

We hope you find these resources, taken on evidence based research and our Letterjoin handwriting scheme to support your child helpful.

Correct pencil for you.  Remember the...  Warm-up

Correct grip  ...Golden Rules...  Feet on the floor.
Tummy close to the table.
Body upright.

Paper at an angle  ...everytime you write.  Correct with a simple line.

Writing Rap

1, 2, 3, 4,
Are your feet flat on the floor?

5, 6, 7, 8,
Is your back nice and straight?

9, 10, 11, 12,
Check the way your pencils held.

13, 14, 15, 16,
Is your paper correctly seen?

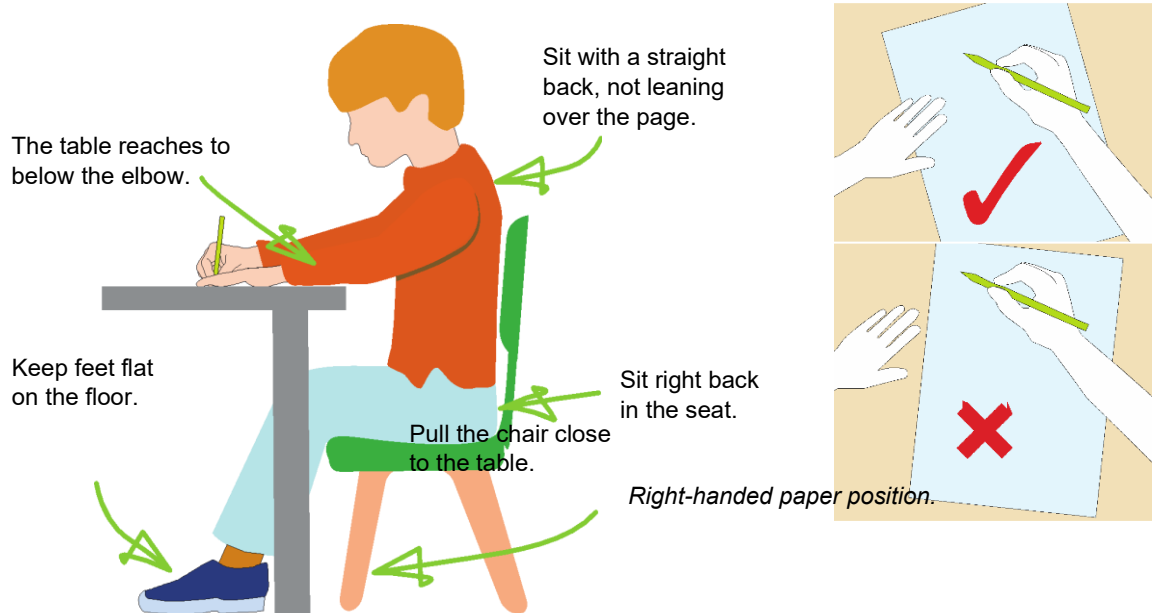
17, 18, 19, 20,
Now you're ready, to write plenty!



Correct posture, pencil grip and paper position for handwriting

Children are taught to sit correctly at a table and hold a pencil comfortably and correctly.

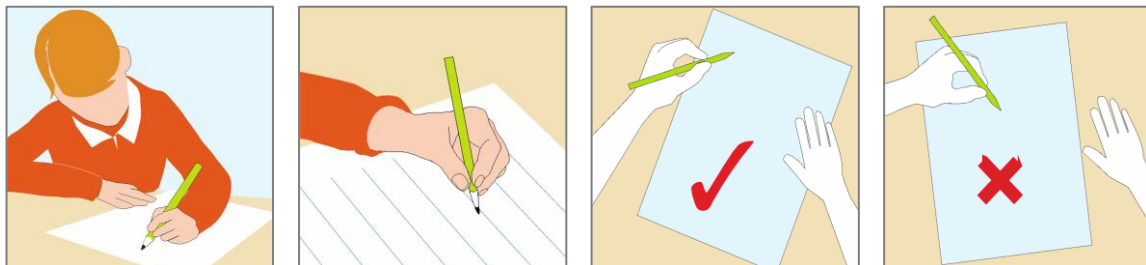
Sitting position



Left-handed writer

Left-handed children may find it difficult to follow the movements of right-handed teachers as they model letter formation (and vice versa). Teachers will demonstrate to left-handers on an individual or group basis.

- Left-handed children should sit to the left of a right-handed child so that they are not competing for space.
- Pupils should position the paper/book to their left side and slanted, as shown.
- Pencils should not be held too close to the point as this can interrupt pupils' line of vision.
- Extra practice with left-to-right exercises may be necessary before children write left-to-right automatically.



Left-handed paper position.

