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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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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.

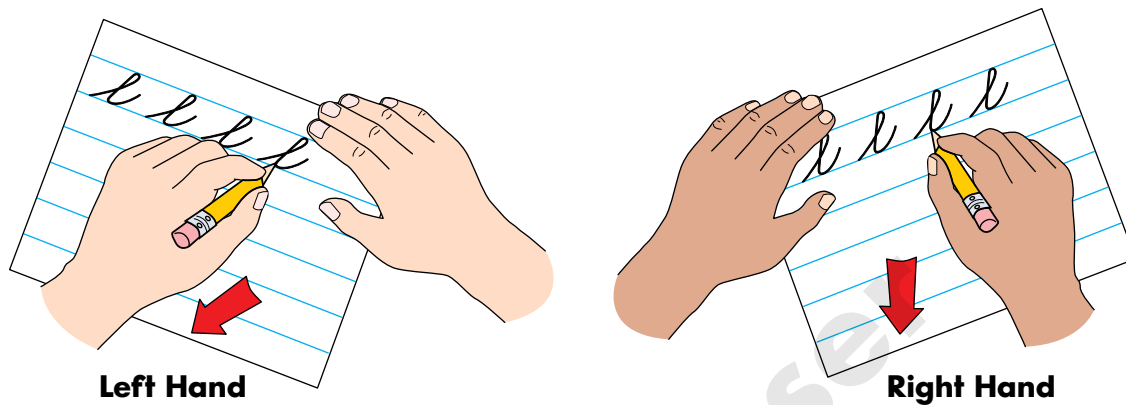


Practice

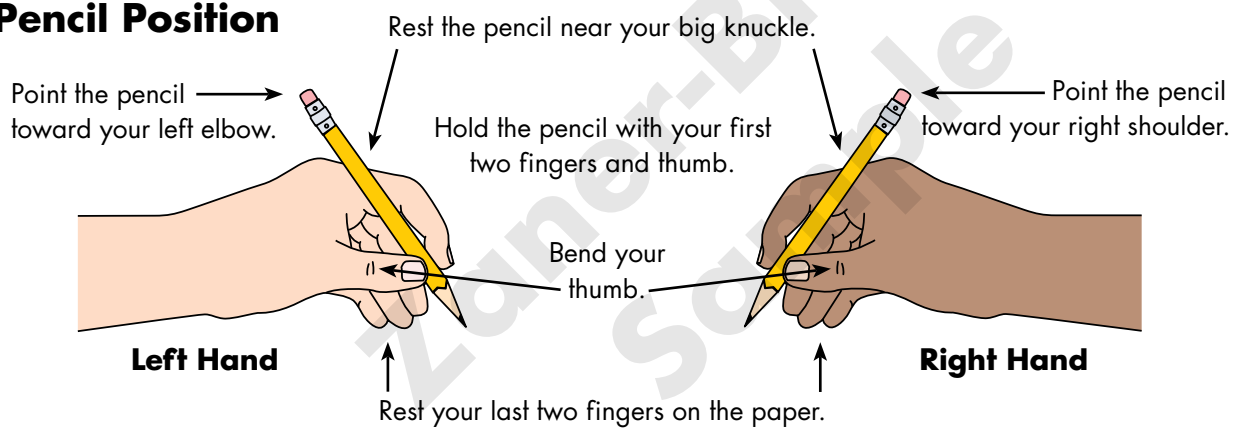
Writing Positions and Basic Strokes

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

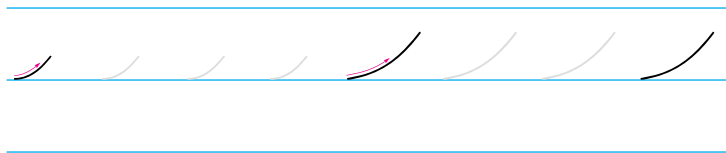


Pencil Position

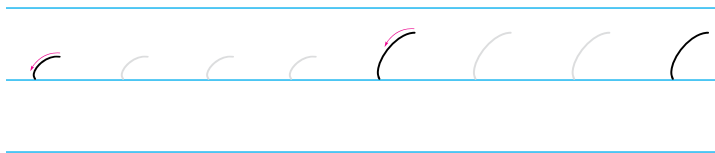


Practice the basic cursive strokes.

