





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 *t* is crossed and *l* 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.

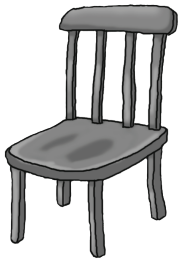
Paper position

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.

<u>L</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>B</u>
<i>l</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>b</i>
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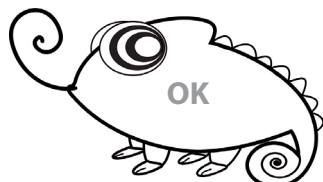
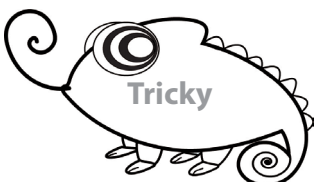
Are you sitting comfortably? Have you gripped the pencil carefully? Your tutor will help you with this.



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.



Tutor notes:

Needs to repeat ☐

Completed ☐

Lizard card? ☐

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Demonstrated by the tutor



Practised by the child



Tutor observes it
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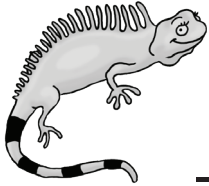
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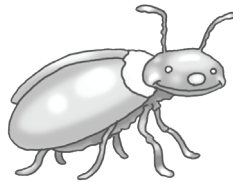
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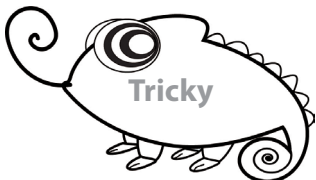
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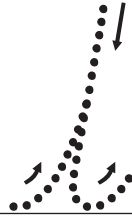
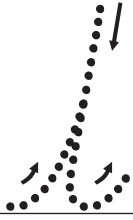
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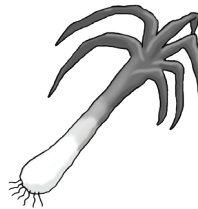
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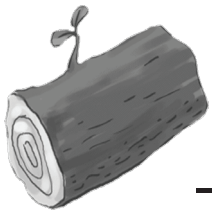
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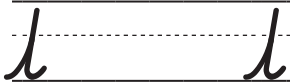


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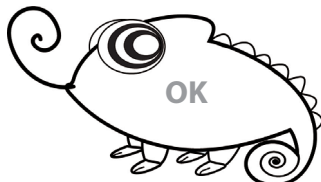
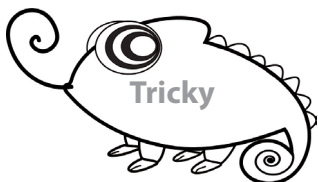


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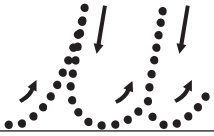
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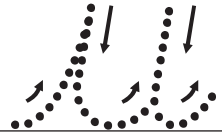
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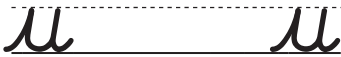


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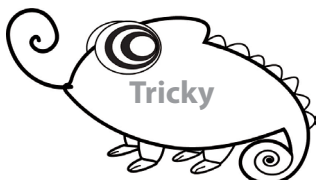


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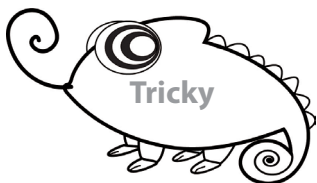
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General Motor Skills Practice

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



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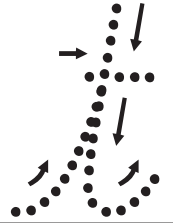
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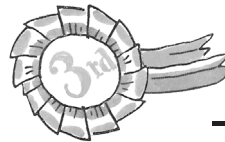


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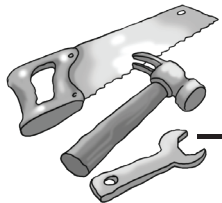
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_____ *humb*



