# EFFECTIVE WRITING (1) THE WRITING PROCESS

The writing background

- Purpose
  - What are your objectives?
- Readers
  - Who is your message aimed at?
- Context
  - Why is your message necessary?

The Writing Plan

- □ List
  - Ideas in random order
- Mind map
  - Visual map of ideas
- Outline plan
  - Main topics in sequence
- Detailed plan
  - Main topics with notes

Structure

- Opening
  - Why message is being sent
- Information
  - Information in a clear sequence
- Action
  - What you want to happen next
- Close
  - Polite ending to build relationship

Writing

- Start from an outline plan.
- □ Find a quiet place to work.
- Take a break if ideas dry up!

Revision

- Careful revision is essential.
- 'Cooling-off' period helps.
- □ Get a second opinion.

Presentation

- Aim for an attractive,balanced layout.
- Use a legible font.
- Charts or graphs can add interest.
- A well-presented document is a winner!