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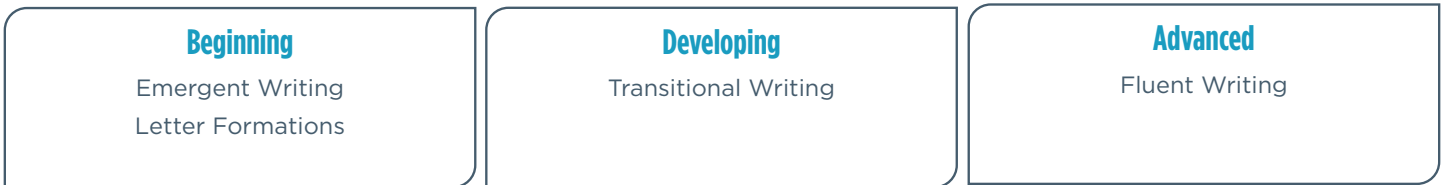
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Waterford’s Instructional Strands for Literacy are aligned with the Essential Components of Reading identified by the National Reading Panel (NICHD, 2000).

The Communication strand addresses the speaking, listening, and writing domains of language development, fostering students’ ability to effectively share information and ideas with others.



← **LESS COMPLEX** ————— **MORE COMPLEX** →



← **NARRATIVE, INFORMATIVE, AND PERSUASIVE WRITING** →

← **SHARE INFORMATION AND IDEAS THROUGH LISTENING AND SPEAKING** →

Waterford provides extensive instruction and practice of communication skills, both in the digital sequence and through offline resources. In the digital sequence, students hone their listening skills through following directions, listening to explicit instruction, and engaging with narrated stories and songs.



Phonological awareness activities, among others, provide students practice with discreet listening.

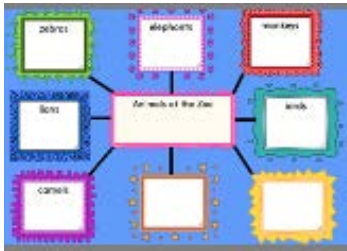


Active listening is required for students to successfully complete learning activities.



Students listen to narrated stories and informational texts that include complex language structure and new vocabulary.

The two critical components of writing, transcription and ideation, are presented and practiced in the digital sequence. Students learn correct letter formation, basic mechanics and conventions, and the writing process: prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. Students explore a variety of writing forms.



Students brainstorm topics for writing in this **prewriting** activity.



This **revising** activity helps students think about adding variety to engage readers.

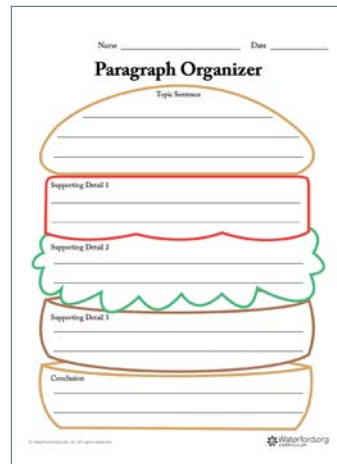


Students add commas to a letter in this **editing** activity.

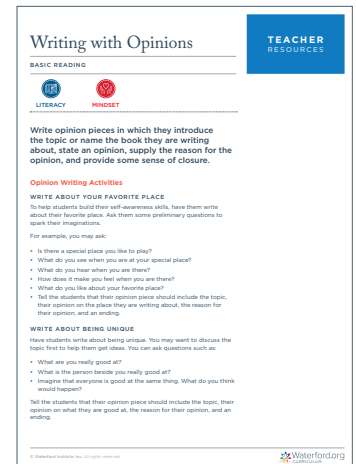
Offline resources provide a large selection of additional listening, speaking, and writing opportunities for individual tasks, group work, and whole-class activities. These resources focus on contemporary and authentic tasks.



Class activity sheets are designed for use with specific books and are aligned to writing, speaking, and listening skills.



This paragraph organizer is one of the many charts and graphic organizers available.



Teachers have access to step-by-step project outlines that provide authentic experiences with writing and presentation.

View example communication activities [here](#).