

## **Explaining Causes of Writing Problems**

- Drs. Brock and Fernette Eide. *The Mislabeled Child*. New York: Hyperion, 2006.
- Larry Silver, M.D. *The Misunderstood Child*. \* New York: Three Rivers, 2006.
- <http://www.ldonline.org/indepth/writing>
- William Van Cleave's website, <http://vcedconsulting.com/teacher-reading.php>

## **Handwriting Curricula**

Mary D. Benbow, MS, OTR/L. *Loops and Other Groups: A Kinesthetic Writing System*. San Antonio: Therapy Skill Builders (Pearson), 1999.

Jan Olsen. *Handwriting Without Tears* series. Cabin John, Maryland: Handwriting Without Tears. 2008. HWT also provides training workshops in teaching handwriting; see [www.hwtears.com](http://www.hwtears.com)

See also Diana Hanbury King's *Writing Skills*, below, under "writing programs."

## **Spelling, Vocabulary, Grammar and Mechanics**

Beverly Adams-Gordon. *Spelling Power*. Lynnwood, Washington: Castle-Moyle Books. 1997. [www.castlemoyle.com](http://www.castlemoyle.com)

Janet Allen. *Words, Words, Words: Teaching Vocabulary in Grades 4-12*. Portland, Maine: Stenhouse, 1999. [www.stenhouse.com](http://www.stenhouse.com)

Sam Burchers, Max Burchers, and Bryan Burchers. *Vocabulary Cartoons: SAT Word Power*. Punta Gorda, Florida: New Monic Books, 1997.

*Editor in Chief* series (books or software) from Critical Thinking Books and Software

Paul R. Erwin. *Winston Grammar*. Battleground, Washington: Precious Memories Educational Resources, 1992. You will need one complete kit, plus a card set and a workbook for each student. [www.winstongrammar.com](http://www.winstongrammar.com) or ChristianBook.com

Kenneth Hodkinson, et. al. *Wordly Wise* vocabulary series. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Educators Publishing Service, 2007. Visit <http://eps.schoolspecialty.com/> for details.

iSpellWell software. [www.ispellwell.com](http://www.ispellwell.com)

Don McCabe. *Sequential Spelling* series. Birch Run, Michigan: AVKO, 1990-2006. See [www.sonlight.com](http://www.sonlight.com), the website of Sonlight Curriculum, for details.

SpellingCity.com offers free online instruction, practice games, and tests, using your own list of words.

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## Writer's Workshop Resources

Ralph Fletcher. *A Writers Notebook: Unlocking the Writer in You*. New York: HarperTrophy, 1996. See also his other books, *How Writers Work: Finding a Process That Works For You*, and *Writing Workshop: The Essential Guide*.

## Writing Programs

William Van Cleave, <http://vcedconsulting.com>, offers great tools and ideas for teachers.

Julie Bogart. Bravewriter.com offers help to parents teaching writing.

Diana Hanbury King. *Writing Skills*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Educators Publishing Service, 2004. <http://eps.schoolspecialty.com/>

Frode Jensen. *Jensen's Format Writing*. Grants Pass, Oregon: Wordsmiths, 2002. Get the second edition, which has examples of each format.

Andrew Pudewa. Institute for Excellence in Writing. [www.excellenceinwriting.com](http://www.excellenceinwriting.com)

## Accommodations

WordQ and SpeakQ software. As you type, WordQ predicts what your next word will be and lets you choose from a list. SpeakQ takes your dictation and types for you. Designed for folks with learning disabilities. Easier for your child to train to your voice than Dragon, below, but more expensive. Free 30 day trial from <http://www.gogsoftware.com/>

Dragon Naturally Speaking also takes diction from you or your student. See [www.Nuance.com](http://www.Nuance.com) for details and a demonstration.

Spelling dictionaries are available from many publishers, including Educators Publishing Service, which carries *My Word Book*, *Words I Use When I Write*, and *My Content Words*. Visit <http://eps.schoolspecialty.com/>

Franklin makes many kinds of handheld electronic dictionaries—[www.franklin.com](http://www.franklin.com). For high schoolers, try the Speaking Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary.

Good handbooks: *Write Source 2000* or *Writers Inc.* by Patrick Sebranek, Dave Kemper, and Verne Meyer, [www.thewritesource.com](http://www.thewritesource.com)

Mannix, Darlene. *Writing Skills Activities for Special Children*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2004, was recommended by a parent and covers elementary writing skills.

Verticy Learning Academy is a homeschool curriculum for children with language-based learning disabilities. From Calvert and Jemicy School, which serves children with LLD. [www.verticylearning.org](http://www.verticylearning.org)