_____ *hird*



_____ *ools*



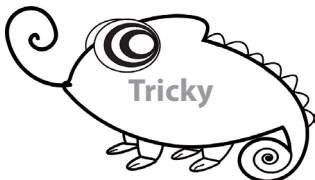
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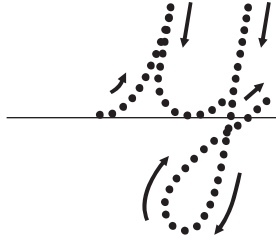


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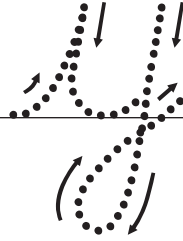
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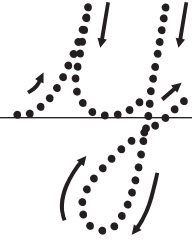
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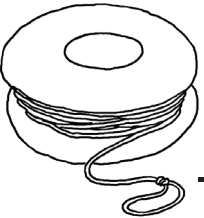


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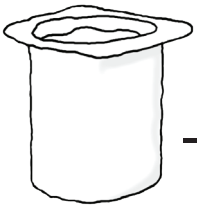
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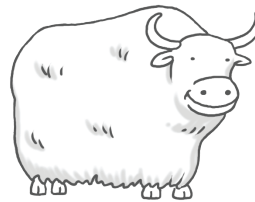
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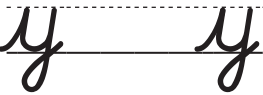
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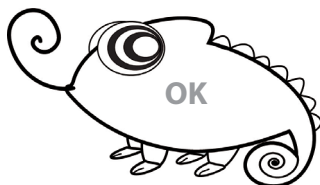
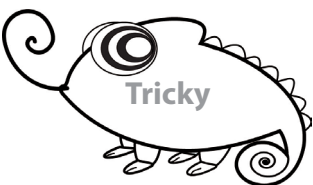
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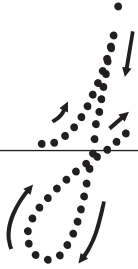
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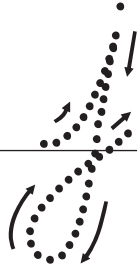
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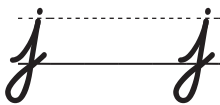


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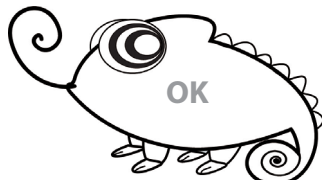
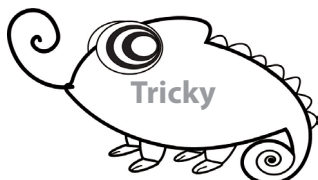


