Drawing	Scribbling	Shapes	Mock Handwriting	Letter-like Forms	Letter Strings	Transitional Writing	Inverted or Phonetic Spelling	Beginning Word and Phrase Writing	Conventional Spelling	Sentence Writing	
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1.Scribbling, marks with no meaning. Drawing that represents writing  2. Marks begin to become more purposeful, lines that go across/ up, down/ round and round. Will distinguish between marks		1.Beginning to give meaning to marks but is not consistent. Begins to use representation to communicate Begins to draw simple shapes such as lines and circles  2.Meaning they ascribe for marks changes person to person/ minute to minute  3.Marks appear to be more focused and purposeful Give one to two-word descriptions  Wavy scribbles that imitate handwriting and have a left to right progression; child pretends to write words.				1.Letters with spaces in between to resemble words: letters/ words copied from environmental print; letters often reversed  2. Uses identifiable letters that match initial sounds/ ending sounds in words. Gives consistent meaning to their marks  3. Correctly writes many sounds in a word. Writes CVC/CVCC words independently. Writes simple keywords correctly. Can write their full name correctly  4. Writes short captions with phonetic spelling. Captions contain key words. Attempts to write short sentences in a meaningful context					

- 5. Copies some letters from their name/ may write all of name. Gives more detailed descriptions about the meaning of their marks. Marks/ drawings begin to look like what they are drawing
- 6.Meaning of marks is consistently the same Strings of letters that do not create words, written left to right, including uppercase and lowercase letters
- 5. Children can write short sentences independently with known letter-sound correspondences that contain accurately spelt key words
  Words are phonetically plausible. Words can be read by themselves and others. Forms lower case and capital letters correctly. Uses a capital letter and full stop