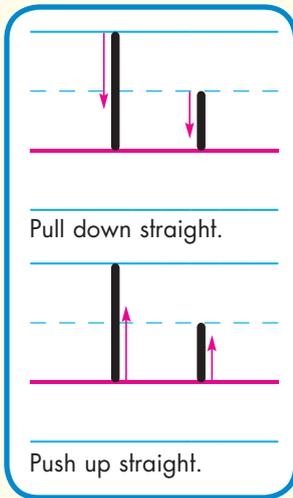


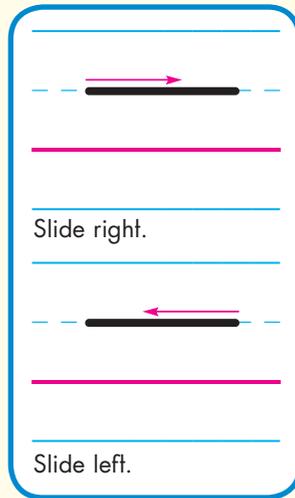
## Basic Strokes Form the Foundation

### Manuscript

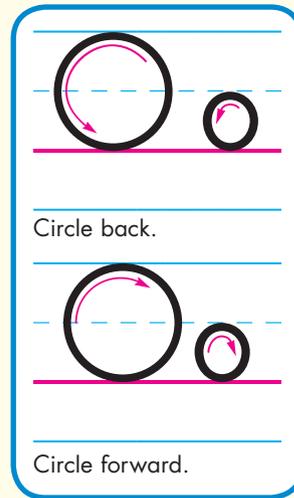
Four basic lines, or strokes, are used to form all manuscript letters and numerals—vertical, horizontal, circle, and diagonal.



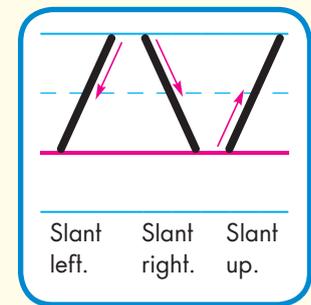
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**Horizontal**



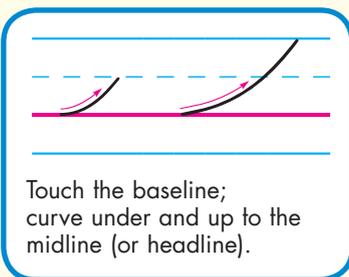
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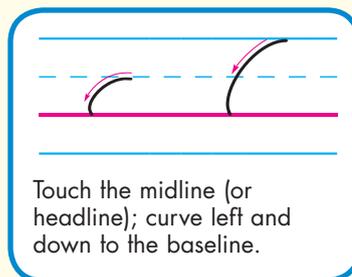
**Diagonal**

### Cursive

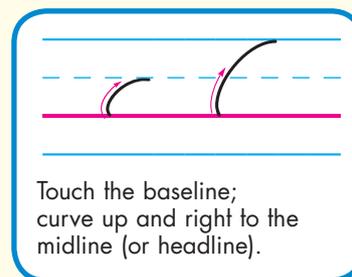
For grades 2–5, four basic strokes are used to form all cursive letters and numerals. These four strokes are undercurve, downcurve, overcurve, and diagonal.



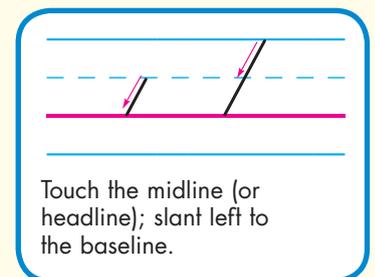
**Undercurve**



**Downcurve**



**Overcurve**



**Diagonal**