

SPACE

A Planning Strategy for Writing

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The **SPACE** strategy is the second step of a basic three-step writing strategy:

1. Think - Who will read this?
Why am I writing this?
2. Plan what to say.
3. Write and say more.

It is designed to help students make a writing plan and think about the details that should be included in stories. Models, demonstrations, and guided practice should be included when teaching students this strategy. The **SPACE** strategy includes five prompts:

NOTE:

Setting

- Introduction of the main character, locale, and time of the story
- Plot of the story

Purpose

- What the main character strives to achieve

Action

- What is done to achieve the goal

Conclusion

- The results of the action

Emotions

- The main character's reactions and feelings about various events in the story