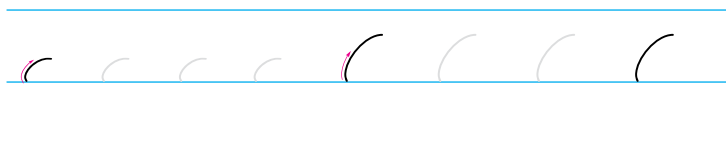
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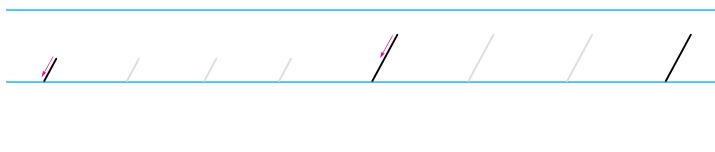
Downcurve



Overcurve





Diagonal







Cursive Letters and Numerals Look at the cursive letters and numerals shown below. 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 some letters that have undercurves.  

Write some letters that have downcurves.  

Write some letters that have overcurves.  

Write some letters that have diagonal strokes.  

Write the letters and numerals you already write well.

Write the letters and numerals you want to improve.

Write



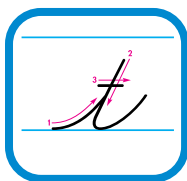
Undercurve Letters Trace and write. Finish the joining or word before dotting the *i* or crossing the *t*.

i i i i i i i i ✓

ie is ic ig im in ✓

ignore insistent import

eternity musical surprise



t t t t t t t t ✓

tr th ta to ty tm ✓

treasury takeoff total

withdraw hearty apartment

Better Letters

Pull diagonal strokes to the baseline. Write:

i not i t not t

Check other samples of your writing for diagonal strokes that need improvement.



Shape Circle your three best letters that have an undercurve beginning.

Undercurve Letters Trace and write.



u u u u u u u



up us ua ug un um



user upstream unsure

punctual thump although



w w w w w w w



wr ws wo wa wn wy



warbler worthwhile writing

lawyer download browse

Better Letters

Make diagonal strokes parallel. Write:

u not u w not w

Check other samples of your writing for diagonal strokes that need improvement.



Write



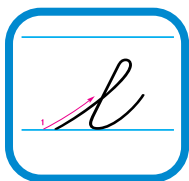
Undercurve Letters Trace and write.

e e e e e e e e e 

et es ea ed em en 

edge earphones demonstrate

fend forgetful nestle



l l l l l l l l l 

li lu la ld ly lv 

luxury lament likable

foothold perfectly revolve

Better Letters

End the loop with a diagonal stroke. Write:

e not e l not l

Check other samples of your writing for diagonal strokes that need improvement.



Size Circle your three best short letters.

Undercurve Letters Trace and write.



b b b b b b b b



br bu ba bo by bm



boost bumble brink



h h h h h h h h



he hi ht ha ho hy



haiku hesitant historic



f f f f f f f f



fe fl fr fa fo fy



flu falcon identify

Better Letters

Make the first undercurve deep enough to keep the loop open. Write:

b not b h not h f not f

Check other samples of your writing for loops that need improvement.



Review

Adjectives The words in the box are adjectives. Adjectives describe nouns and pronouns.

unusual
joyful
pleasant

spectacular
weird
fabulous

humorous
incredible
elegant

terrific
wonderful
beautiful

Write an adjective from the box to describe each item.

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. _____ books | 7. _____ gifts |
| 2. _____ sweaters | 8. _____ songs |
| 3. _____ sports | 9. _____ movies |
| 4. _____ sneakers | 10. _____ days |
| 5. _____ stories | 11. _____ plans |
| 6. _____ news | 12. _____ designs |

Write a sentence that includes two of the phrases you wrote above.

My writing has good

 **Shape**

☐

 **Size**

☐

 **Spacing**

☐

 **Slant**

☐

Vocabulary Entry Use the handwriting skills you've learned to complete the page.

1. Study these tips for legible writing.

- ✓ For letters with **undercurve** endings, the undercurve swings wide to begin the next letter.

undercurve-to-undercurve: write *qu* not *qu*.

undercurve-to-downcurve: write *ho* not *ho*.

