

a b c d e f g h i j k l m

n o p q r s t u v w x y z

A B C D E F G

H I J K L M N O P Q

R S T U V W X Y Z

a b c d e f g h i j k

l m n o p q r s t

u v w x y z , ' . ? !

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J K L M N O P Q R

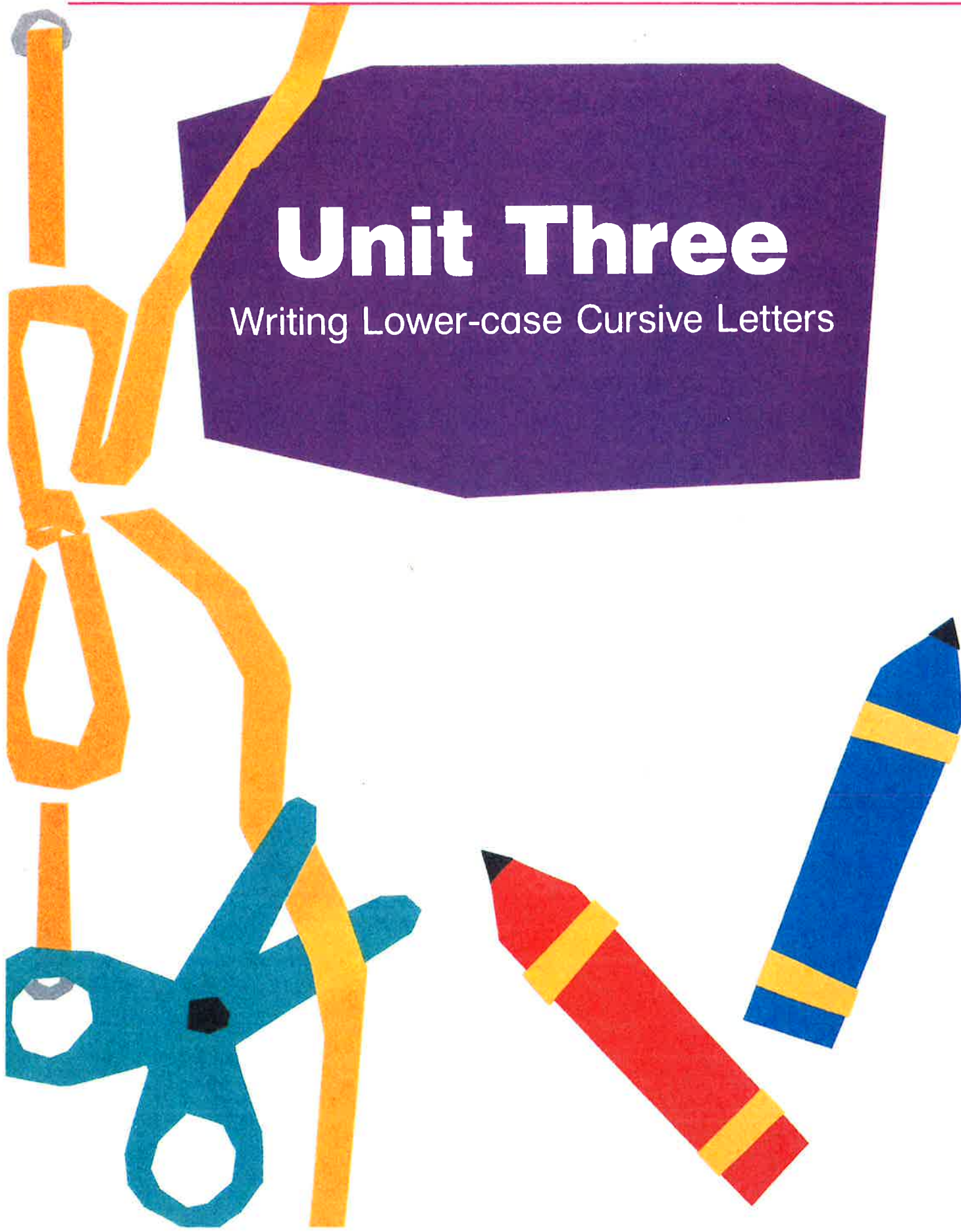
S T U V W X Y Z

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Name _____

Unit Three

Writing Lower-case Cursive Letters



Letter Size and Form

Cursive letters come in the same three sizes as manuscript letters. There are small letters, tall letters, and letters with descenders.

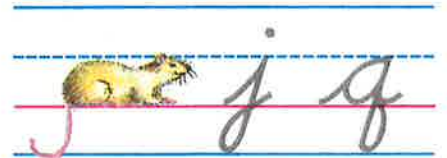
Trace these small letters.



Trace these tall letters.



Trace these letters with descenders.



You want people to be able to read what you have written. To make your handwriting easy to read, be sure to form your letters correctly. Here are some things to remember about forming cursive letters.

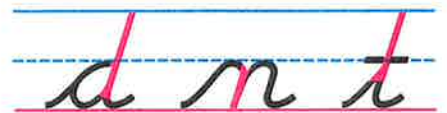
Some cursive letters must be closed.



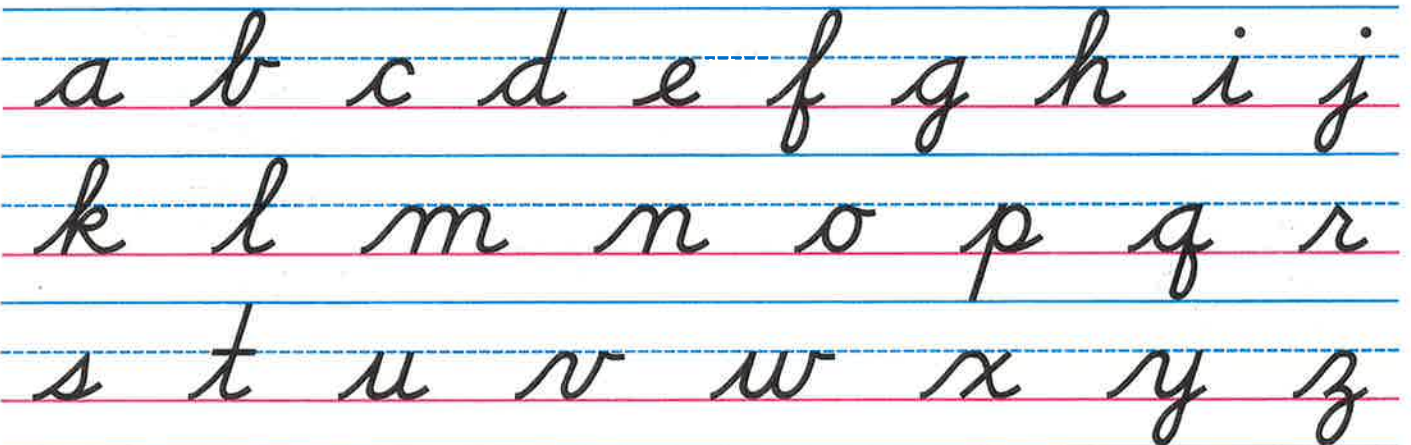
Some cursive letters have loops.



