Parent Guide to Cursive Handwriting

All the letters start on the line.

The majority of letters finish on the line with a ‘flick’ ready to join the next letter.

The pencil does not leave the page until the word is finished.

Note that ŋ is crossed and i is dotted once the word is written.

By making each letter in one movement, children’s hands develop a ‘physical memory’ of it, making it easier to produce the correct shape. All letters flow from left to right making it less likely for children to reverse letters. There is a clear distinction between upper and lower case letters. The continuous flow of writing ultimately improves speed of writing and aids accurate spelling.

Pencil grip
Encourage your child to hold the pencil comfortably between the thumb and index finger with the middle finger providing support. It is important that guidance is sought from school if you are unsure as children develop a grip at different times and should not be ‘forced’.

Posture
A child’s seat and table should be a comfortable height and your child should be encouraged to sit up straight.

Paper position
For most children paper should be on the right and slightly tilted to the left. If your child is left handed then extra encouragement is needed as our writing system favours a right handed child. A left hander makes joining strokes that are pushed whereas a right hander pulls.

Ensuring We Get It Right
In order to ensure we are supporting your child’s handwriting at school, please indicate which versions of the cursive letters your child is learning by circling the examples below. If you are unsure, please seek guidance from your child’s teacher. Our tutors will work to this guide.

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Trace the dots to practise the shapes below. It is important to flow in one motion from the beginning of the pattern to the end to practise the shapes. Remember not to lean too heavily on the page.

How did you do? Colour in the lizard that shows how you found this exercise.

Lizard card?

Tutor notes:
Completed
Needs to repeat
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Tutor notes:
Needs to repeat
Completed
Lizard card?
Introducing Cursive

Follow the arrows to revise how to form the letter. Always start on the line.

Demonstrated by the tutor  Practised by the child  Tutor observes it done correctly

Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___gloo  ___ink

___guana  ___nsect

Trace the letters and continue them until the end of the line.

i i

How did you do? Colour in the lizard that shows how you found this exercise.
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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___amp  ___eek

___og  ___ock

Trace the letters and continue them until the end of the line.

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[Tricky, OK, Great]
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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

____p  ___nderwear

___mbrella  ___nhappy

Trace the letters and continue them until the end of the line.


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Tutor notes:

Needs to repeat
Completed
Lizard card?
Revision

General Motor Skills Practice

Can you trace the lines to find out which animal wins the race?

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- Lizard card?
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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___humb

___hird

___ools

___iddy

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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___o-yo ___awn

___oghurt ___ak

Trace the letters and continue them until the end of the line.

y y

yyyyyy

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Tricky OK Great

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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___am

___acket

___ellyfish

___ug

Trace the letters and continue them until the end of the line.

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Needs to repeat

Completed

Lizard card?
Revision

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Copy and repeat the letter until the end of the line.

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- Completed
- Needs to repeat
- Lizard card?
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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___an

___est

___iolin

___ase

Trace the letters and continue them until the end of the line.

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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___a[l]rus  ___ool

___atch  ___affles

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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___ -ray

___ ylophone

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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___ebra

___ip

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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___ if ___ envelope
___ ggs ___ lephant

Trace the letters and continue them until the end of the line.

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Tricky OK Great

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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___eet
___lower
___lag
___ly

Trace the letters and continue them until the end of the line.

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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___kate ___pider

___ock ___heap

Trace the letters and continue them until the end of the line.

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How did you do? Colour in the lizard that shows how you found this exercise.

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Numbers

Trace the numbers and their names. Then practise writing the number 3 times on the lines below.

1. one

2. two

3. three

4. four

5. five

6. six

7. seven

8. eight

9. nine

10. ten

How did you do? Colour in the lizard that shows how you found this exercise.

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Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.

___ennel
___ite

___etchup
___oala

Trace the letters and continue them until the end of the line.

k k

k k k k k k k k k k

How did you do? Colour in the lizard that shows how you found this exercise.

Tricky OK Great

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Follow the arrows to revise how to form the letter. Always start on the line.

A A A A A A

K K K K K K

F F F F F F

Copy and repeat the letter until the end of the line.

S S S S S S S S

K K K K K K

F F F F F F

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