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Hi! I'm Zaney, and I'll be your handwriting pal as you learn and practice throughout the year. Handwriting is an important skill that helps us communicate our ideas clearly. Let's get started!



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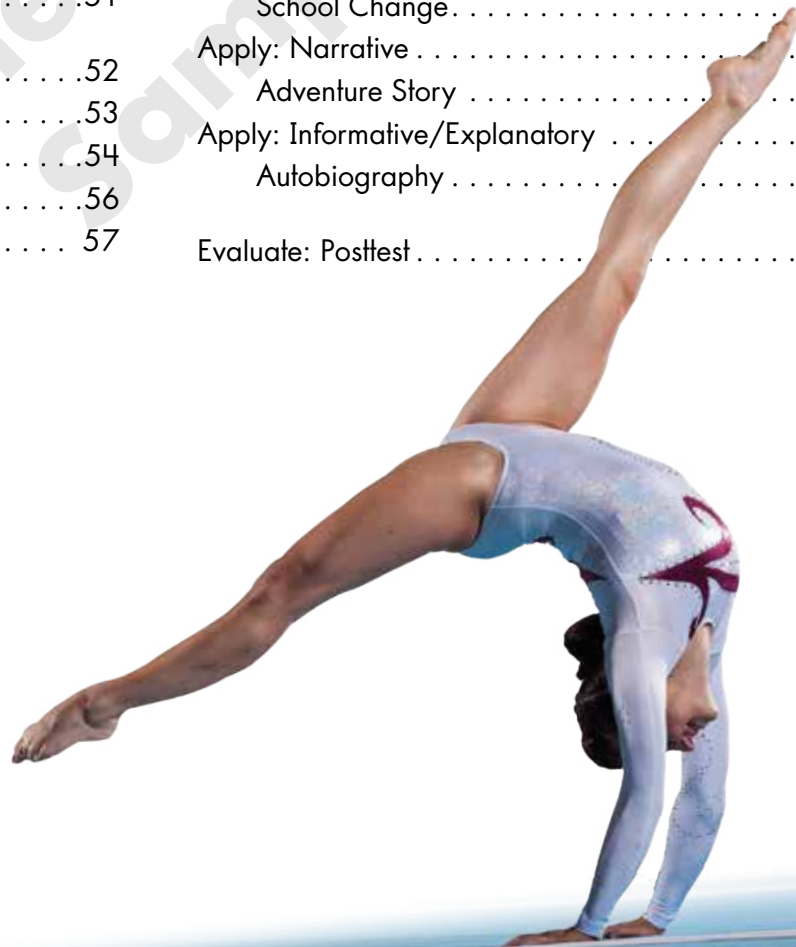
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Getting Started



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.

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**[™] 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.