You must retrace when you write some cursive letters.

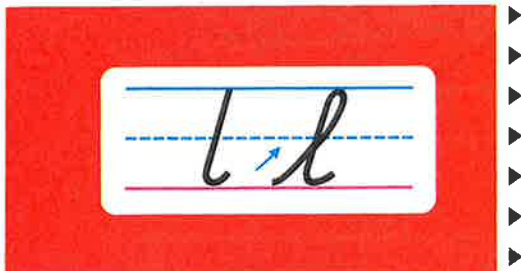


Look at the cursive alphabet below. Circle four letters that must be closed. Underline five letters that have loops. Put a ✓ above three letters that have retracing.



Writing Cursive l and h

You can see manuscript **l** and **h** in cursive
l and **h**. Begin with an uphill stroke.
Trace and write the letters.



Most cursive letters are joined near the
bottom line. Practice joining these letters.



Writing Cursive k and t

You can see manuscript **k** and **t** in cursive **k** and **t**. Begin with an uphill stroke.

Trace and write the letters.



k k

k k . . . k

t t

t t . . . t

Remember that most cursive letters are joined near the bottom line. Join the letters.

kl kl

kl

th th

th

lk lk

lk

ht ht

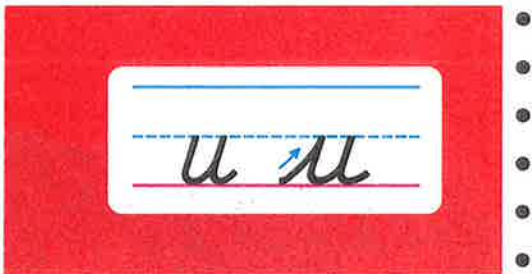
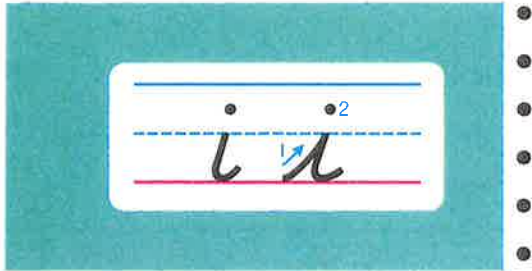
ht

tl tl

tl

Writing Cursive i and u

You can see manuscript **i** and **u** in cursive
i and **u**. Begin with an uphill stroke.
Trace and write the letters.



Now you can join letters in words.
Trace and write the words.

hill



it



kit



hut



lit



Writing Cursive e

You can see manuscript **e** in cursive **e**.

Begin with an uphill stroke.

Trace and write the letter.



Trace and write the words.

hike



tell



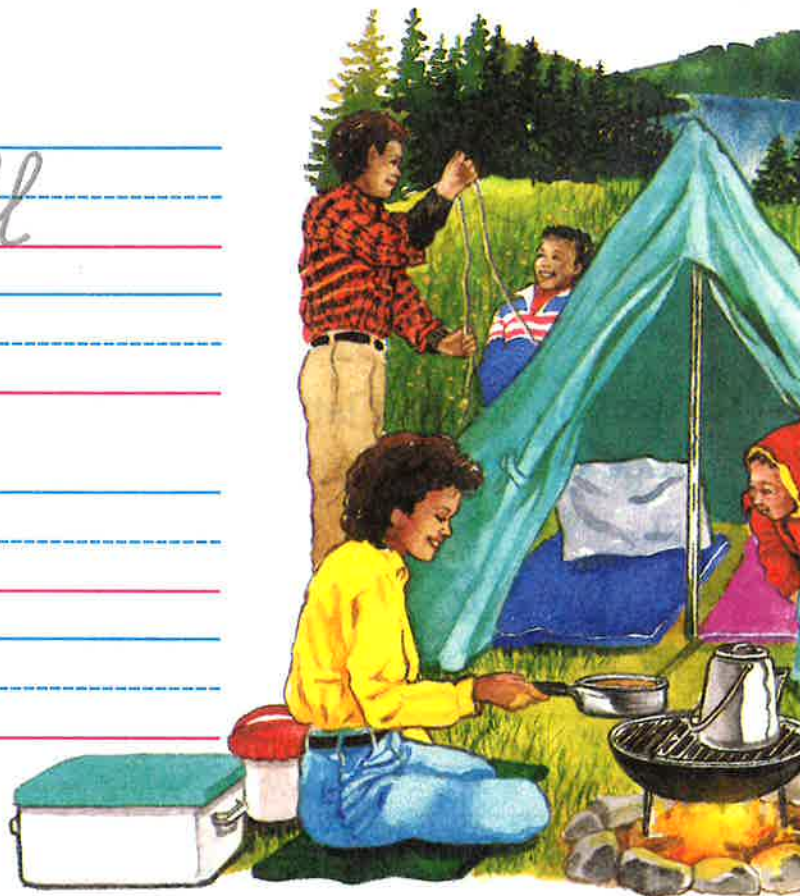
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tie

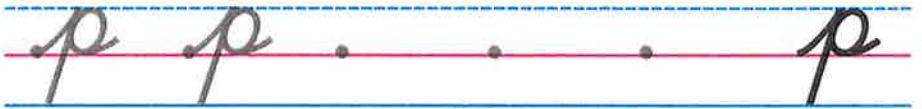
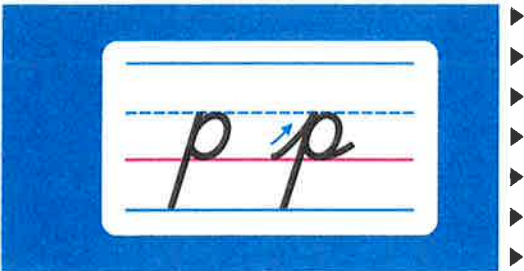
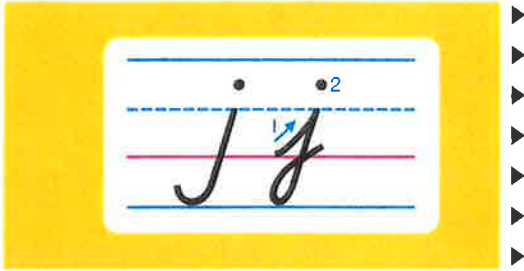


the little kettle



Writing Cursive j and p

You can see manuscript **j** and **p** in cursive **j** and **p**. Begin with an uphill stroke. Add an ending stroke. Trace and write the letters.



