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Hi! I'm Zaney, and I'll be your handwriting pal as you learn and practice throughout the year. Handwriting helps us learn and share our ideas with others. Let's get started!



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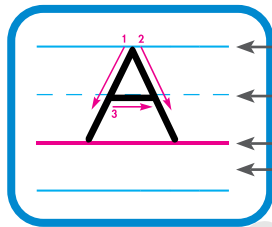
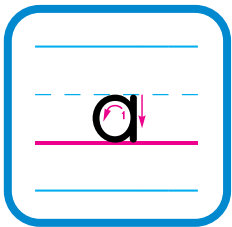
Getting Started



You write for many reasons at school, at home, and in your community. The lessons in this book will help you write legibly so you and other people can easily read what you have written.

Models and Guidelines

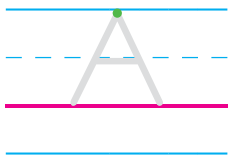
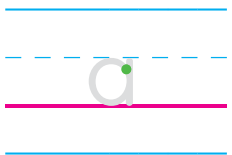
There are writing models in your book. The models are on guidelines.




Headline
Midline
Baseline
Descender Space

The red arrows and numerals show you how to write each letter.

Start at the green dot when you trace and write.



Stop and Check

Evaluating your own handwriting is a good habit to form. When you see the **Stop and Check**  sign in this book, stop and circle the best letter you wrote on that line.

Keys to Legibility

You will see the **Keys to Legibility**TM throughout this book. They will help you remember to check the **Shape**, **Size**, **Spacing**, and **Slant** of your writing to make sure it is easy to read.



Review

Manuscript Letters and Numerals Although most of your writing will be in cursive, you will still use manuscript for things such as labels, signs, and filling out forms.

A_a B_b C_c D_d E_e F_f G_g

Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn

Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu

$$V_v \quad W_w \quad X_x \quad Y_y \quad Z_z$$

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Use your best manuscript to write the following.

Write your name.

Write your initials and a friend's initials.

Write a friend's name.

Write your state abbreviation and Zip code.

Use one of the ideas below and your best manuscript handwriting to write a sign for your classroom door.

Come In

Please Knock

Welcome

Testing

Cursive Letters and Numerals You will use cursive to write things such as your signature, notes, and answers to test questions.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg
Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm
Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt
Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Use your best cursive to write the following.

Write your name.

Write the name of your school.

Write the numerals from 1 to 10.

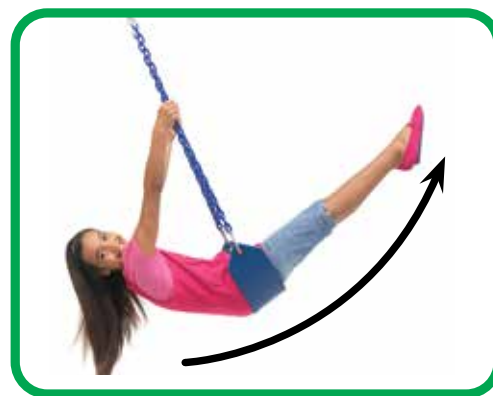
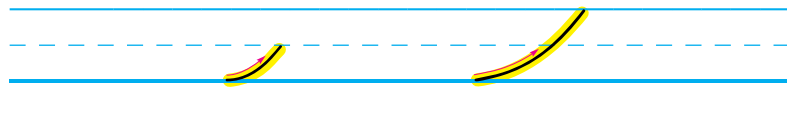
Write the lowercase letters you think you use most.


Write the letters and numerals you want to improve.