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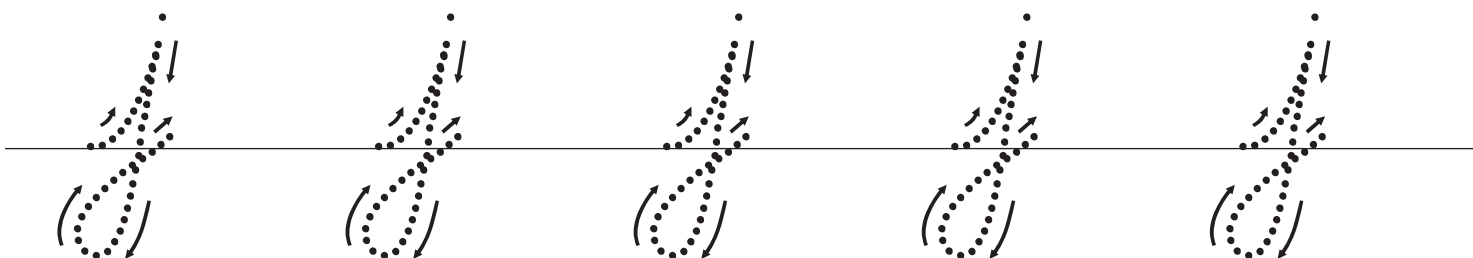
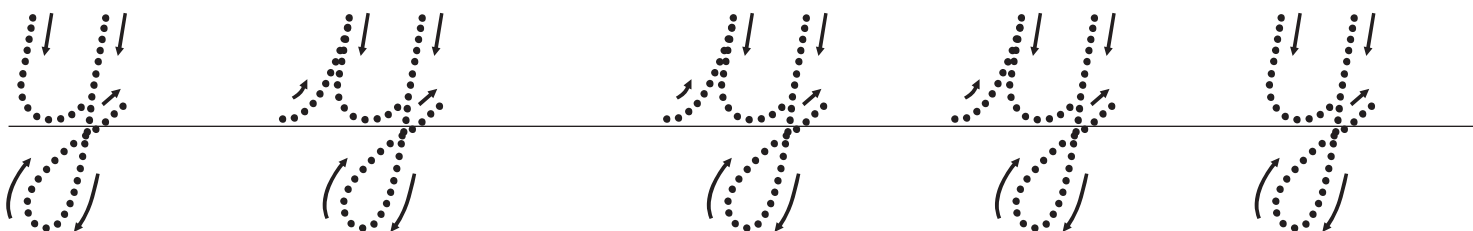
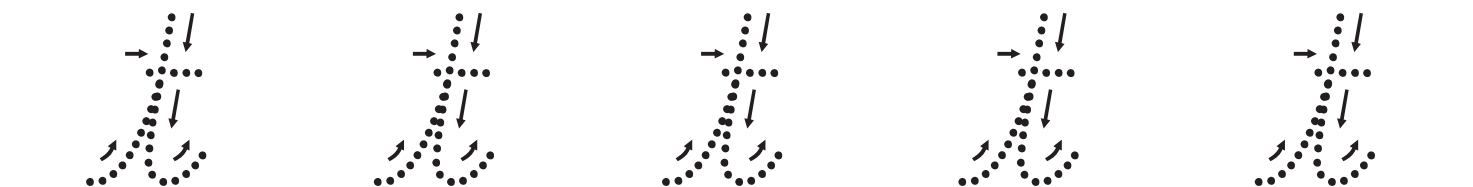


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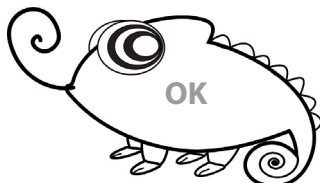
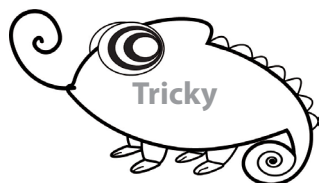
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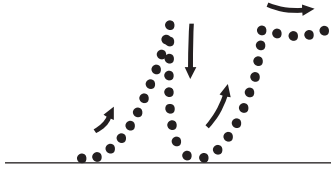
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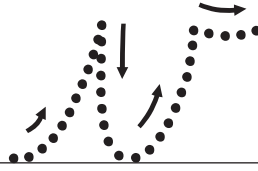
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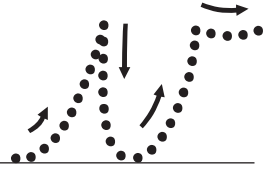
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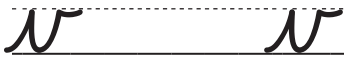


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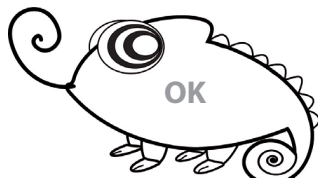
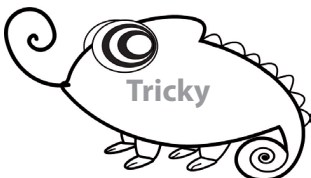


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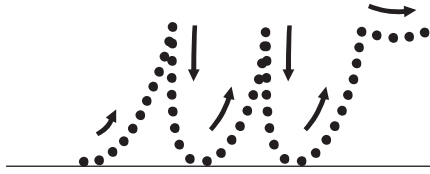
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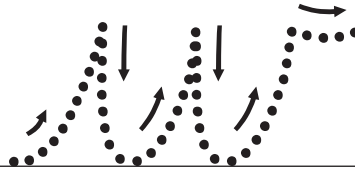
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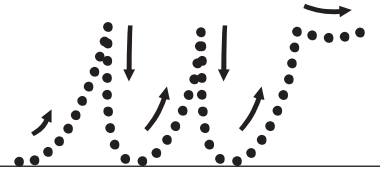
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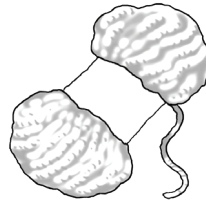


