

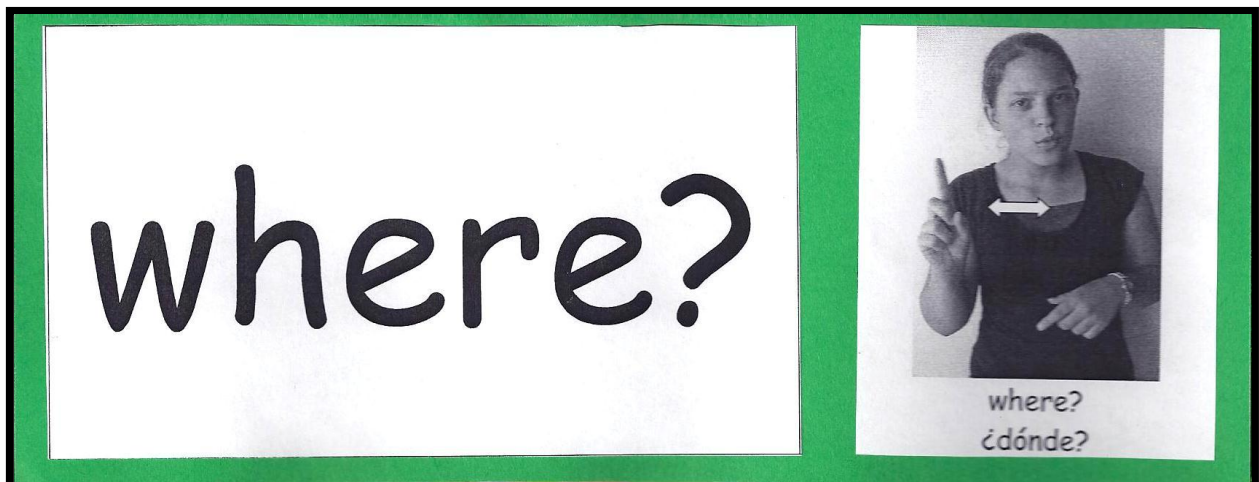
Develop Writing Cue Cards: American Sign Language Supports the Writing and Reading Process



Common Core State Standards require that children learn to ask and answer questions.

Use writing cue cards to help expand children's stories. We sing and sign these questions until children know them (use the 🎵 *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* melody). You can mount, laminate, and bind these together on a ring and keep several sets at the writing centers. We encourage you to add the key question word in Spanish. For teachers like us who are learning ASL and Spanish, these cards provide helpful practice. By repeatedly singing and signing the key question words in English, Spanish and ASL you are giving your children the gift of many languages while also building a foundation for quality writing and reading for comprehension.

<i>Who?</i>	(¿quién?)
<i>What?</i>	(¿qué?)
<i>Where?</i>	(¿dónde?)
<i>When?</i>	(¿cuándo?)
<i>Why?</i>	(¿por qué?)
<i>How?</i>	(¿cómo?)



(From *Joyful Writing-to-Read Strategies Accelerate Literacy: All Kindergartners Love to Write and Draw!* by Nellie Edge and Colleagues. Complimentary writing cue cards are available to online members at www.nellieedge.com.)