing assignments and tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give extra time for written tasks and tests.• Allow students to use outlining and “semantic mapping” software.• Let students use speech-to-text technology.• Let students use text-to-speech technology.• Allow students to use spellcheck and/or word prediction software.• Have students use drawings with captions, instead of writing full sentences or texts.• Let students show understanding in different ways, like oral reports and video presentations.• Provide a quiet and comfortable workspace.
Teaching strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help students set doable writing goals.• Let students select meaningful supports to achieve their writing goals.• Reteach writing skills and strategies as needed.• Provide sentence starters for written responses.• Give feedback only on specific aspects of writing.• Only give feedback on the most critical tasks.