Trace and write the words.

jeep



help



peek



help put up



Practice

Write the letters.

l

l

h

h

k

k

t

t

i

i

u

u

e

e

j

j

p

p



Circle your best letter in each line.

l

Writing Cursive a

You can see manuscript **a** in cursive **a**.

Begin with an overhill stroke.

Trace and write the letter.



a a

a a . . . a

Remember that most cursive letters are joined near the bottom line.

Trace and write the words.

ape

ape

apple

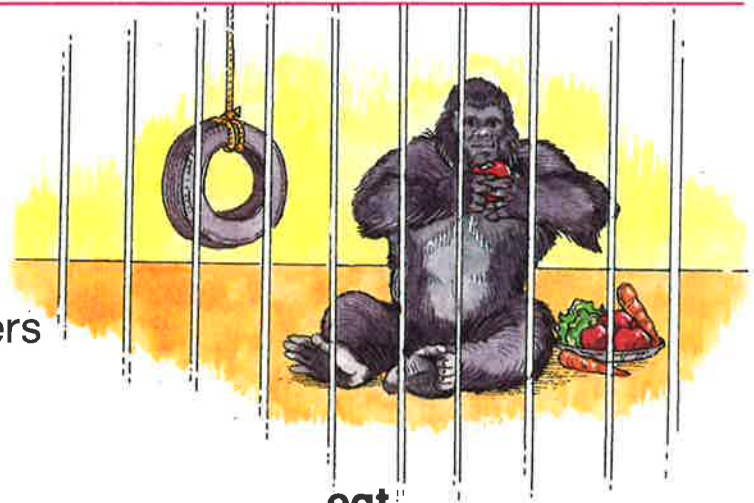
apple

eat

eat

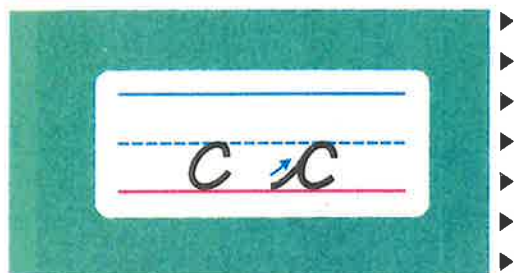
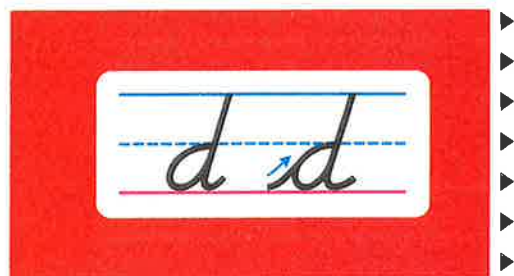
ate that apple

ate that apple



Writing Cursive d and c

You can see manuscript **d** and **c** in cursive **d** and **c**. Begin with an overhill stroke. Trace and write the letters.



d d . . . d

c c . . . c

Trace and write the words.

duck

duck

child

child

chick

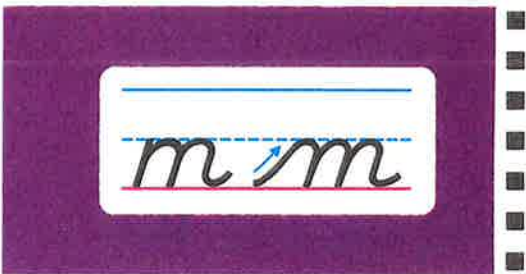
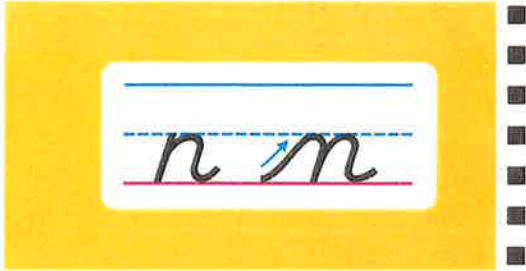
chick

held the duck

held the duck

Writing Cursive n and m

You can see manuscript **n** and **m** in cursive **n** and **m**. Begin with an overhill stroke. Trace and write the letters.



m m . . m

m m . . m



Trace and write the words.

an animal

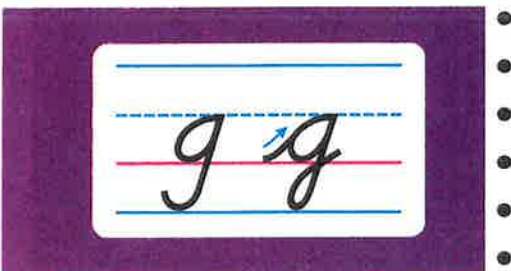
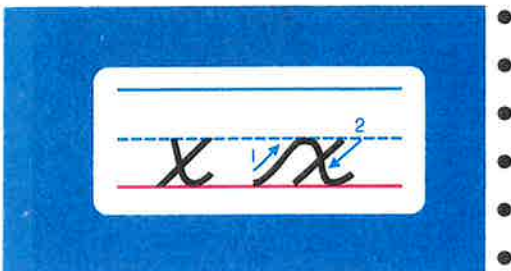
an animal

a llama and a camel

a llama and a camel

Writing Cursive x and g

You can see manuscript **x** and **g** in cursive **x** and **g**. Begin with an overhill stroke. Add an ending stroke to **g**. Trace and write the letters.



Trace and write the words.

king

king

jungle

jungle

huge

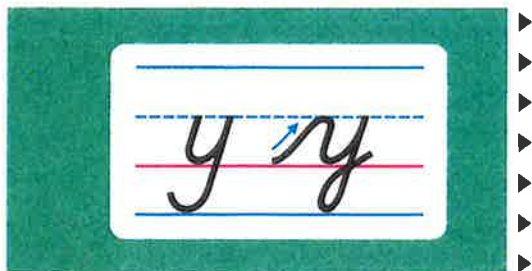
huge

in the next cage

in the next cage

Writing Cursive y and q

You can see manuscript **y** and **q** in cursive **y** and **q**. Begin with an overhill stroke. Add an ending stroke. Trace and write the letters.



Trace and write the words.

quite tiny

quite tiny



play quietly

play quietly

Practice

Write the letters.

a

a

d

d

c

c

m

m

m

m

x

x

g

g

y

y

g

g



Circle your best letter in each line.

Letter Slant and Spacing

When you write in cursive, slant all your letters the same way. You may slant your letters to the right or to the left. You may write them straight up and down. Do not slant your letters in different ways.

right
up and down

left
different

Which writing is hard to read? Why is it hard?

Use correct spacing when you write. The letters in a word should be evenly spaced. Leave more space between words than between letters in a word.

ahugecat

a huge cat

Which writing is easier to read? Why is it easier?