Resources to Support your child with handwriting

The Tripod Pencil Grip

Both right and left-handed children should use the tripod grip which enables the pen/pencil to be held securely whilst allowing controlled movements of the pen/pencil nib.

We use the Tripod Grip rhyme:

Right-handed pencil grip



Point away the pencil,



Pinch it near the tip,



Lift it off the table,

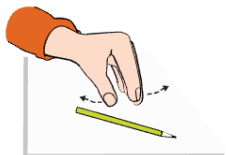


Spin it round...



and grip.

Left-handed pencil grip



Point away the pencil,



Pinch it near the tip,



Lift it off the table,



Spin it round...



and grip.

Capital Letters

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

Cursive lowercase letters

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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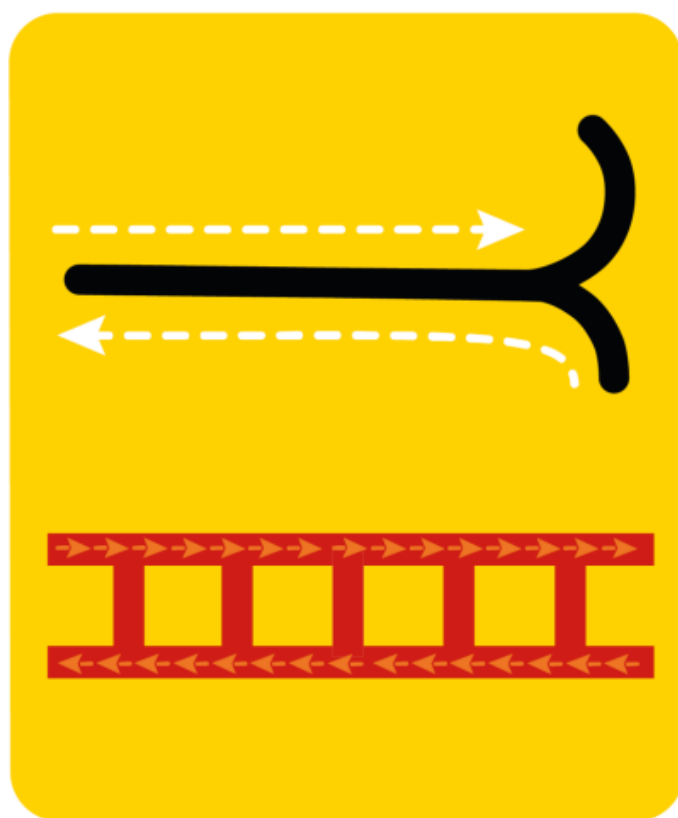
Curly Caterpillar Letters



a d c o f e s g q

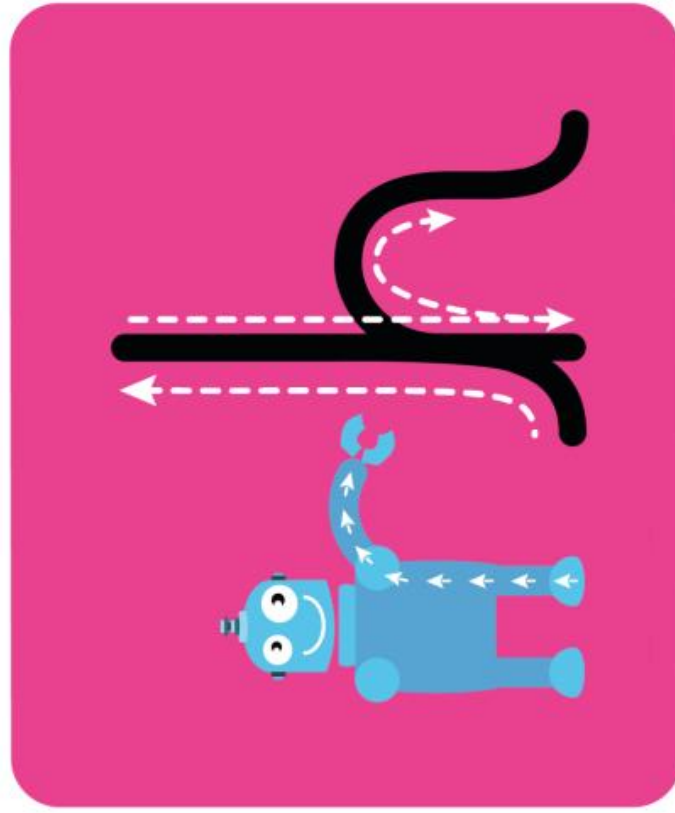
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Long Ladder Letters



i l t u j y

One-armed Robot Letters



b h k m n p r

Zig-zag Letters