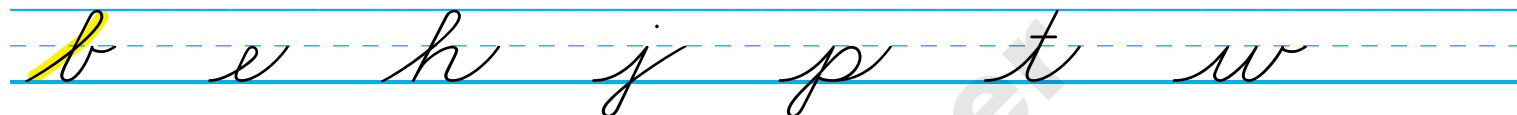
Write

Basic Strokes

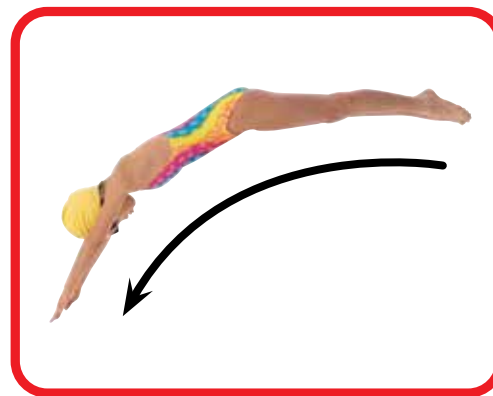
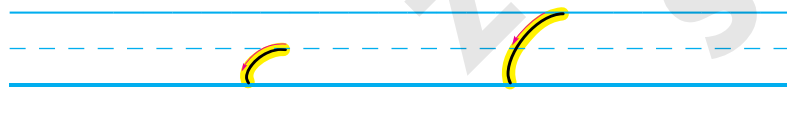
Undercurve An undercurve is one of the basic strokes used to write cursive letters. An undercurve stroke swings up.




Find an undercurve stroke at the beginning of each letter. Write the letters.  Circle your best undercurve stroke.



Downcurve A downcurve is one of the basic strokes used to write cursive letters. A downcurve stroke dives down.

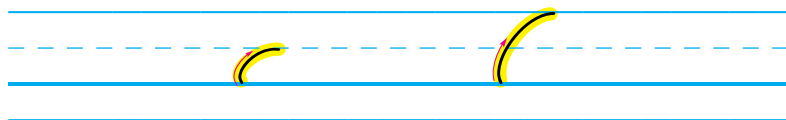


Find the downcurve stroke at the beginning of each letter. Write the letters.  Circle your best downcurve stroke.



Basic Strokes

Overcurve An overcurve is one of the basic strokes used to write cursive letters. An overcurve stroke bounces up.



Find the overcurve stroke at the beginning of each letter. Write the letters. Circle your best overcurve stroke.

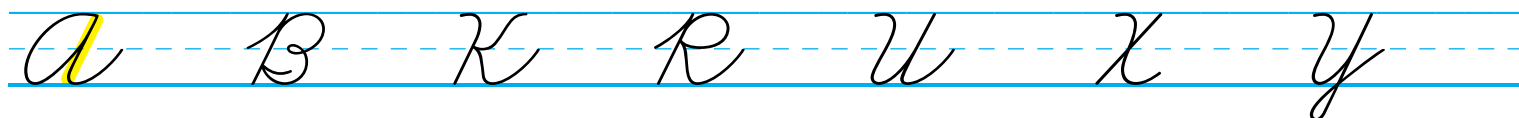
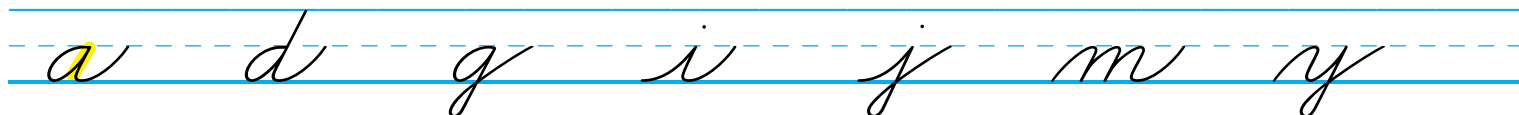


Diagonal A diagonal is one of the basic strokes used to write cursive letters. A diagonal stroke slides.



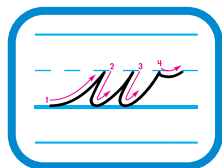
Find the diagonal strokes in each letter. Write the letters.

