**Pathway B Level BL Writing**

**Imaginative text- An elephant and a mouse**

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| **Student information**  | The student is about 10 to 11 years old and in Year 4. They were born in Sudan and speak Dinka and a little Arabic as their home language. The student had approximately one year of schooling in Arabic before starting at an English language school. They are not literate in any language. |
| **Task**  | The teacher read a story to the students. Then the students used a series of pictures to write sentences to retell the story. The student copied text from the book (underlined words) and asked for assistance to spell some words (circled). Otherwise the student worked independently.The analysis is based on the student’s writing before correction. |



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| **Section**  | **Text**  | **This sample of student work demonstrates that the student can:** |
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* Copy words, phrases or sentences accurately and carefully [(VCEALC216)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALC216)
* Write some familiar words and complete simple, repetitive modelled sentences in writing [(VCEALC217)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALC217)
* Create basic texts, with support and modelling [(VCEALA220)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALA220)
* Write or dictate in sentences or phrases that match oral sentence structures [(VCEALL227)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL227)
* Write very short, simple texts [(VCEALL228)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL228)
* Sequence a small number of ideas simply [(VCEALL229)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL229)
* Use basic verbs [(VCEALL231)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL231)
* Use topic-specific vocabulary encountered in classroom activities [(VCEALL235)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL235)
* Apply common conventions when copying or writing texts [(VCEALL236)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL236)
* Spell a number of high-frequency words accurately [(VCEALL237)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL237)
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| This student’s performance in this task suggests that they are working within the range of Level BL in Writing. The assessing teacher will need to consider a range of student samples in order to determine whether this student is at the beginning of BL, consolidating BL or at the BL standard in Writing. At **beginning Level BL** students**:*** are new to English and new to literacy
* may be reluctant to participate in writing activities and may not understand their purpose

**and/or*** may have little or no experience of formal learning and do not have literacy strategies already acquired through developing literacy in a home language

**and/or*** may have difficulty with the mechanics of writing, for example, they might not be used to holding pencils or crayons and making ‘marks’ on the page, depending on their prior experiences
* will be able to draw on general learning skills and strategies that they have used to function effectively in their home communities, for example observing, memorising, classifying.

At **consolidating Level BL** students:* use drawing as a means of expression
* will show improvements in their ability to form letters and produce copied text
* copy writing from other sources, for example environmental print, other students, the teacher’s model
* will observe shared writing tasks, watching as the teacher writes and will begin to contribute as much as their limited English allows
* talk about their writing and pictures, drawing on their oral English language and may use their home language with same language peers or bilingual teacher.
* may exhibit limited concentration during shared writing tasks.

At[**Level BL Achievement Standard**](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/english/english-as-an-additional-language-eal/pathway-b-mid-immersion/curriculum/f-10#level=BL)students:* communicate their ideas and experiences simply through written, drawn, copied or dictated texts
* contribute to whole-class or small-group shared writing activities
* demonstrate an early awareness that written texts in English are presented according to certain conventions, which change according to context and purpose
* write simple sequenced descriptions, recounts and procedures, following models
* write or draw for specific audiences.
* produce writing that reflects their oral structures
* link ideas using common conjunctions and show awareness of the uses of basic punctuation
* demonstrate knowledge of some English letter–sound relationships and spelling of high-frequency words
* show evidence of some planning
* model their writing on shared writing activities and published texts
* use some basic strategies, such as copying words or phrases from lists, using images and asking how to write a word
* begin to form letters and place text appropriately
* copy texts using computer software applications.
 | **Possible next steps for this student’s learning:** * Using conjunctions to join two sentences together such as *but* [(VCEALL233)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL233)
* Editing writing to include capital letters and full stops appropriately [(VCEALL238)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL238)
* Unjumbling and reordering cut-up sentences [(VCEALL229)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL229)
* Reading own sentences and matching them with pictures in the book [(VCEALL227)](https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/VCEALL227)
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| **Pathways and transitions considerations:** A Year 4 student working within the range of Level BL in any one language mode is not ready to transition to the English curriculum regardless of their proficiency in the other two language modes. This student will continue on Pathway B of the EAL curriculum in all language modes. |