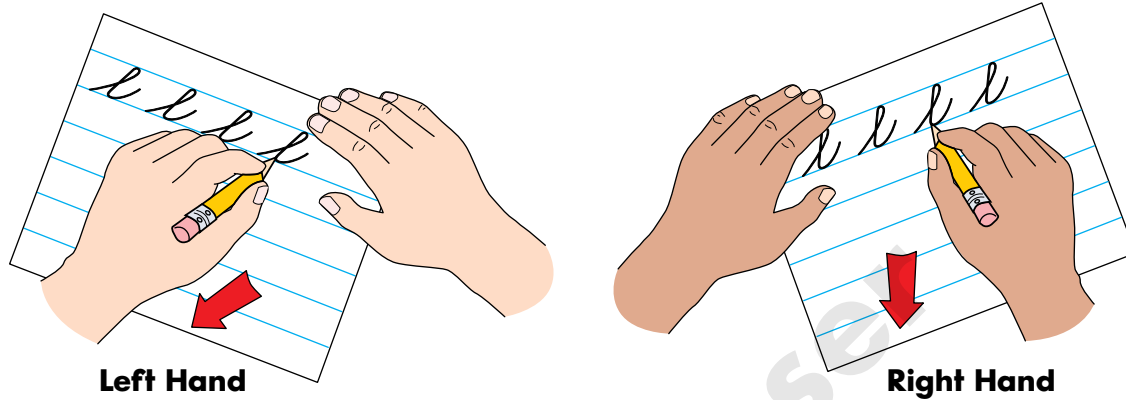


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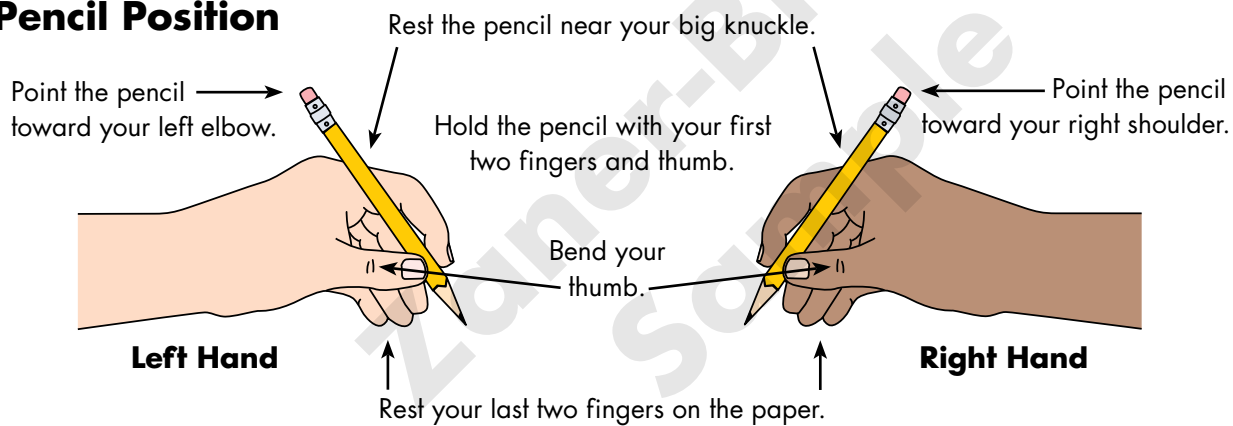
Writing Positions and Basic Strokes

Sit comfortably. Keep your feet flat on the floor if you can. Rest both arms on the desk.
Shift your paper as you write.

Paper Position

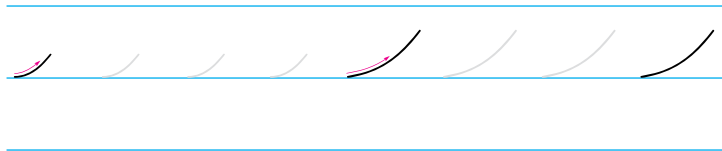


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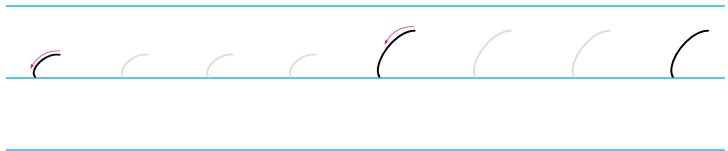


Practice the basic cursive strokes.

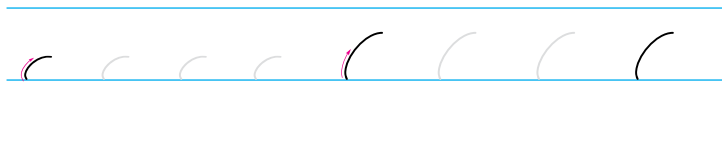
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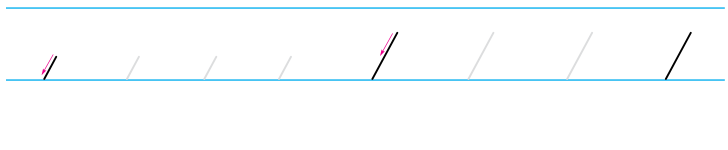
Downcurve



Overcurve



Diagonal



Cursive Letters and Numerals Look at the cursive letters and numerals. Use them to help you write answers to the 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

Write your full name.

Write the name of your school, its street address, and the city and state.

