

# Why Zaner-Bloser?

## Start with the Four Keys to Legibility

**Shape, Size, Spacing, and Slant**—Four Keys to Legibility™—are the basis of Zaner-Bloser's unique instructional system. The Keys form an assessment rubric for teachers and students (see page 167 of this book). The Keys appear in the Student Edition to help students self-evaluate their handwriting. Self-evaluation is a key component in building confidence and helping students take ownership of their learning.

### Evaluate

#### Cursive Keys to Legibility

##### Shape

Make your lowercase cursive letters easy to read. There are four basic shapes.

##### undercurve



Circle undercurve letters.



Circle overcurve letters.

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Shape



### Evaluate

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Size



##### Size

Make your lowercase cursive letters easy to read. Look at the size.

##### Tall Letters

Tall letters touch the headline.

b d k

##### Short Letters

Short letters touch the midline.

a c e

Clear, consistent terminology throughout the Student Edition, across all grades

g j f

Circle the tall letters.

a c d e h i l t

Circle the short letters.

l m k o e b

Circle the letters that have descenders.

p q r t f j

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