- ✓ For letters with **overcurve** endings, the overcurve crosses at the baseline and swings up to begin the next letter.

overcurve-to-undercurve: write *ji* not *ji*.

overcurve-to-overcurve: write *zy* not *zy*.

- ✓ For letters with **checkstroke** endings, the checkstroke swings right to begin the next letter.

checkstroke-to-undercurve: write *ol* not *d*.

checkstroke-to-downcurve: write *va* not *va*.

2. Look at this part of a student's vocabulary paper. Underline joinings that need improvement.

*lava: hot liquid rock that
comes from a volcano when
it erupts*

3. Rewrite the student's vocabulary entry correctly. Then write a vocabulary entry of your own.

Pay attention to the tips for legible writing. Remember to leave space for margins. ✓ Circle your best word.

Write

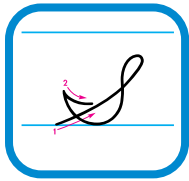


Undercurve-Loop Letters Trace and write.

G G G G G G G G

Greenland Guam Germany

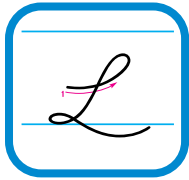
Gotha Glasgow Ghent



S S S S S S S S

Spain Sweden Sydney

Sicily is an Italian island.



L L L L L L L L

Limerick Laramie London

Write the sentence.

Limerick is an Irish port city.

Better Letters

Make the loop in G and S about one-half the letter height.

Write: G not S not S

Check other samples of your writing for loops that need improvement.



Slant Circle three words you wrote that have good slant.

Undercurve-Diagonal Letters Trace and write.

P

P P P P P P P P



Peoria Poland Paris

Patmos is a Greek island.

R

R R R R R R R R



Ri Rh Re Ro Ra Ry



Riviera Rhine Roanoke

B

B B B B B B B B



Belgrade Bangladesh Brisbane

Budapest Great Britain

Better Letters

Retrace after the diagonal stroke to avoid loops. Write:

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

Check other samples of your writing for undercurve-diagonal letters that need improvement.



Write

Joinings

Write the joinings and words.

a, c, and *e* are joined to the letter that follows. The undercurve swings to form the first curve of the next letter. The joining must be wide enough to allow room for joining to the next letter.

At Al Ad Ag An Ar

Atlanta Alexandria Adriatic Arctic

Ci Ch Ca Co Cy Cz

Cincinnati Chile Cameroon Cyprus

Er Es Ec Eq Em Ex

Eritrea Estonia Equator Empire



Joinings Cursive letters *O* and *D* are not joined to the letter that follows.



Joinings

Write the joinings and words.  Circle your three best joinings.

n and *m* are joined to the letter that follows. The undercurve joining must be wide enough to allow room for joining to the next letter.

no na need nurse

mi me mama mouse

h and *k* are joined to the letter that follows. The loop in *h* swings across the letter and slightly down to allow room for joining to the next letter.

he hu hard hold

ki ku kent kayak

u, y, and z are joined to the letter that follows. The overcurve ending in *y* and *z* crosses at the baseline, then continues up and wide to form the downcurve letter.

uk us upon undone

ya yi yes yo-yo

ze zi zoo zap



Joinings Cursive letters *v* and *w* are not joined to the letter that follows. Joining *x* is optional.





Review

Facts About Space The following sentences contain facts about space. The sentences are scrambled. Unscramble each sentence. Be sure to begin your sentences with an uppercase letter. Here's a hint: you will use these uppercase letters:

G, S, L, P, R, B.

1. *sunspots sun dark are on areas the.*
2. *light years space in distance measure.*
3. *planets the revolve around bodies celestial that sun are.*
4. *gravity Earth holds people on.*
5. *black holes light are without areas space in.*
6. *rays quickly of space through travel light.*

My writing has good

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
|  Shape | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  Size | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  Spacing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  Slant | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Report 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.

✓ In cursive writing, use cursive uppercase letters.

Write *G* not *G*.