Write your date of birth and your age.

Write the title of your favorite book or song.

Write the letters and numerals you like to write best.

Write



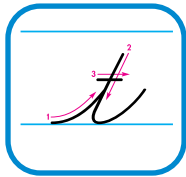
Undercurve Letters Trace and write. Finish the joining or word before dotting the *i* or crossing the *t*.

i i i i i i i i ✓

ie is id ic in im ✓

individual island imagine

icicles aliens blister



t t t t t t t t ✓

te ti ta to ty tm ✓

target tempt tower

activity department notion



Undercurve-to-Undercurve Joining

The undercurve ending swings wide directly into the undercurve of the following letter.

ie not *il*

Check other samples of your writing for undercurve joinings that need improvement.



Shape Circle three letters you wrote that have good shape.

Undercurve Letters Trace and write.



u u u u u u u

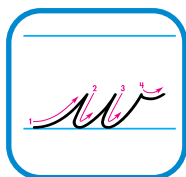


ub us uo ud un uv



universe fluoride cloudier

mustang souvenir ruby



w w w w w w w



we wh wa wo wn wy



westward wharf wood

wardrobe downhill shadowy



Checkstroke-to-Undercurve Joining

The checkstroke ending swings right to form the loop in *h*.

wh not *wh*

Check other samples of your writing for checkstroke joinings that need improvement.



Review

Clipped Words Write the underlined part of each long word. Then write the entire longer word.



1. taxicab

6. newspaper

2. champion

7. gymnasium

3. luncheon

8. memorandum

4. telephone

9. examination

5. omnibus

10. veterinarian

My writing has good



Shape

☐

Size

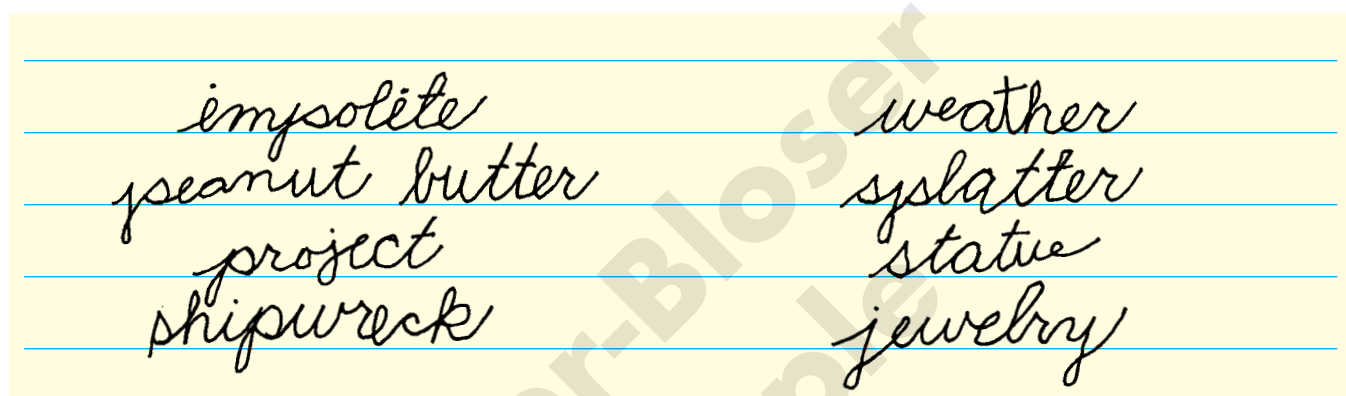
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Spelling Words Use the handwriting skills you've learned to complete the page.

1. Study these tips for legible writing. They will help you avoid common handwriting errors when you write.

- ✓ Keep loops open in letters with loops. Write *l* not *l*.
- ✓ Make sure your undercurves rest on the baseline. Write *u* not *u*.
- ✓ Keep checkstrokes at the right height. Write *b* not *b*.
- ✓ Keep your slant uniform. Write *w* not *w*.

2. Look at these words from a student's spelling list. Underline letters that need improvement.



3. Rewrite the spelling words correctly. Then write some of your spelling or vocabulary words. Remember to leave space for margins. Pay attention to the tips for legible writing. ✓ Circle your best letter.