Circle your best diagonal stroke.



Write

Undercurve Letters Trace and write.  Circle your best *u* and your best *w*.



The letter *u* ends with an undercurve. The letter *w* ends with a checkstroke.
Write the joinings and the words.

Undercurve-to-Downcurve

ua ug

square

huge

Undercurve-to-Overcurve

um un

volume

pound

Checkstroke-to-Undercurve

we wi

weight

width

Better Letters

Be careful not to loop back. Write:

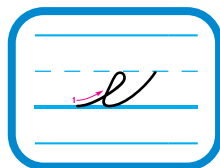
u not *ee* *w* not *ee*

Use your best handwriting to write the letters again.

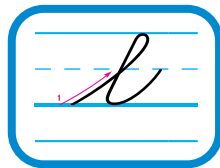
Handwriting practice lines for the 'Better Letters' section.



Undercurve Letters Trace and write.  Circle your best *e* and your best *l*.



e e e e e e e



l l l l l l l



The letters *e* and *l* end with an undercurve. Write the joinings and words.

Undercurve-to-Undercurve

er ls

Undercurve-to-Downcurve

ea lo

Undercurve-to-Overcurve

en ly

writer

read

send

e-mails

log on

quickly

Better Letters

Keep your loops open. Write:

e not *u* *l* not *l*

Use your best handwriting to write the letters again.



Size Circle your best short letter and your best tall letter.

Review

Write the words and the phrases.



inventions

screen start link

computer websites

bulletin board laptop

printer file online

Join *w* and *r* at the midline. Write the joinings and the words.

wr wr wr wr wr





write wrist wrap

Paragraph Write a paragraph about what you see in the picture.
Use words in the word bank. Be sure to leave space for margins.

laptop
keyboard
screen
touchpad
hard drive

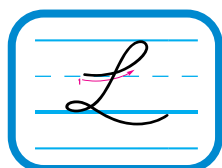
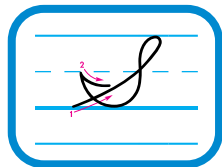
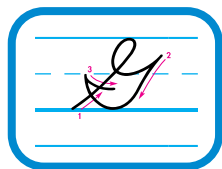


My writing has good

-  **Shape** ☐
-  **Size** ☐
-  **Spacing** ☐
-  **Slant** ☐

Write

Undercurve-Loop Letters Trace and write.  Circle your best *G*, *S*, and *L*.



G, *S*, and *L* are not joined to the letter that follows.

Write the names of landmarks.

The Statue of Liberty

The Golden Gate Bridge

Better Letters

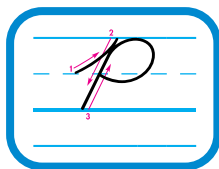
Remember to keep loops open. Write:

G not *G*, *S* not *S*, *L* not *L*

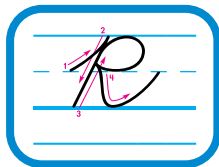
Use your best handwriting to write the letters again.



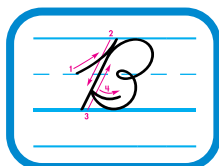
Undercurve-Diagonal Letters Trace and write. ✓ Circle your best *P*, *R*, and *B*.



P P P P P P P



R R R R R R R



B B B B B B B



R is joined to the letter that follows, but *P* and *B* are not.

Write the names of cities.

Phoenix Raleigh Buffalo

Boulder Philadelphia

Better Letters

Begin with an undercurve stroke. Write:

P not *P*, *R* not *R*, *B* not *B*

Use your best handwriting to write the letters again.



Shape Circle your three best letters with an undercurve beginning.

Review

Write the names of baseball teams.

Boston Red Sox

Pittsburgh Pirates


San Francisco Giants

*Pieces of equipment for
playing baseball:*

*1. Baseball 2. Bat 3. Glove
4. Helmet 5. Shin Guards*

Write the note about baseball equipment.



Timeline This timeline is out of order. Write the dates and events in the proper order. Use your best cursive handwriting.  Circle your best letter.

