Draw First, Then Write: Labeled Picture Prompts for Early Writing

Worked example / complete source key

A child draws a scene with a sun, a tree, and a dog. The label lines read sun, tree, dog. Write a three-sentence paragraph using all three labels, then check letter placement on one sentence line.

Answer: The sun is bright. The tree is tall. The dog runs fast. Check: each sentence uses one label; each is a complete sentence; on the line The dog runs fast, d and g sit in the correct zones (d above the midline, g below the baseline), and o, u, n, a, s sit between baseline and midline.