

## EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE STUDENT WRITING SKILLS

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### ABSTRACT

This research aims to looking at effective strategies to improve writing skills. This research answers the research questions about the student ability in writing. Writing skills are one of the Indonesian language skills that elementary school students must master. Writing skills are the skill of expressing ideas, notions, feelings in the form of written language so that other people who read can understand the contents of the writing well. Writing is very important for students because Writing trains students to select the most relevant material or data or findings to present. Writing trains students to abstract reality or concrete data into scientific statements. Writing gets students used to reconstructing their findings or ideas into thoughts that are easier to understand. That is why every student must have good writing skills. In this research we will discuss the most effective strategies for improving students' writing skills. We use descriptive qualitative research methods because we present the data as it is without manipulation or other treatments. The aim of this research is to present a complete picture of an event or is intended to expose and clarify a phenomenon that occurs.

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### INTRODUCTION

The ability to express ideas in writing is one of the most important of all skills. Good writing is a mark of an educated person and, perhaps for that reason, it is one of the most important skills sought by employers and higher education institutions. Developing our learners as writers is more than just asking them to remember tricky spellings, handwriting joins or grammatical constructs. It is a process which is intricate and complicated, but if done consistently and thoroughly, gives learners a tool which is vital for their school years, across all subjects and in life after education. Writing makes learners' thinking and learning visible. It provides them with the opportunity to clarify and refine their ideas for others and to themselves.

Before writing, students must understand basic writing skills. The first is grammar. Grammar is the system and structure of a language and comes with certain rules. It underpins how words are put together meaningfully and sentences are