Write these words. Slant all your letters the same way. Use correct spacing.

hidden in the jungle

Do all your letters slant the same way?

Are the letters in your words evenly spaced?

Did you leave enough space between the words?

Yes No

☐☐☐☐☐☐

Writing Cursive o and w

You can see manuscript **o** and **w** in cursive **o** and **w**. Begin cursive **o** with an overhill stroke. Begin cursive **w** with an uphill stroke. Both letters end with a sidestroke. Trace and write the letters.



o o

o o . . o

w w

w w . . w

Cursive **o** and **w** join the next letter near the middle line. This changes the beginning stroke of the next letter. Trace and write the words.

a yellow yoyo

a yellow yoyo

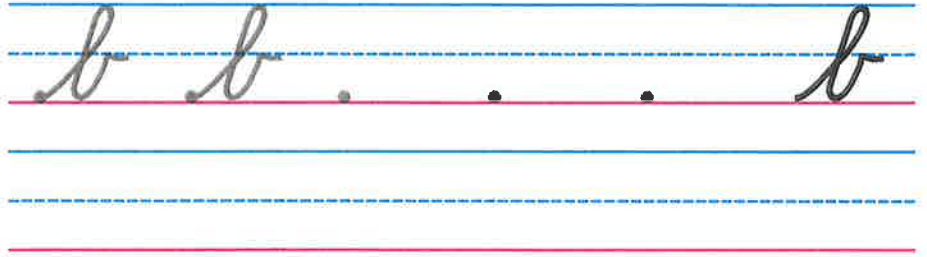
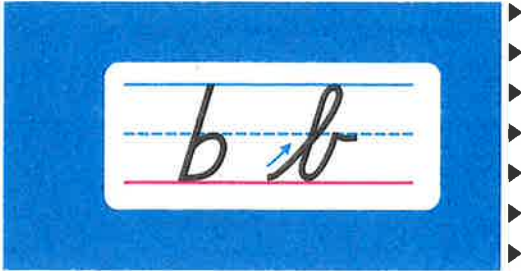
a new wagon

a new wagon



Writing Cursive b

Cursive **b** looks a little like manuscript **b**.
Begin with an uphill stroke and end with a
sidestroke. Trace and write the letter.



Cursive **b** joins the next letter near the middle line. This changes the beginning stroke of the next letter. Trace and write the words.



a bubble wand

a bubble wand

blow a big bubble

blow a big bubble

Practice

Write the letters.

o

o

w

w

b

b



Circle your best letter in each line.

Practice joining these letters.

bl

bl

by

by

op

op

on

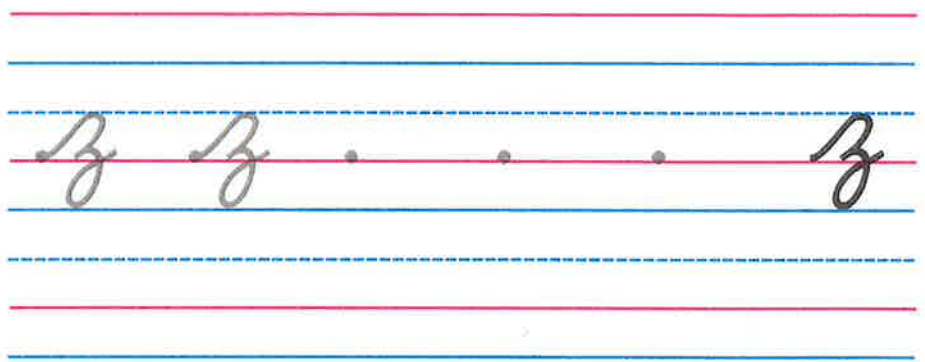
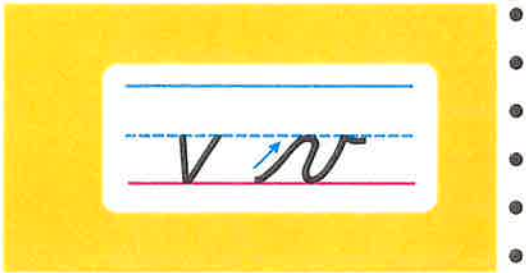
on

wh

wh

Writing Cursive v and z

Cursive **v** and **z** do not look like manuscript **v** and **z**. Begin cursive **v** and **z** with an overhill stroke. Cursive **v** ends with a sidestroke. Trace and write the letters.

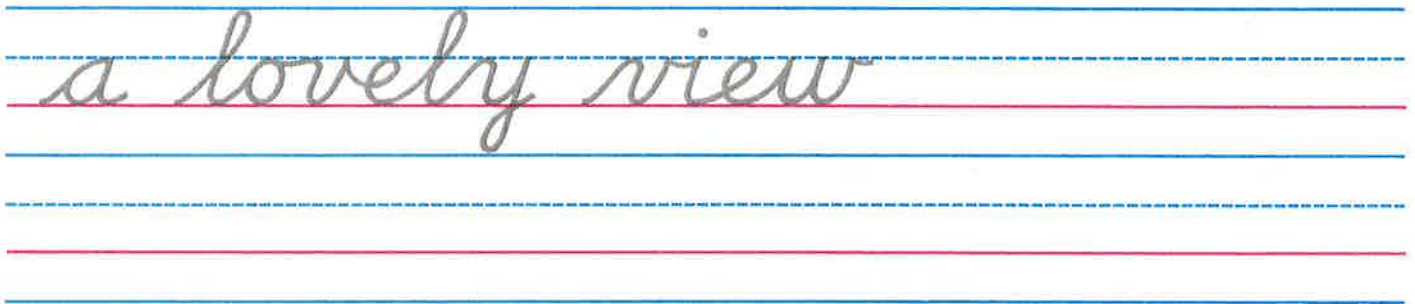


Trace and write the words.

a lazy day

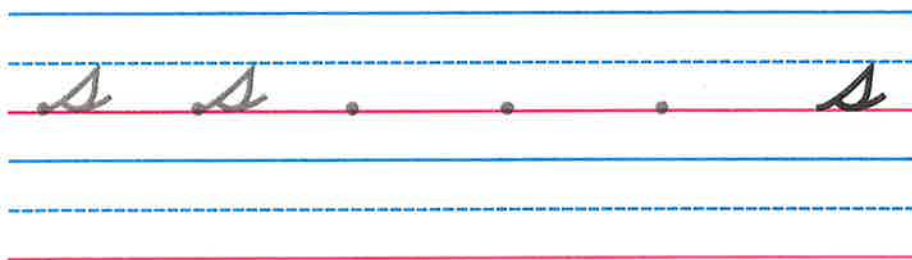
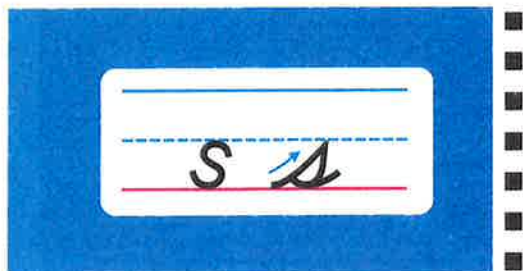


a lovely view



Writing Cursive s

Cursive **s** does not look like manuscript **s**.
Begin cursive **s** with an uphill stroke. Trace
and write the letter.



