HANDWRITING BOOK

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17.0 Handwriting

I’m Alex and I’m going to help you with handwriting.

You’re going to start joining letters using the exits and entries learned already. You’ll be writing words like:

cap  play  slip

Try to use the new joins whenever you write.
17.1 Practising letters with exits and pointed entry letters

Do you remember that an exit is the way out of a letter and an entry is the way in?

1. Circle the exits in green. Circle the pointed entries in orange.

```
a i c j d p e u h
k v l m w n y t
```

2. Trace over the exit strokes in this pattern.

```
Ⅰ ⅠⅠ ⅠⅠ ⅠⅠ ⅠⅠ ⅠⅠ ⅠⅠ ⅠⅠ ⅠⅠ ⅠⅠ ⅠⅠ ⅠⅠ
```

3. Trace and then write these letters with exits.

```
a  c  d  e
h  i  k  l  m
n  t  u  x
```
4. Trace over the pointed entries in this pattern.

5. Trace and then write these letters with pointed entries.

6. Write an exit letter followed by a pointed entry letter. Try to join the letters. Try a few times.
17.2 Joining letters with exits to pointed entry letters

We join letters with exits to letters with pointed entries with a straight line. This line is called a diagonal join. Look at this word.

cap

Can you work out how to join the letter a to p?

1. Draw a line to show how you think the letter a joins to p in the word above.

2. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing a joined to these letters.

ai aj ap au

Remember, the letters are joined by a straight line.
3. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing c joined to these letters.

\[
\begin{array}{llll}
  ci & cu & cy & ci \\
  ci & cu & cy & ci \\
\end{array}
\]

4. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing d joined to these letters.

\[
\begin{array}{llllll}
  di & du & dv & dw & dy \\
  di & du & dv & dw & dy \\
\end{array}
\]

5. Trace over the grey letters that join in these words.

\[
\begin{array}{ll}
  dip & play \\
  happy & city \\
\end{array}
\]

If you can see any other exits to join to pointed entries, join them too.
17.3 Learning about diagonal joins

You’re going to learn more about joining letters with exits to letters with pointed entries. Look at this word.

eight

Can you work out how to join the letter e to i?

1. Draw a line to show how you think the letter e joins to i in the word above.

2. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing e joined to these letters.

\[
ei \quad ej \quad ep \quad eu
\]

\[
ei \quad ej \quad ep \quad eu
\]

\[
ev \quad ew \quad ey
\]

\[
ev \quad ew \quad ey
\]

Remember, the letters are joined by a straight line.
3. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing \( h \) joined to these letters.

\[ hi \quad hu \quad hy \quad hi \quad hu \quad hy \]

\[ hi \quad hu \quad hy \quad hi \quad hu \quad hy \]

4. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing \( i \) joined to these letters.

\[ ii \quad ip \quad in \quad iv \quad iw \quad iy \]

\[ ii \quad ip \quad in \quad iv \quad iw \quad iy \]

5. Trace over the grey letters that join in these words.

- **blew**
- **slip**
- **hut**
- **jeep**

If you can see any other exits to join to pointed entries, join them too.
17.4 More diagonal joins 1

There are more letters with exits for you to join to letters with pointed entries today. Look at this word.

kiss

Can you work out how to join the letter \( k \) to \( i \)?

1. Draw a line to show how you think the letter \( k \) joins to \( i \) in the word above.

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
ki & ku & kv & kw & ky \\
ki & ku & kv & kw & ky \\
\end{array}
\]

2. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing \( k \) joined to these letters.

Remember, the letters are joined by a straight line.
3. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing \( l \) joined to these letters.

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
\text{l} & \text{p} & \text{u} & \text{v} \\
\text{l} & \text{p} & \text{u} & \text{v} \\
\text{l} & \text{p} & \text{u} & \text{v} \\
\text{l} & \text{p} & \text{u} & \text{v} \\
\end{array}
\]

4. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing \( m \) joined to these letters.

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
\text{m} & \text{i} & \text{p} & \text{u} \\
\text{m} & \text{i} & \text{p} & \text{u} \\
\text{m} & \text{i} & \text{p} & \text{u} \\
\text{m} & \text{i} & \text{p} & \text{u} \\
\end{array}
\]

5. Trace over the grey letters that join in these words.

- kite
- help
- chimp
- line
17.5 More diagonal joins 2

You’re going to learn about joining more letters with exits to letters with pointed entries. Look at this word.

nip

Can you work out how to join all the letters?

1. Draw lines to show how you think the letters join in the word above.

2. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing n joined to these letters.

