The student
Year Level: Prep
Background: born in Australia
Language: Italian
Schooling: began Prep in Victoria

The task
Mice are kept as pets in the classroom. During the daily writing session, the student chose to write about the mice.

The text shows that the student:

- writes using letters
- writes some words consistently (mis for mice)
- writes some common words correctly
- reads own writing
- represents words by some sounds
- uses some conventions for printed English e.g. left to right, top to bottom
- leaves no spaces between words

This text is an example of a student progressing towards A1. The child writes a series of numbered sentences about a chosen topic. These sentences describe various characteristics of mice and their needs. There are no spaces between words but each new sentence begins on a new line and finishes with a full stop. There is a mixture of upper and lower case letters. Some words are identifiable but the child needs to read the text for the reader to be able to understand it.