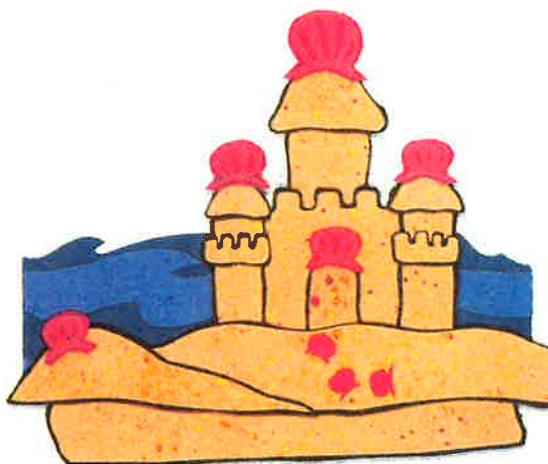
Trace and write the words.

sandy

sandy

sunny

sunny



sea and sand

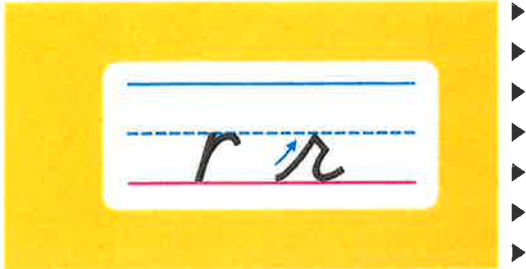
sea and sand

shells on castles

shells on castles

Writing Cursive r

Cursive **r** does not look like manuscript **r**.
Begin cursive **r** with an uphill stroke. Trace
and write the letter.



Trace and write the words.
under the water



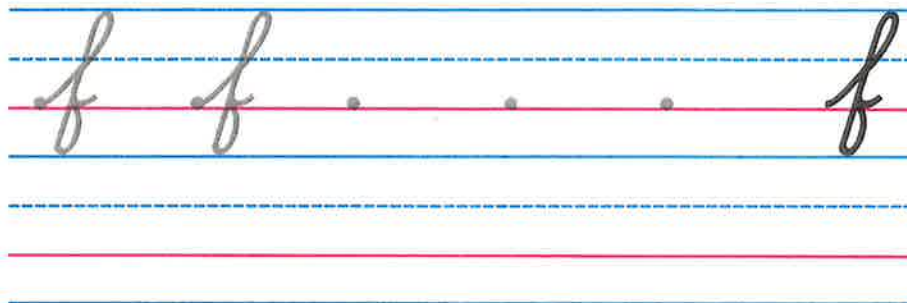
under the water

three large crabs in a hurry

*three large crabs in a
hurry*

Writing Cursive f

Cursive **f** does not look like manuscript **f**.
Begin cursive **f** with an uphill stroke. Trace
and write the letter.



Trace and write the words.

fancy fins on fish

fancy fins on fish

five different fish

five different fish



Joining Sidestroke Letters

The letters **o**, **w**, **b**, and **v** must join the next letter near the middle line. This changes the beginning stroke of the next letter. Trace and write the joined letters and words.



ve ve ve

dive

br br br

brave

or or or

shore

os os os

toss

ws ws ws

claws

Practice

Write the letters.

n

n

z

z

s

s

r

r

f

f



Circle your best letter in each line.

n

Practice joining these letters.

fr

shr

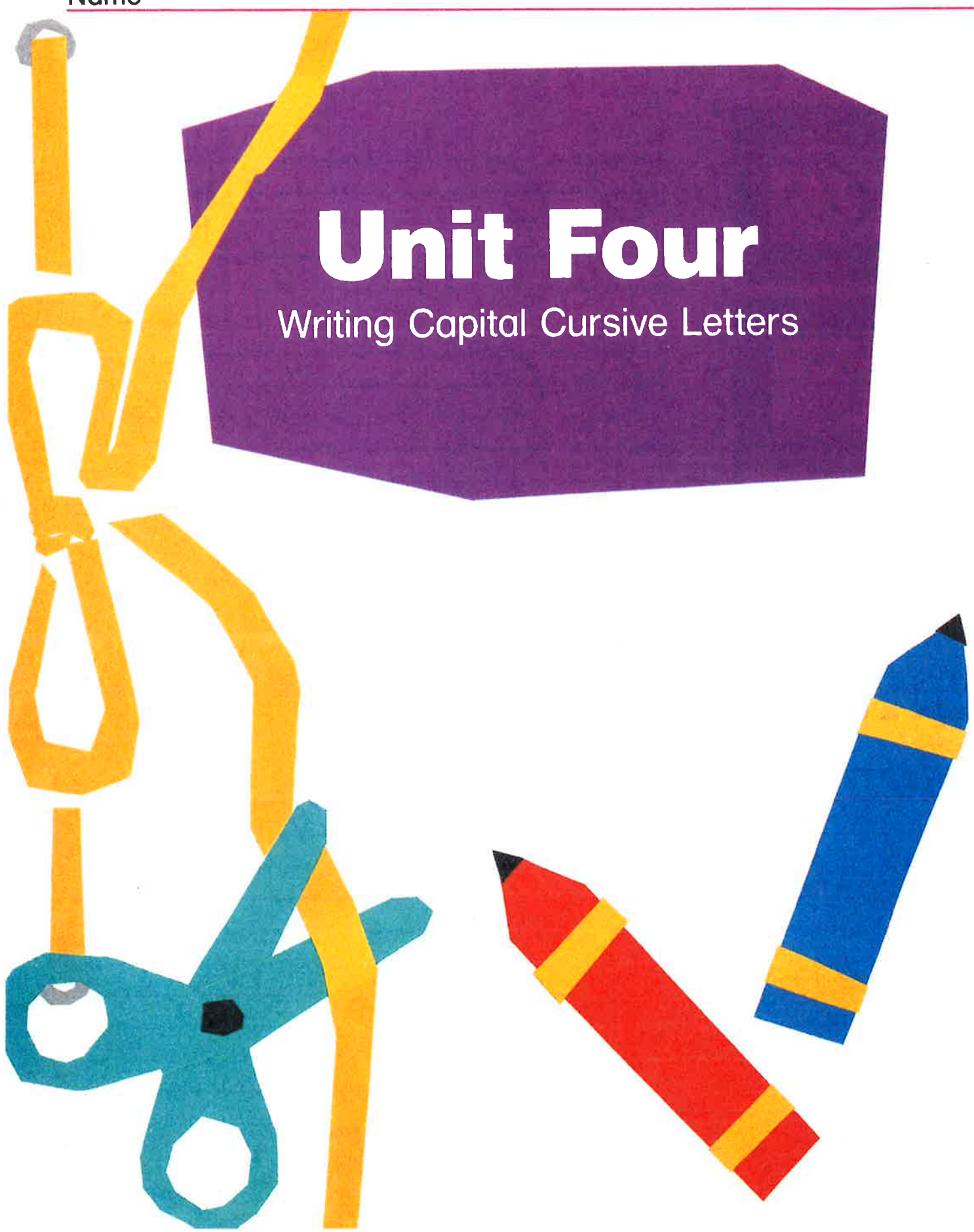
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zz

