After thinking about what to write, good writers write down their first copy or draft. A good writer often leaves space between the lines because he or she usually changes things later on and needs room to do it. For example:

Last week I had a dream....

FIRST DRAFT

- Talk with your family about a dream you had - one you had a long time ago or one you had in the last week.
- Write down what happened in your dream.

- Use this shortcut description to write a longer first draft of your story.
- Use another piece of paper to make sure you leave spaces between your lines. Your family can help by asking you questions to get you started and to keep you from getting stuck.

Dear Family, Your child is learning to write first drafts of compositions.