



# DTE - DC - INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

## FURTHER READING

### ACTIVITY 1 RESPONSES

**a) What skills is a learner supposed to have developed before they can be taught writing?**

Before you begin teaching a learner to write, they should undertake pre-writing activities to prepare them for the actual skill of writing.

The following are the pre-writing skills.

- Correct writing posture
- Correct grip of pencil
- Eye-hand coordination
- Left to right eye and hand movement
- Visual acuity

**b) How are the pre-writing skills developed?**

In order to develop the pre-writing skills, the learner is supposed to perform certain activities successfully. The activities include:

- Painting
- Modelling
- Drawing
- Colouring
- Tracing
- Copying patterns
- Building shapes
- Making patterns
- Cutting out shapes using scissors
- Joining dots
- Writing in the sand
- Writing in the air
- Taking a finger for a walk (tracing a shape using a finger )
- Scribbling
- Clothes pegs (opening and closing the clothes pegs helps to strengthen the finger and hand muscles which are necessary for holding the pencil)