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Unit Four

Writing Capital Cursive Letters

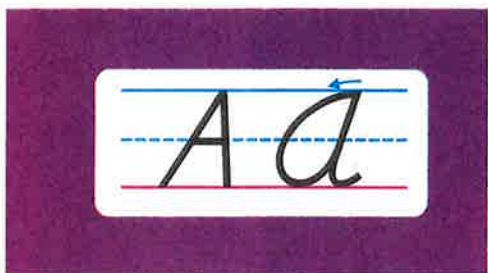


Writing Cursive A and C

Cursive **A** does not look like manuscript **A**.

Cursive **C** looks like manuscript **C**.

Trace and write the letters.



a a . . . a



c c . . . c

Trace and write the sentence. Be sure to join cursive **A** and **C** to the letter that comes next.

Come to the amazing Apollo Circus!

Come to the amazing
Apollo Circus!

Writing Cursive E and O

Cursive **E** looks a little like manuscript **E**.
You can see manuscript **O** in cursive **O**.
Trace and write the letters.



E E

E E . . . E

O O

O O . . . O

Trace and write the sentences.

Join cursive **E** to the letter that follows it.

Do not join cursive **O** to the next letter.

Elephants take a bow.



Elephants take a bow.

Omar trains them.

Omar trains them.

Practice

Write the letters.

a

a

c

c

e

e

o

o



Circle your best letter in each line.

Write the names.

Ollie's Clown Company

Eva's Acrobats

Annie's Animals

Addressing an Envelope

Carla wrote to her pen pal, Andrew, to tell him about the circus. Then she addressed an envelope for her letter.

Copy the addresses in the space below. Form your letters and numbers correctly so the Postal Service will know where to deliver the letter. Try to keep your writing straight even though there are no writing lines. Notice that the addresses are written in capital manuscript letters.

CARLA CRUZ

605 ELM AVENUE

OAKLAND CA 94610

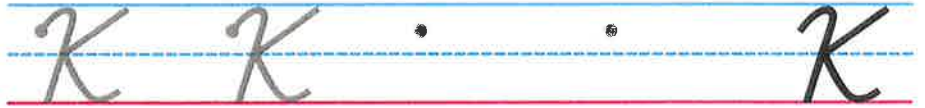
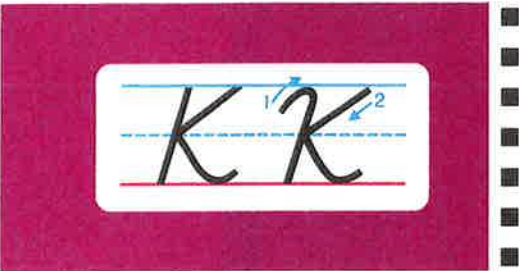
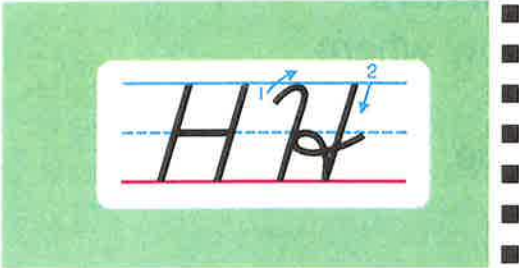
ANDREW EVANS

77 OAK COURT

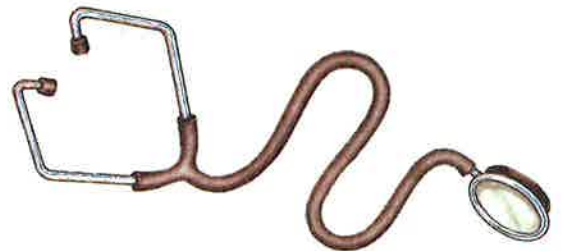
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Writing Cursive H and K

You can see manuscript **H** and **K** in cursive **H** and **K**. Trace and write the letters.



Trace and write the sentence.
Join cursive **K** to the letter that follows it.
Do not join cursive **H** to the next letter.



Kathy Hobbs works at Kane Hospital.

Kathy Hobbs works at
Kane Hospital.

Writing Cursive N and M

Cursive **N** and **M** look a little like manuscript **N** and **M**. Trace and write the letters.



N n

n n . . n

M m

m m . . m

Trace and write the sentence. Join cursive **N** and **M** to the letters that follow them.

Mr. Nash plays in the Melody Makers.



*Mr. Nash plays in the
Melody Makers.*

Writing Cursive U and V

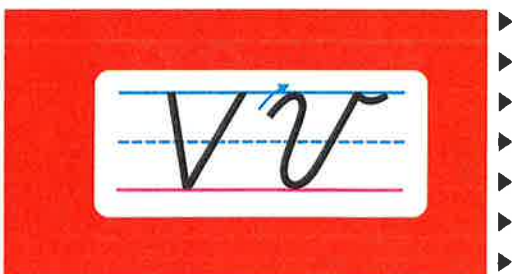
Cursive **U** looks very much like manuscript **U**.

Cursive **V** looks a little like manuscript **V**.

Trace and write the letters.



u u . . u



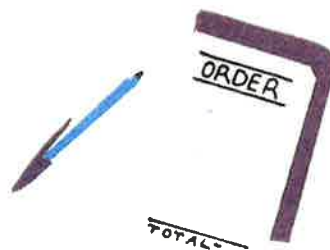
v v . . v

Trace and write the sentence.

Join cursive **U** to the letter that follows it.

Do not join cursive **V** to the next letter.

Uncle Vic is a waiter at the Village Cafe.



Uncle Vic is a waiter
at the Village Cafe.

Writing Cursive W and Y

Cursive **W** and **Y** look a little like manuscript **W** and **Y**. Trace and write the letters.



W W . . W



y y . . y

Trace and write the sentence.

Join cursive **Y** to the letter that follows it.

Do not join cursive **W** to the next letter.

Yes, Yolanda works for World Airlines.