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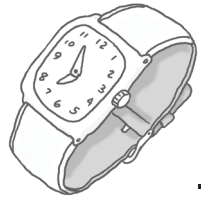
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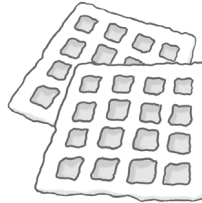
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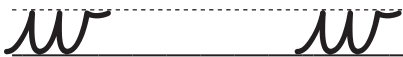


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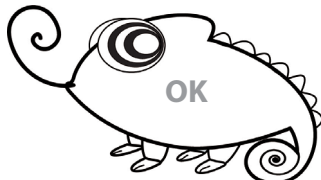
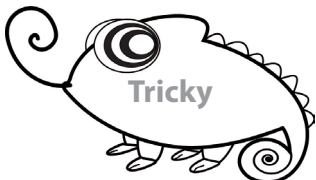


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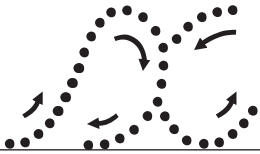


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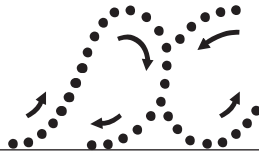
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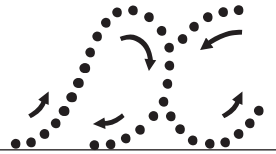
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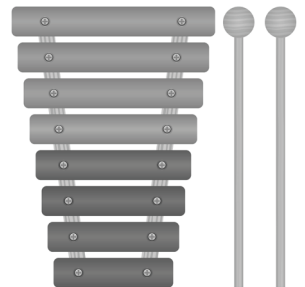
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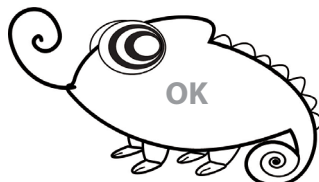
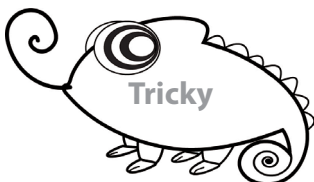


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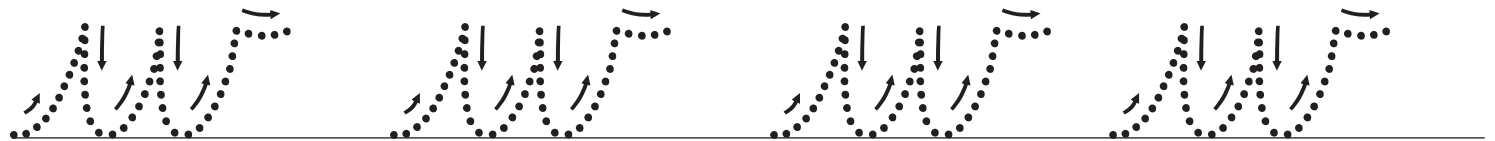
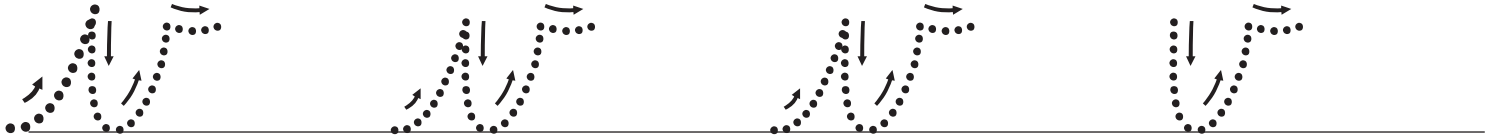


