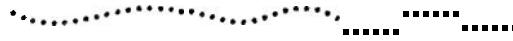


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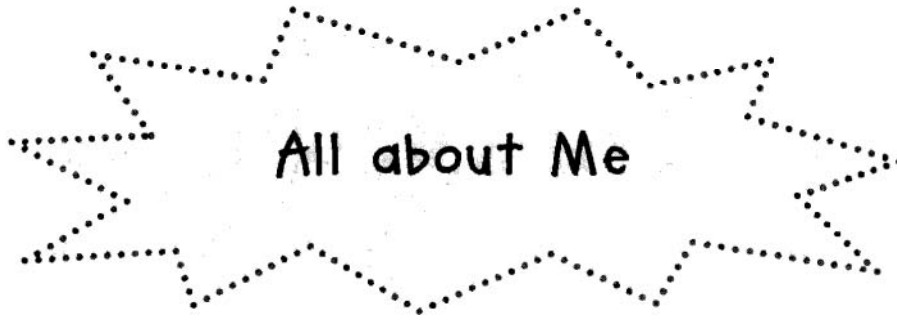
Introduction



You are becoming a writer. A good way to begin writing is to think about yourself and your own world. To do this, you must always *look* and *listen* carefully to everything around you. Looking and listening will help your writing. When you write about yourself and your world, you will be able to use the details that you see, hear, and even smell. For example, when you see a garden, you see pink or red or white flowers. Think about the difference between hearing a scream or a whisper. You may wake up and smell bacon one day or cinnamon toast the next. Adding these details to your writing makes it real and believable.

Sometimes the process of thinking and putting ideas into written words may seem difficult, but with practice it gets easier. Drawing pictures, making lists, and creating maps will help you think of what you want to say. In this book, you will have a chance to try these things. You will see how ideas can turn into pictures and then into stories. Your writing might be a simple list, a note, or a story. Writing will help you say what is inside your head, and it will show your reader what you see and hear in your world. As you begin to write, many writing ideas will pop into your mind. Don't let them go away! Turn to page 57 at the end of your book and write the ideas that you may want to use later. It is a good place to store your thoughts.

Have fun!



My name is _____

I am _____ years old.

I go to _____ School.

I am in grade _____

Here is a picture of me:

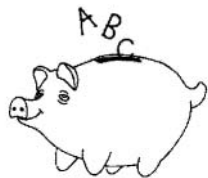


Tasting

Tasting is important. Everyone likes to eat things that taste good, but not everyone likes the same things.

These are some words you could use to write about how something tastes. Add your own words if you wish.

Tasting Word Bank



sweet

dry

bitter

sour

salty

smooth

fruity

spicy

crunchy

creamy

yummy

Alas

These are the foods that I think taste good.