Yes, Yolanda works for
World Airlines.

Practice

Write the letters.

H

H

K

K

n

n

m

m

u

u

v

v

w

w

y

y



Circle your best letter in each line.



Writing Proper Nouns

Special names for people, places, and things are called proper nouns. Proper nouns begin with capital letters. Write these proper nouns. Use cursive handwriting.

Miss Helen Ko

65 East Villa Avenue

Omaha, Nebraska

North America

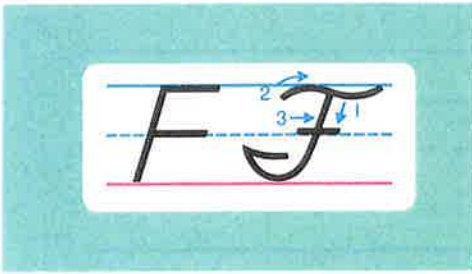
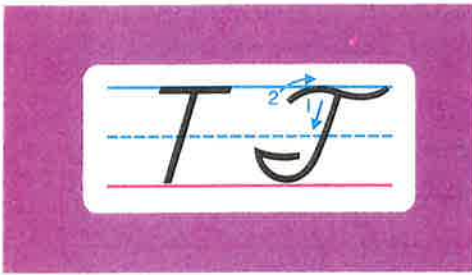
Wednesday

November 21

Charlie Needs a Cloak

Writing Cursive T and F

Cursive **T** and **F** look a little like manuscript **T** and **F**. Trace and write the letters.



Trace and write the sentence. Do not join cursive **T** and **F** to the letters that follow them.

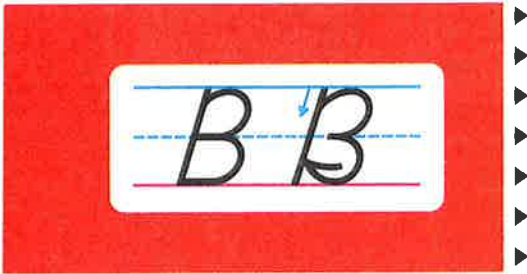


Fred will go to Tim's party on Friday.

Fred will go to Tim's
party on Friday.

Writing Cursive B

Cursive **B** looks like manuscript **B**. Trace and write the letter.



Trace and write the sentences. Do not join cursive **B** to the letter that follows it.

Birthdays are fun.

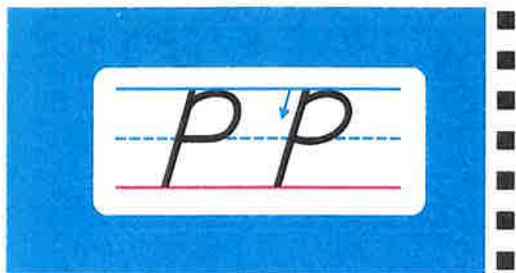
Birthdays are fun.

Becky gave **B**onnie a birthday gift.

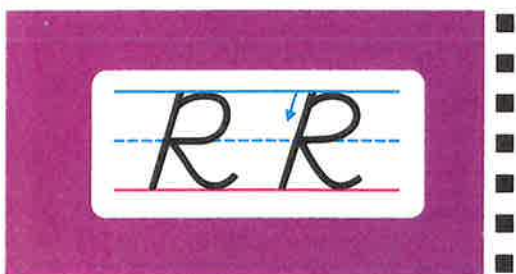
Becky gave Bonnie a birthday gift.

Writing Cursive P and R

You can see manuscript **P** and **R** in cursive **P** and **R**. Trace and write the letters.



p p . . p



R R . . R

Trace and write the sentences.

Join cursive **R** to the letter that follows it.

Do not join cursive **P** to the next letter.

Paul opens the door.

Paul opens the door.

Please come in, Rita.

Please come in, Rita.

Writing an Invitation

Brian Riley is having a birthday party. He sent invitations to his friends.

Copy Brian's invitation. Write smaller than usual to fit the words on the lines. Try to make your tall letters twice as tall as your small letters.



You're Invited!



What: a Birthday Party

for Brian Riley

When: Friday, May 31

4:00 P.M.

Where: 32 Tower Trail

Please Come!



You're Invited!



What: _____

When: _____

Where: _____

Please Come!

Practice

Write the letters.

T

T

F

F

B

B

p

p

R

R



Circle your best letter in each line.

Write the date and the address.

Tuesday, February 5

78 Bent Pine Road

Writing Cursive G and S

Cursive **G** and **S** do not look like manuscript **G** and **S**. Trace and write the letters.

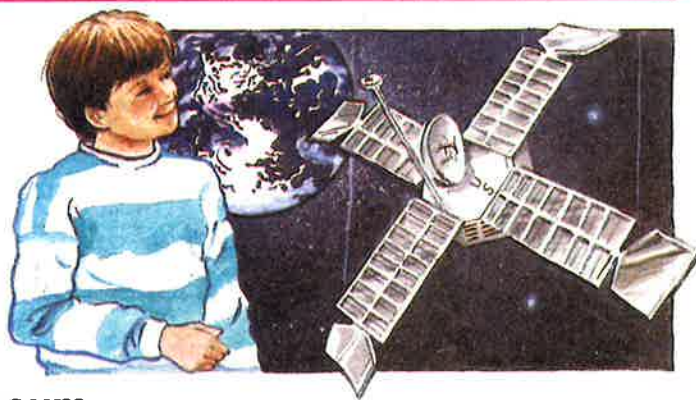
G G

G G . . G

S S

S S . . S

Trace and write the sentence. Do not join cursive **G** and **S** to the letters that follow them.



Gabe Soto went to the Science Museum.

Gabe Soto went to the
Science Museum.

Writing Cursive I

Cursive **I** does not look like manuscript **I**. Trace and write the letter.



I i

I i . . i

Trace and write the sentences.

Join cursive **I** to the letter that follows it.

Always write the pronoun **I** with a capital letter.

Irene and I like the Insect Room.

*Irene and I like the
Insect Room.*

Insects are interesting.

Insects are interesting.

Writing Cursive Q and Z

Cursive **Q** and **Z** do not look like manuscript **Q** and **Z**. Trace and write the letters.



Q 2

2 2 . . 2

Z z

z z . . z

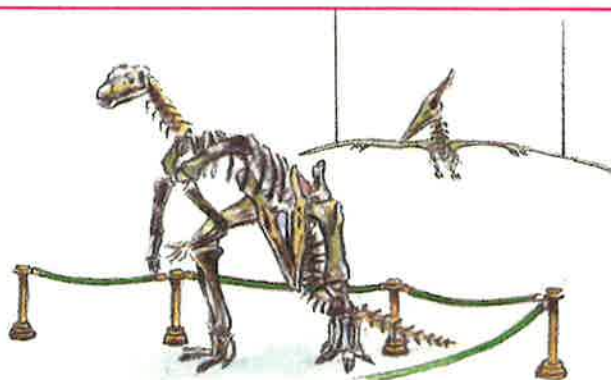
Trace and write the sentence. Join cursive **Q** and **Z** to the letters that follow them.