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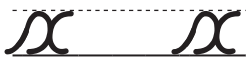
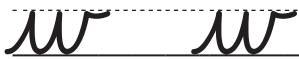
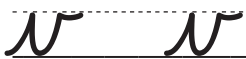
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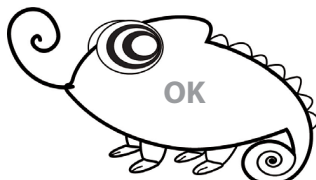
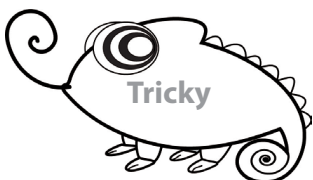
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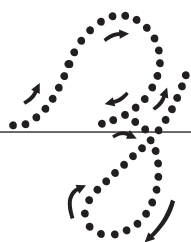


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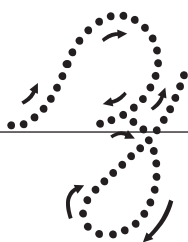
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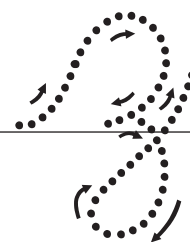
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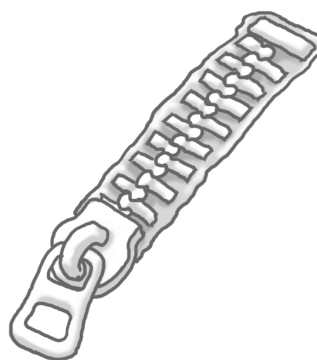
Tutor observes it
done correctly

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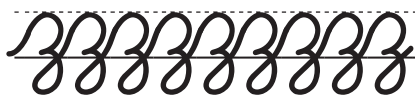
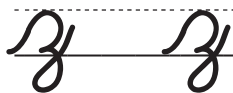


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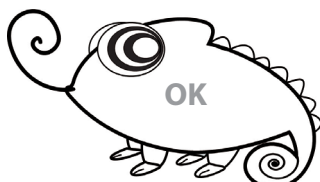
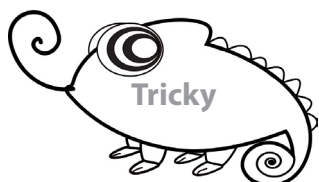
zip



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



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



Tutor notes:

Needs to repeat ☐

Completed ☐

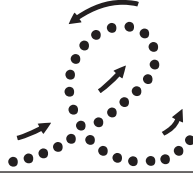
Lizard card? ☐

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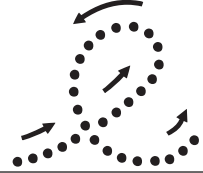
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Practised by the child

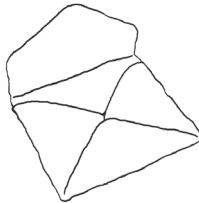


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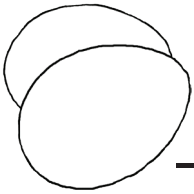
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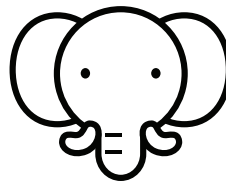
____lf



____velope



____ggs



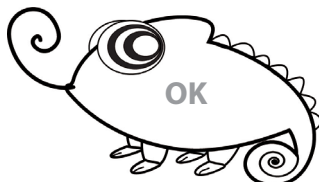
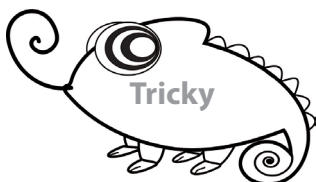
____lephant

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

e e

eeeeeeee

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



Tutor notes:

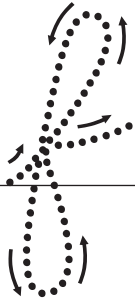
Needs to repeat ☐

Completed ☐

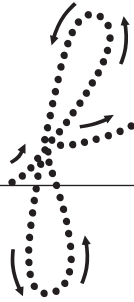
Lizard card? ☐

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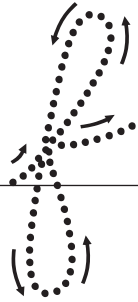
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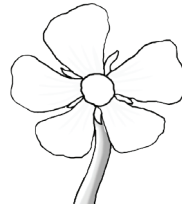


