FUN with Handwriting

ACTIVITY L

Evaluating Slant

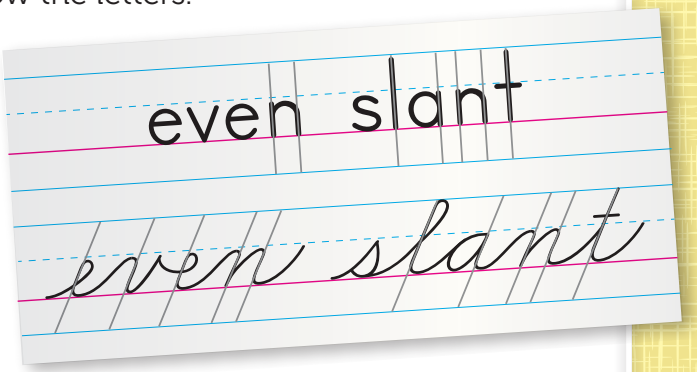
Grades 1–6

Purpose:
Evaluate writing for consistent slant

Materials:
appropriate paper and pencils

Model this simple strategy to help students check for consistent slant: draw straight lines through all the vertical strokes (manuscript) or diagonal strokes (cursive) in a word or phrase you have written on the board. Make the lines long enough to extend above and below the letters.

The slant is consistent when all the lines are parallel. If the lines are at different angles, the slant is irregular. The lines should be straight up and down for manuscript writing. For cursive writing, they should have a forward slant.



Ask partners to write short notes or riddles to each other using good handwriting. Ask each pair to exchange papers, read the messages, then check each other's writing for consistent slant using the parallel lines strategy. Ask volunteers to show samples of writing with consistent slant.

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