

Online literacy activities to support OCR Functional Skills Entry Level English

- Help with spelling
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbm2sg/articles/zixqf4j>
- Alphabetical order
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxfjty/articles/zcyfsg8>
- Vowels and consonants
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxfjty/articles/zs2crdm>
- How to use a dictionary
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbm2sg/articles/zjyyb82>
- What are nouns?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrqqtfr/articles/zpd8ng8>
- What are verbs?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zpxhdxs>
- What are adjectives?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrqqtfr/articles/zy2r6yc>
- How to write a sentence
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z88t97h/articles/zsv64qt>
- Simple sentences
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zxqnf8g/revision/2>
- Compound sentences
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zxqnf8g/revision/4>
- What are paragraphs?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/z9n73k7>
- How to use bullet points
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/z2yydxs>
- Literacy games
Crystal Explorers <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbf4j/articles/zbm8scw>
Karate Cats <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd63xyc/articles/zdp4pg8>

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Writing

- Choose 10 useful spellings to practice per week e.g. days of the week, months of the year, kitchen implements, vegetables etc
- Practice putting a selection of words in alphabetical order. You could use the spellings of the week.
- Practice sentence writing by keeping a simple diary of daily thoughts and/or activities.
- Write a set of instructions for a simple task e.g. making a cup of tea.
- Write a review of a film/TV programme/game/song.

Reading & Comprehension

- Reading and following a simple recipe.
- Reading a magazine/newspaper article/chapter of a book and recalling what has happened.
- Reading instructions on packaging e.g. shampoo bottle, toothpaste.
- Reading instructions for a board game and explaining the rules to a family member.

Speaking and Listening

- Discuss opinions about a film/TV programme/game/song.
- Watch Newsround (broadcast on CBBC at 7.40am, 8.15am and 4.00pm) and discuss opinions about the news stories.
- Discuss the pros and cons for the following questions:
 - Should young people be allowed to use mobile phones in schools?
 - Should schools get rid of school uniform?
 - Should online gaming be banned?
 - Should young people have a limit on the amount of screen time they have each day?