Tutor observes it done correctly

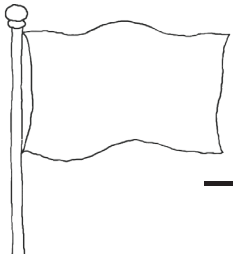
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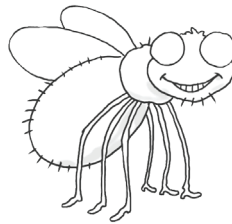
____ *feet*



____ *flower*

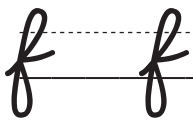


____ *flag*

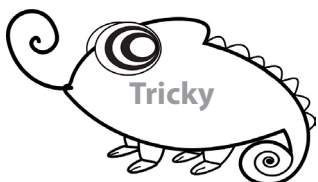


____ *fly*

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



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



Tutor notes:

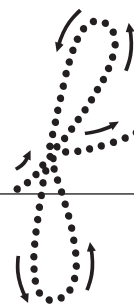
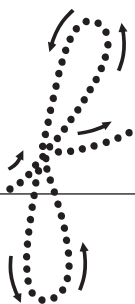
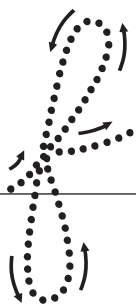
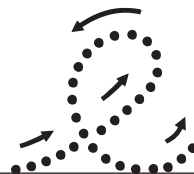
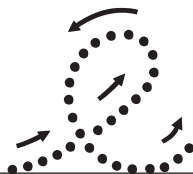
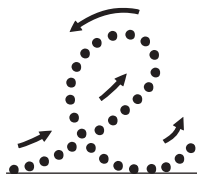
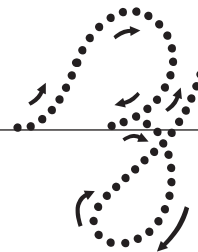
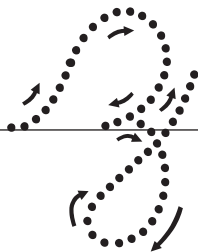
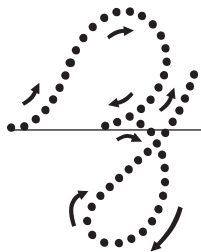
Needs to repeat ☐

Completed ☐

Lizard card? ☐

Revision

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



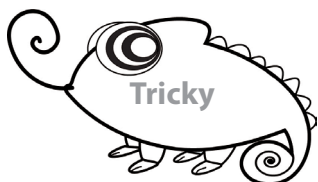
Copy and repeat the letter until the end of the line.

z z

e e

f f

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

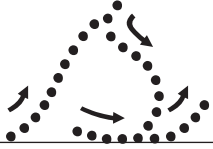


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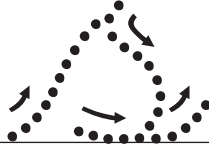
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- Completed ☐
- Lizard card? ☐

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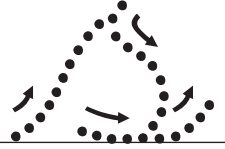
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Practised by the child

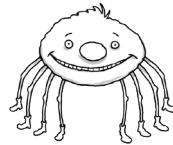


Tutor observes it done correctly

Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.



_____ *kate*



_____ *pider*

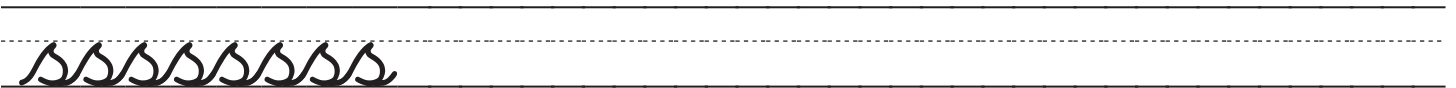
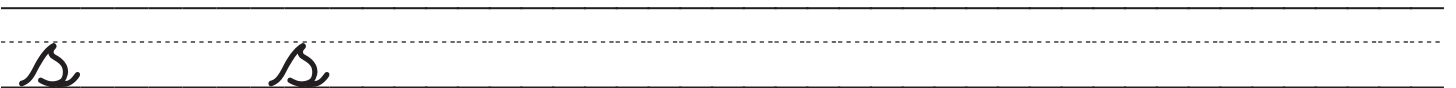