Professional Baseball Timeline

1903	1947	1876	1974	1901	1935
Boston and Pittsburgh play first World Series.	Jackie Robinson is first African American in majors.	National League is formed.	Hank Aaron breaks Babe Ruth's home run record.	American League is formed.	George Herman "Babe" Ruth hits final home run.

[illegible]

Apply

Cursive in the Real World

Schedule Writing a schedule can help you remember things you must do and places you must be. It can also help you remember the order in which you will do things. Here is a schedule:

Monday 4:00 basketball practice
in gym
5:00 help Mom wash Rover
Tuesday 3:00 Service Club meeting
Wednesday

Add these items to the schedule. Make sure your tall letters do not bump into the descenders above them.

Tuesday 8:00 surprise party for Grandma
Wednesday 7:00 social studies project with
Judy, Kamal, and T'Aysha



My short letters are half the height of my tall letters.



My letters have good shape.



Use cursive to write a schedule of things you might do next week.
Pay attention to the size of your letters.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



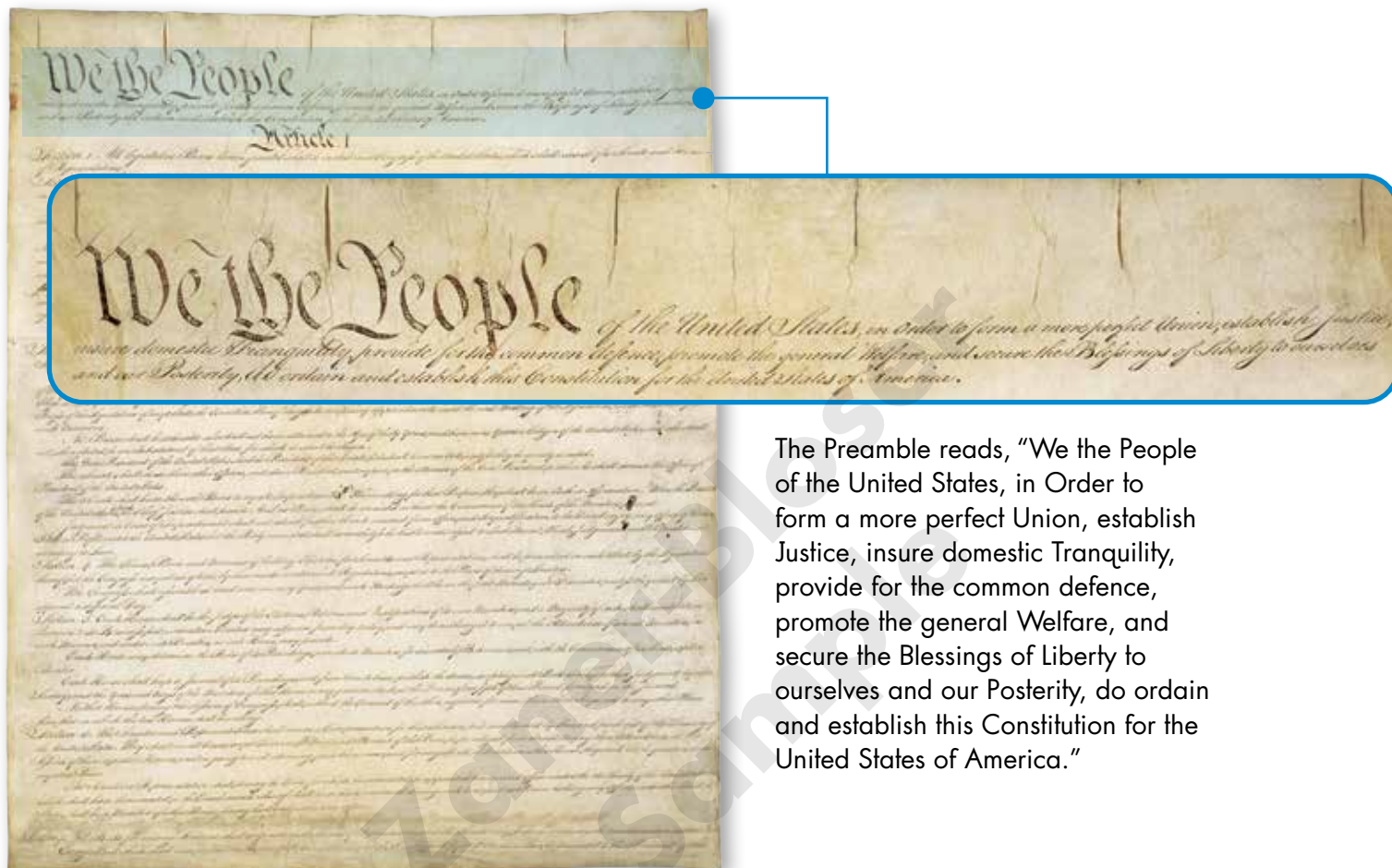
Size

My short letters are half the height of
my tall letters.



Reading Historical Documents

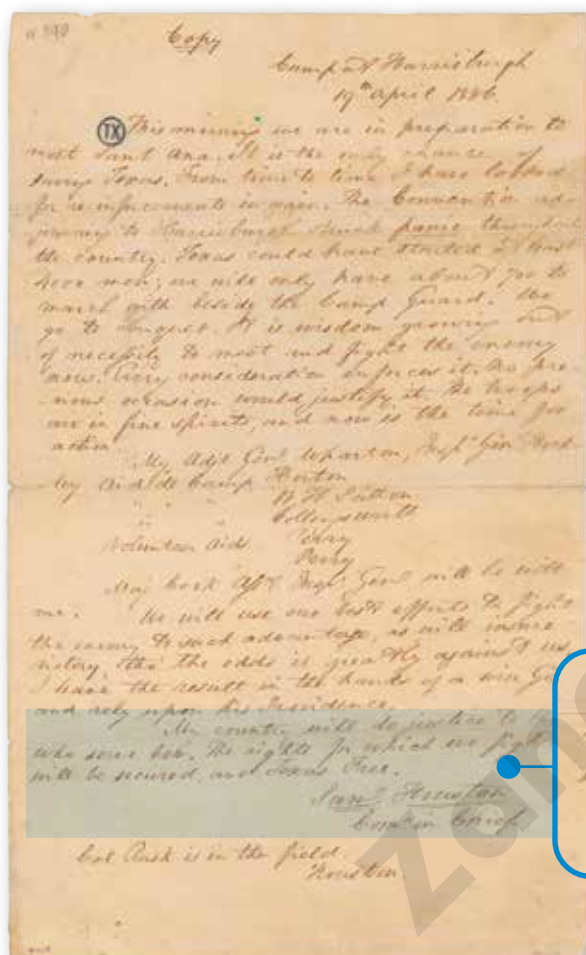
This is the United States Constitution, signed on September 17, 1787. Using the enlarged text to the right, copy the Preamble of the Constitution in your best cursive handwriting.



The Preamble reads, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Reading Historical Documents

On April 19, 1836, Samuel Houston wrote these notes about the upcoming battle of San Jacinto. Using the enlarged text to the right, copy the excerpt in your best cursive handwriting.



My country will do justice to those
who serve her. The rights for which we fight
will be secured, and Texas Free.
Saml Houston
Comr in Chief

The excerpt reads, "My country will do justice to those who serve her. The rights for which we fight will be secured, and Texas Free. Saml. Houston, Comr. in Chief."

Apply

Informative/Explanatory

News Story A news story is a factual report about a current event.

Decide on a topic for a news story you will write.
Write the subject of your news story below.



Answer these questions to plan your news story.

What happened?

Who was involved?

When did it happen?

Where did it happen?

Why did it happen?

How did it happen?

News Story Write your news story. Begin with a sentence that will get your readers' attention. Remember to indent the first line of each paragraph and to leave space for margins.

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Sample

Slant

- My writing is legible. ☐
- I positioned my paper correctly. ☐
- My writing has uniform slant. ☐



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