Write



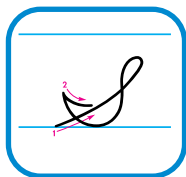
Undercurve-Loop Letters Trace and write.

G G G G G G G G



Gettysburg Grayling Gary

Golden Gibraltar Gallup

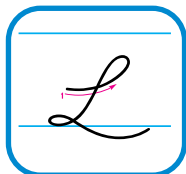


S S S S S S S S



South Dakota South Carolina

Salem Savannah Seattle



L L L L L L L L



Lafayette Louisiana Lansing

Lake Erie Lexington Lima



Joinings L is not joined to the letter that follows.
Joining G and S is optional.

Go Sa Go Sa

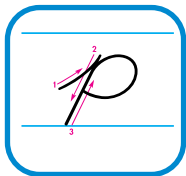
Unjoined

Joined



Size Circle three letters you wrote that have good size.

Undercurve-Diagonal Letters Trace and write.



P P P P P P P P



Pennsylvania Philadelphia

Palo Alto The Pacific Palisades



R R R R R R R R



Rh Re Ri Ra Ro Ry



Raleigh Rhode Island Reno



B B B B B B B B



Boston Boise Bunker Hill

Boonesville Bowie Buffalo



Joinings R is joined to the letter that follows.

P is not joined to the letter that follows.

Joining B is optional.

Ba

Unjoined

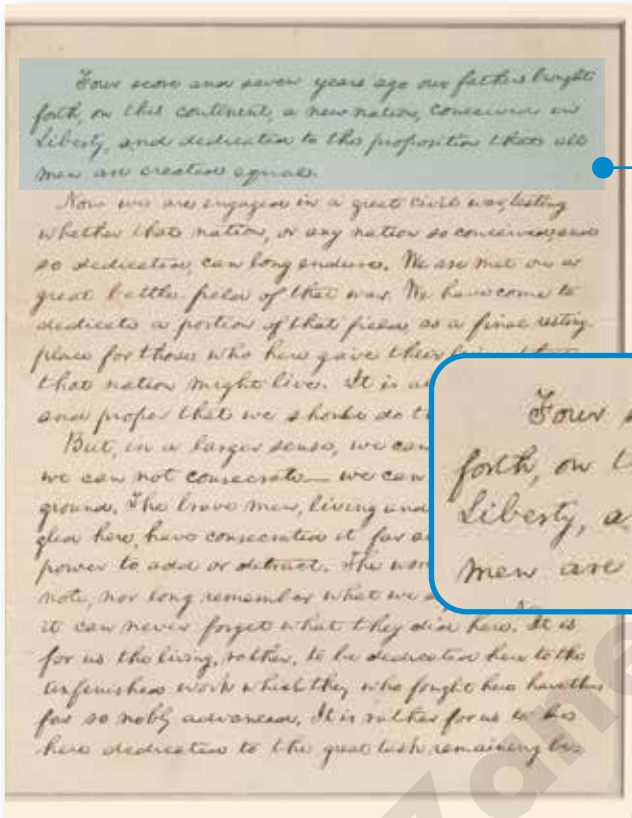
Ba

Joined



Reading Historical Documents

This is a draft of the Gettysburg Address written by Abraham Lincoln in November 1863. Using the enlarged text to the right, copy the first paragraph of this famous speech.

