Stage A1 Standard example 5

The student
Year Level: Year 1; 7 years old
Background: Indonesian background
Language: speaks Indonesian and English at home.
Schooling: started school in Australia in a mainstream classroom. No literacy in L1

The task
The students were asked to write about their weekend. This is a task they are asked to do on a regular basis.

The text shows that the student:

- writes a simple personal text
- spells unknown words using letters to represent sounds heard
- knows that words are separated by spaces

writes some common words correctly
forms most letters correctly
writes using mostly lower case letters, even for ‘I’
sometimes places capital letters incorrectly

Last Sunday I fell out and I got a sore leg and it is hurt me and I feel better

This text is an example of a student at A1 Standard. The student writes a simple text about herself. The student writes from left to right and leaves spaces between the words. The student uses a repetitive structure. Some commonly used words are spelt correctly and she writes ‘Sunday’ as ‘Snudya’, using the correct letters but incorrect order. The student makes some attempts at unknown words which show an awareness of representing words using sound-letter relationships.

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