_____ *ock*

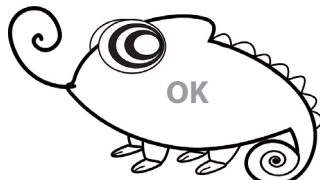
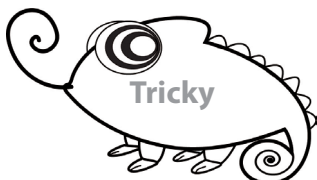


_____ *heep*

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



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



Tutor notes:

Needs to repeat ☐

Completed ☐

Lizard card? ☐

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*

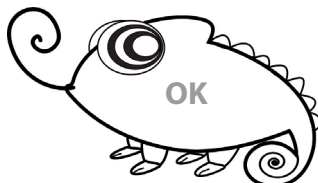
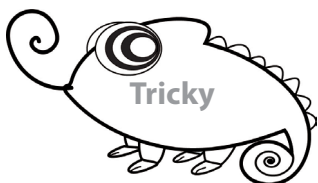
7 *seven*

8 *eight*

9 *nine*

10 *ten*

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

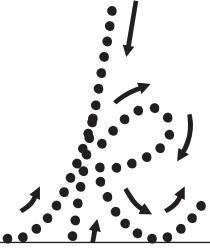


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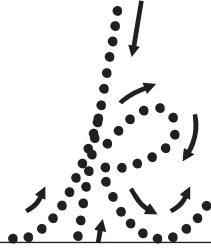
Needs to repeat ☐
Completed ☐
Lizard card? ☐

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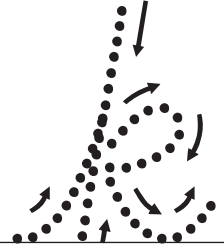
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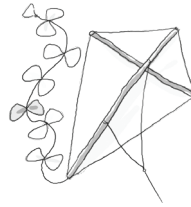


Tutor observes it done correctly

Finish the words below. Colour in the pictures.



_____ennel



_____ite



_____etchup



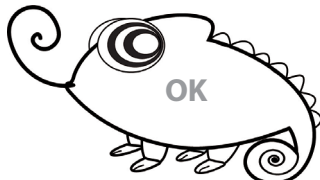
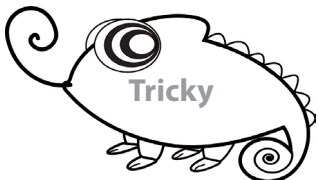
_____oala

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

k k

kkkkkkkk

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



Tutor notes:

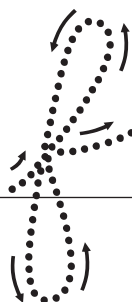
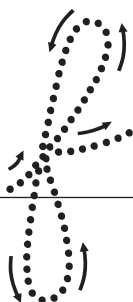
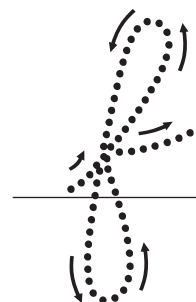
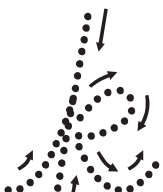
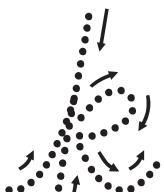
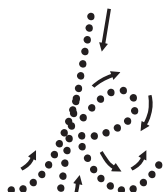
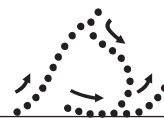
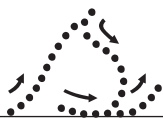
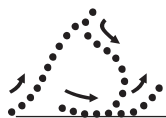
Needs to repeat ☐

Completed ☐

Lizard card? ☐

Revision

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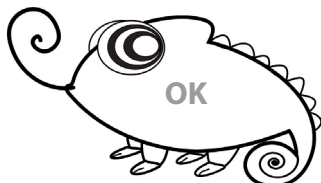
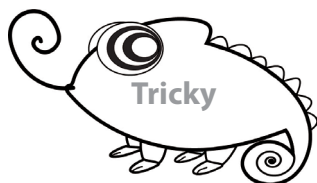
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s s

k k

f f

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



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Completed ☐

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