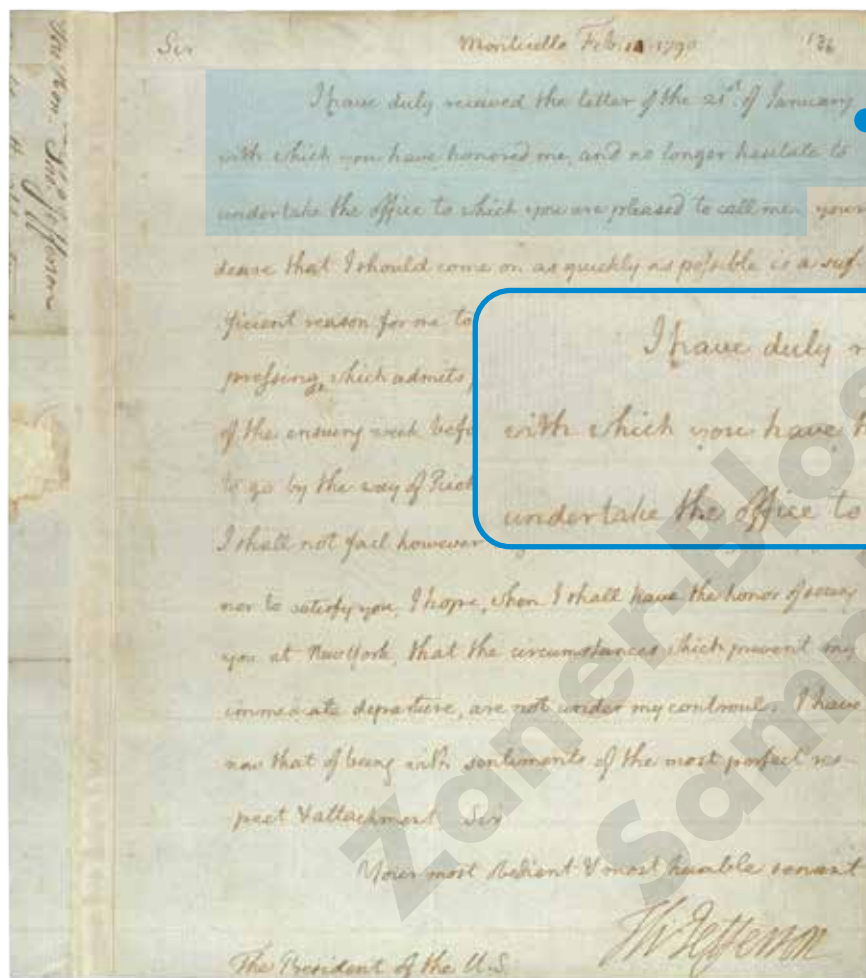


Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

The first paragraph states: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Reading Historical Documents

On February 14, 1790, Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter to President George Washington to accept the appointment as Secretary of State. Using the enlarged text to the right, copy the first sentence of the letter in your best cursive handwriting.



The first sentence states: "I have duly received the letter of the 21st of January with which you have honored me, and no longer hesitate to undertake the office to which you are pleased to call me."

Opinion

School Change What is one change you would like to see take place at your school? Complete the graphic organizer with your opinion, supporting reasons, and a call to action.

The graphic organizer is a flowchart with a central column of three boxes labeled "Reason" and two side boxes labeled "My Opinion" and "Call to Action".

My Opinion

Reason

Reason

Reason

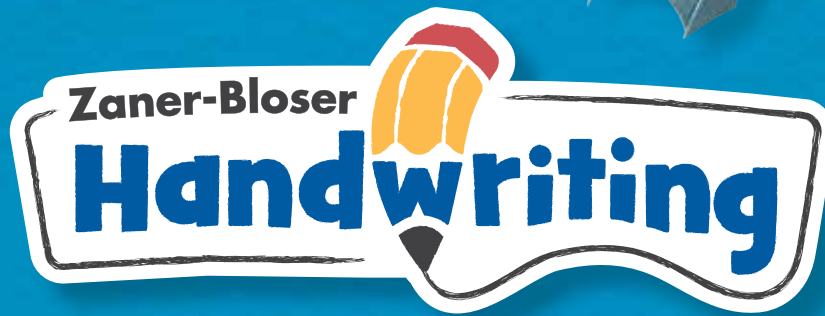
Reason

Reason

Call to Action

Arrows indicate the flow of information: from "My Opinion" to each of the three "Reason" boxes, and from each of the three "Reason" boxes to "Call to Action".

School Change Use the information from your graphic organizer to write an opinion piece. Be sure to group ideas logically and to provide a concluding statement. Remember to indent the first line of each paragraph and to leave space for margins.



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