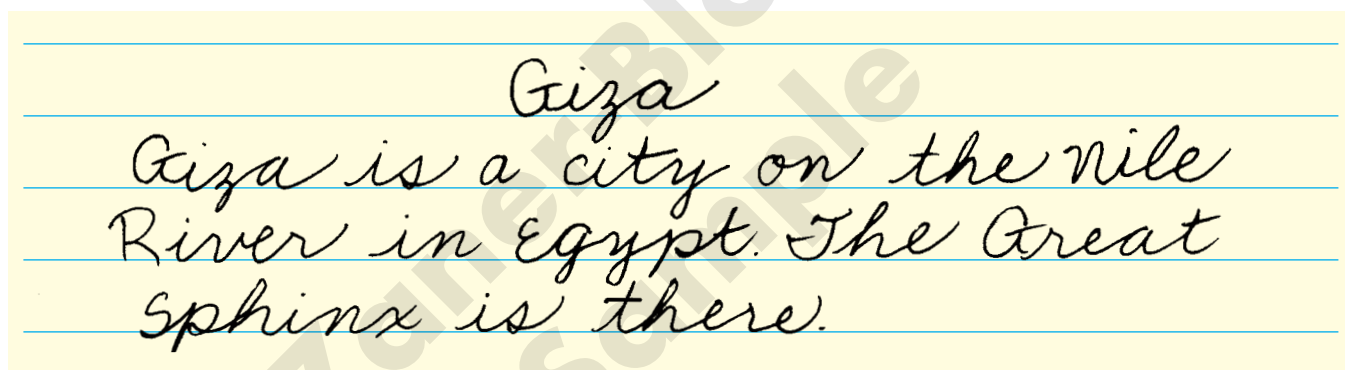
Write *R* not *R*.

✓ Make sure all uppercase letters are tall.

Write *The* not *The*.

Write *Sphinx* not *sphinx*.

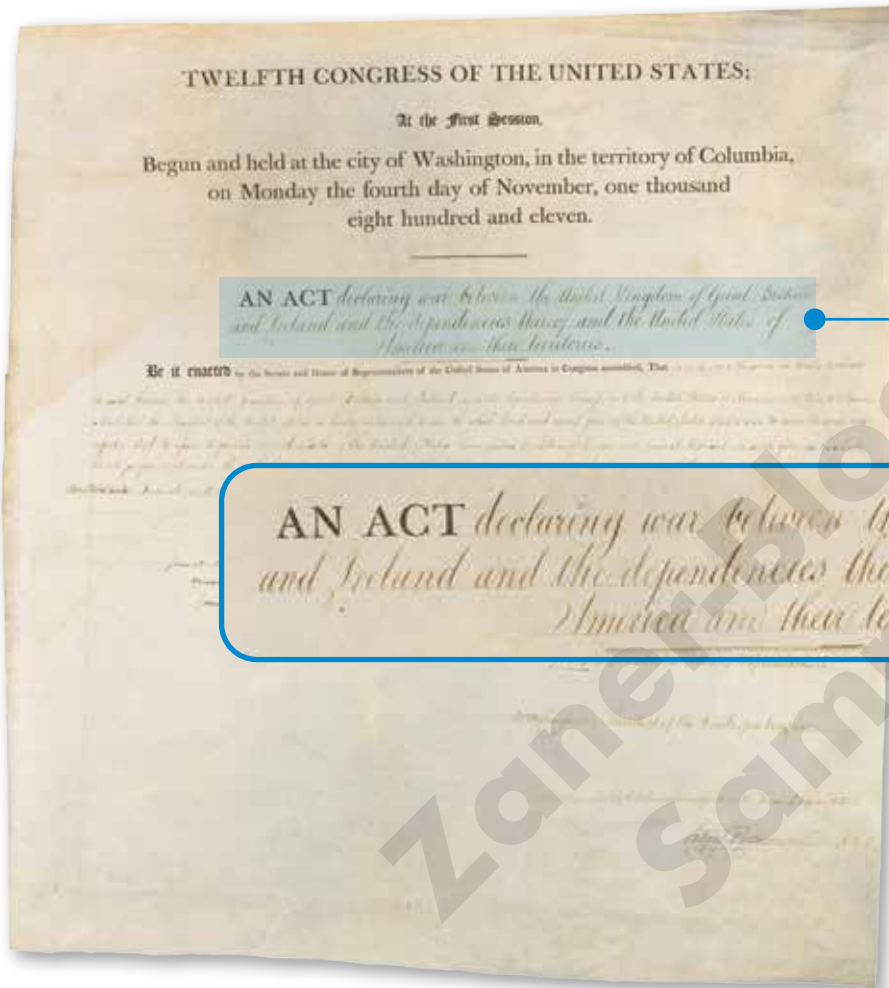
2. Look at the beginning of this student's report. Underline letters that need improvement.