Zeb asked Mr. Quinn a question.

Zeb asked Mr. Quinn
a question.

Writing Cursive D

Cursive **D** looks something like manuscript **D**.
Trace and write the letter.



Trace and write the sentences.
Do not join cursive **D** to the next letter.

Don't miss Dinosaur Hall!

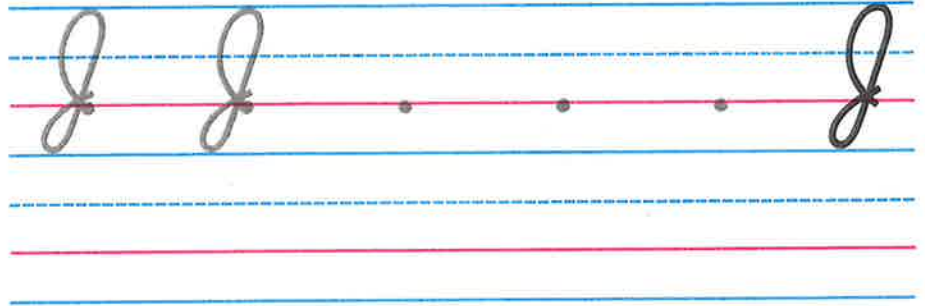
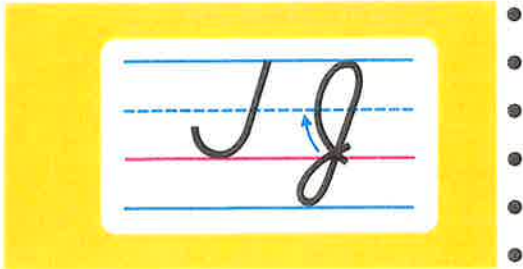
Don't miss Dinosaur
Hall!

Dinosaurs are extinct.

Dinosaurs are extinct.

Writing Cursive J

Cursive J does not look like manuscript J. Trace and write the letter.



Trace and write the sentences. Join cursive J to the letter that follows it.

Josh and Jenny saw a model of Jupiter.

Josh and Jenny saw
a model of Jupiter.

Just look at this, Joe!

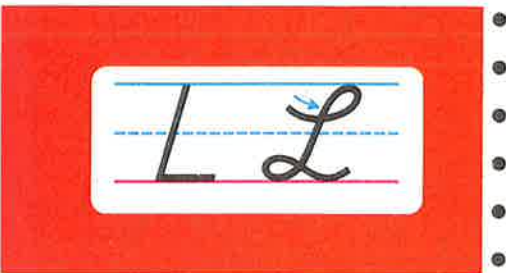
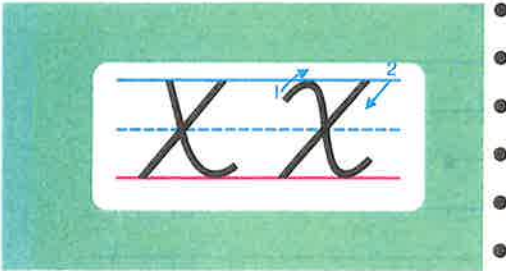
Just look at this, Joe!

Writing Cursive X and L

You can see manuscript **X** in cursive **X**.

Cursive **L** looks something like manuscript **L**.

Trace and write the letters.



Trace and write the sentence.

Join cursive **L** to the letter that follows it.

Do not join cursive **X** to the next letter.

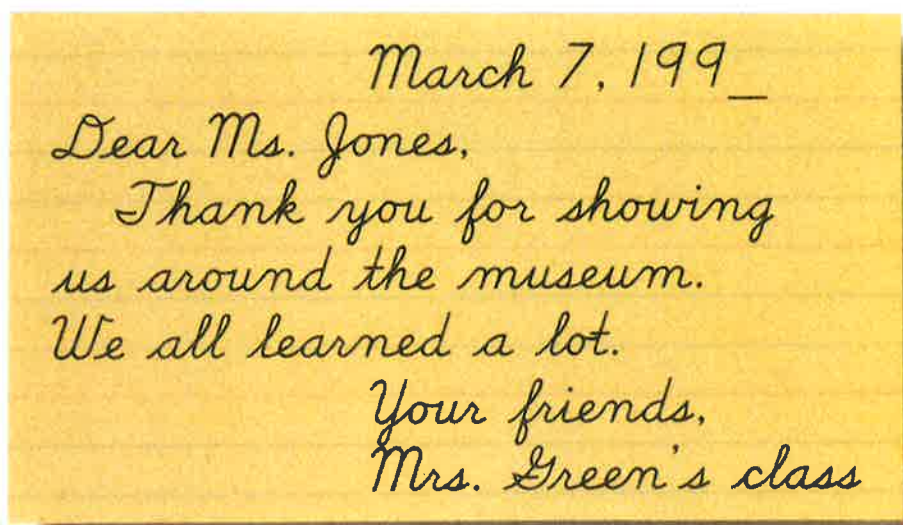
Look at the fossils in Room X.



Look at the fossils in
Room X.

Writing a Thank-you Note

Mrs. Green's class visited the Natural History Museum.
The children wrote a thank-you note to the museum guide.
Copy the note. Slant all your letters the same way.



Practice

Write the letters.

G

G

S

S

l

l

2

2

z

z

D

D

J

J

X

X

L

L



Circle your best letter in each line.

Carefully trace and write each pair of letters.

Aa



a

Bb



B

Cc



C

Dd



d

Ee



e

Ff



f

Gg



g

Hh



h

Practice writing short sentences.



Amanda ate apples.



Bo buys balloons.

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Cindy can count.



Dan dives deep.



Eddie eats eggs.



Fred Frog floats.



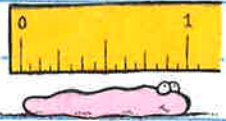
Gail gathers grapes.



Hal has a hat.

Trace and write.

li



Jj



Kk



Ll



Mm



Nn



Oo



Pp



Qq





Iggie is an inch.



Jack just jumps.



Kristen flies a kite.



Leo likes lunch.



Mia makes music.



Ned Newt naps.



Otto Owl hoots.



Pat plays piano.



Queen Quail quilts.

Trace and write.

Rr



Ss



Tt



Uu



Vv



Ww



Xx



Yy



Zz





Rick runs races.



Sue saves string.



Tim teaches tennis.



Uma umpires.



Vic values his violin.




Walt wears a wig.



Xavier is a fox.



Yolanda yawns.



Zed zips zippers.