The student
Year Level: Year 1, 6½ years old
Background: Turkish
Language: Turkish (oral only)
Schooling: began Prep in a mainstream Victorian school

The task
This is one of the student’s regular diary writing tasks. He wrote it independently and it was then corrected by the teacher.

The text shows that the student:

- copies words correctly
- writes a simple factual text
- spells unknown words using letters to represent sounds heard
- knows that words are separated by spaces
- re-reads and self corrects
- writes some common words correctly
- forms most letters correctly
- includes some punctuation
- writes using upper and lower case letters appropriately

Today we did building house out of blocks.

This text is an example of a student at A2 Standard. He has written a simple diary entry. The student writes from left to right and leaves spaces between the words. Some commonly used words are spelt correctly. Attempts at unknown words show an awareness of representing words using sound-letter relationships. He attempts to express past time, using an original construction (‘we did building’).