3. Rewrite the student's report correctly. Then, on a piece of paper, write a report about a city of your choice. Pay attention to the tips for legible writing. Remember to leave space for margins. ✓ Circle your best word.

Reading Historical Documents

On June 18, 1812, President James Madison signed an Act of Congress declaring war against England, known as the War of 1812. Using the enlarged text to the right, copy the excerpt in your best cursive handwriting.



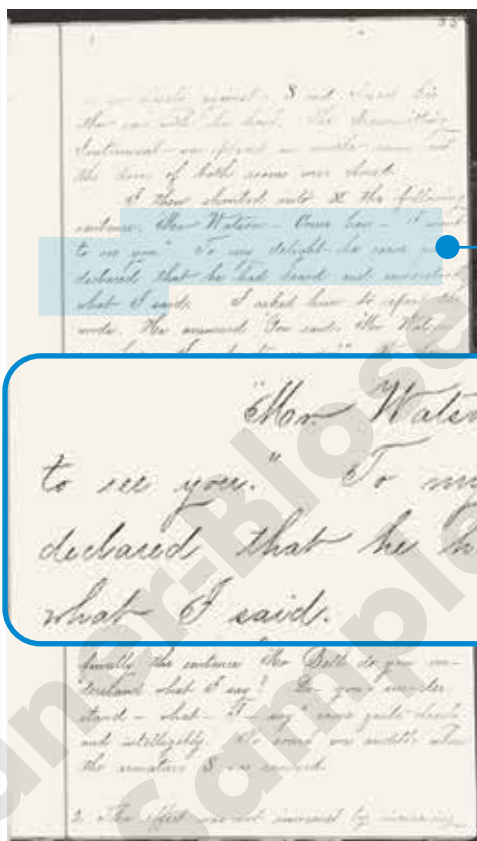
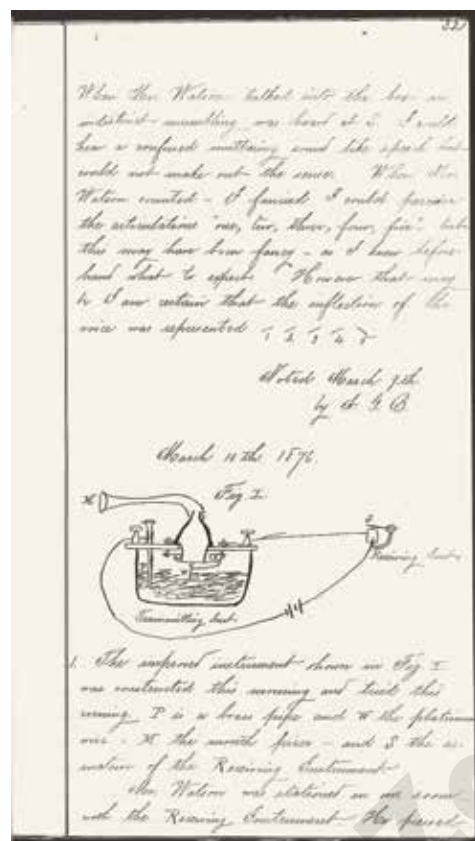
AN ACT declaring war between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the dependencies thereof and the United States of America and their territories.

The excerpt reads: AN ACT declaring war between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the dependencies thereof, and the United States of America and their territories.

AN ACT

Reading Historical Documents

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell wrote a notebook entry describing the first telephone call. Using the enlarged text to the right, copy the excerpt from the notebook in your best cursive handwriting.

