

UNIT 2 LEARNING AND TEACHING MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

2.6 DEVELOPING WRITING SKILLS

Writing is a very complex activity, it is usually considered the most difficult for learners though some people might show an individual or personal particular attitude in writing. Writing involves, more than any other skills, a strong motivation and as it is not a spontaneous activity, learners need to be told exactly why they need to write something. It must be clearly set an objective for writing. Why do we normally write? Why do we ask other people to write? It is important then to recognize that writing requires conscious mental efforts (thinking-out, re-reading, making notes, drafting, revising) which are necessary because we write for a reader and as the reader is not physically present what we write must be understood without any further help from us.