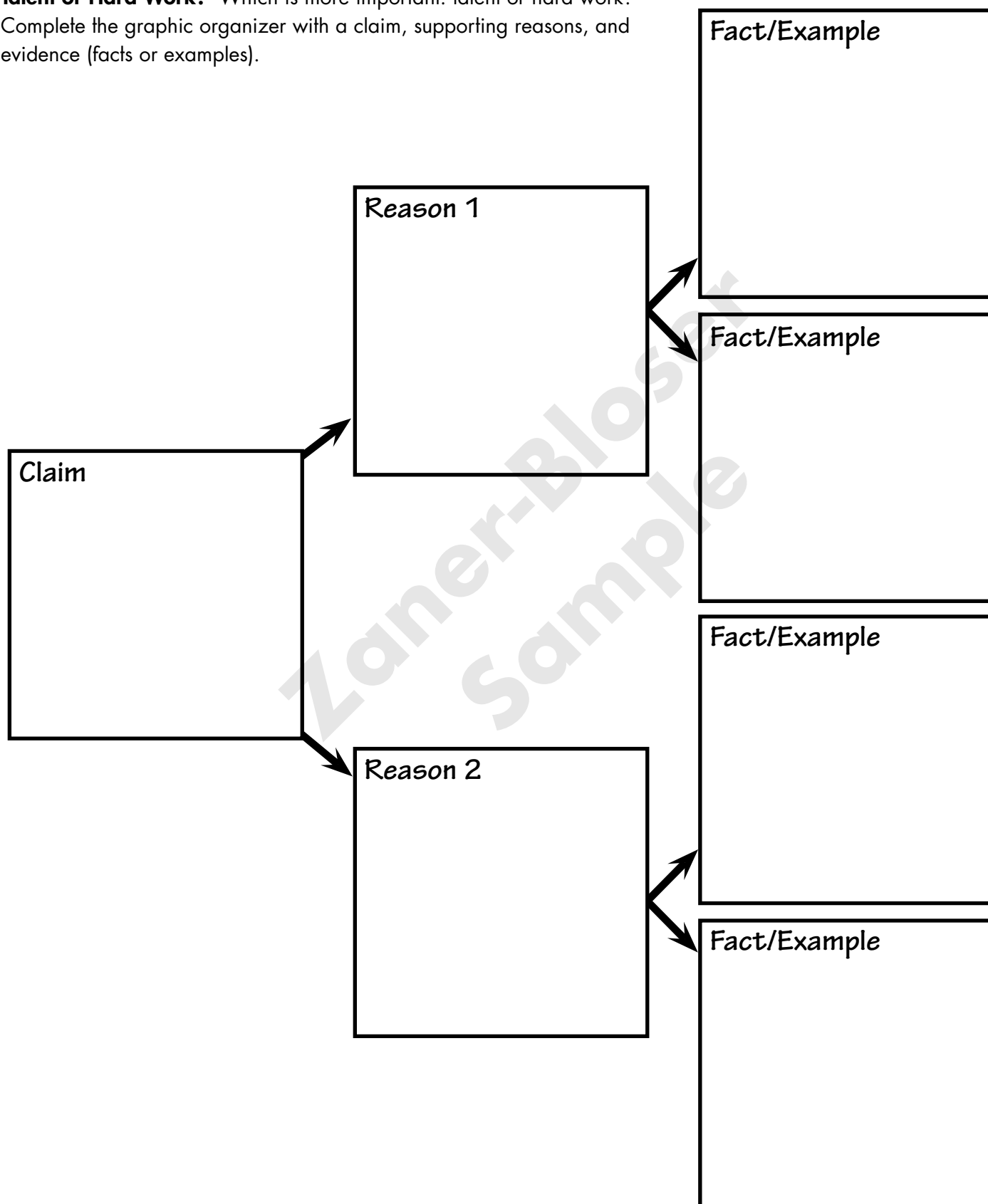


Mr. Watson - Come here - I want to see you." To my delight he came and declared that he had heard and understood what I said.

The excerpt reads: "Mr. Watson - Come here - I want to see you." To my delight he came and declared that he had heard and understood what I said.

Argument

Talent or Hard Work? Which is more important: talent or hard work?
Complete the graphic organizer with a claim, supporting reasons, and evidence (facts or examples).



Talent or Hard Work? Use the information from your graphic organizer to write an argument essay. Be sure to introduce your claim and organize your reasons and evidence clearly. Remember to indent the first line of each paragraph you write and leave space for margins.

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Sample



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