Remember, the letters are joined by a straight line.
3. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing t joined to these letters.

```
  ti  tu  tw  ty
  ti  tu  tw  ty
```

4. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing u joined to these letters.

```
  ui  uj  up  uv  uw  uy
  ui  uj  up  uv  uw  uy
```

5. Trace over the grey letters that join in these words.

```
number 7   tin

tug   uphill
```
17.6 Which letters join?

You’re going to think about the Beginner’s Alphabet and the Cursive Alphabet.

1. Write these words in Cursive Alphabet. Join the letters with exits to the letters with pointed entries.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Beginner’s Alphabet</th>
<th>Cursive Alphabet</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>five</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>two</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nine</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>seven</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eight</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2. Write your name. Join any letters with exits followed by pointed entry letters.

3. Try to join the grey letters in these words.

camp  tin
skirt  curl
18.0 Revising diagonal joins

Let's practise the diagonal joins again.

1. Trace over the grey letters to practise joining the letters with exits to the pointed entry letters.

```
brain

king

circle

duck
```
2. Write the letters to finish these words.

Remember to join letters using a diagonal join.

ke____

fr____t

mon____

ju____

3____

____x

f____e

so____
18.1 Practising patterns

You’re going to learn how to join letters with exits to letters with rounded entries. Let’s practise those letters now.

1. Circle the exits in green. Circle the rounded entries in red.

Do you remember that an exit is the way out of a letter and an entry is the way in?

a i c j d p e u h k v l m w n y t

2. Trace over the exit strokes in this pattern.

3. Trace and then write these letters with exits.

a   c

d   e

h   k   l

m   i   n

t   u   x
4. Trace over the rounded entries in this pattern.

5. Trace and then write these letters with rounded entries.

6. Write an exit letter followed by a rounded entry letter. Try to join the letters. Try a few times.

The exit will lead you to the entry.
18.2 Joining letters with exits to rounded entry letters

We join letters with exits to letters with rounded entries with a straight line. This line is called a diagonal join. Look at this word.

Can you work out how the letter a joins to the letter m?

1. Draw a line to show how you think the letter a joins to m in the word above.

2. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing a joined to these letters.

\[ \text{am an ar ax az} \]

\[ \text{am an ar ax az} \]

Remember, the letters are joined by a straight line.
3. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing c, d and h joined to these letters.

```
  cr  dr  hr  cr  dr  hr
  cr  dr  hr  cr  dr  hr
```

4. Trace over the grey letters that join in these words.

```
  axe  axe
  wax
  tram
  drive
  crayon
```

Remember to finish writing the word before you lift your pencil to do the cross-stroke on the x.

Circle any other diagonal joins you can see.
18.3 Joining more letters

You’re going to learn more about joining letters with exits to letters with rounded entries. Look at this word.

**pen**

Can you work out how the letter e joins to the letter n?

1. Draw a line to show how you think the letter e joins to n in the word above.

2. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing e joined to these letters.

\[
\begin{array}{cccccc}
\text{em} & \text{en} & \text{er} & \text{ex} & \text{ez} \\
\text{em} & \text{en} & \text{er} & \text{ex} & \text{ez}
\end{array}
\]

Remember, the letters are joined by a straight line.
3. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing \(\text{l}\) and \(\text{k}\) joined to these letters.

\[
\begin{array}{cccccc}
\text{lm} & \text{ln} & \text{km} & \text{kn} & \text{kr} \\
\hline
\text{lm} & \text{ln} & \text{km} & \text{kn} & \text{kr} \\
\text{lm} & \text{ln} & \text{km} & \text{kn} & \text{kr}
\end{array}
\]

4. Trace over the grey letters that join in these words.

- mother
- ten
- flex
- stem
18.4 More diagonal joins 1

There are more letters with exits for you to join to letters with rounded entries. Look at this word.

\[ \text{tin} \]

Can you work out how the letter \( i \) joins to the letter \( n \)?

1. Draw lines to show how you think all the letters join in the word above.

2. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing \( i \) joined to these letters.

\[
\begin{array}{cccccc}
\text{in} & \text{im} & \text{ir} & \text{ix} & \text{iz} \\
\text{in} & \text{im} & \text{ir} & \text{ix} & \text{iz}
\end{array}
\]
3. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing m and n joined to these letters.

```
m m m n n m n n n r n x
m m m n n m n n n r n x
m m m n n m n n n r n x
```

4. Trace over the grey letters that join in these words.

- swimming
- bird
- sixty
- climb
- shirt

Remember to finish writing the word sixty before you lift your pencil to do the cross-stroke on the x. Circle any other diagonal joins you can see.
18.5 More diagonal joins 2

You will finish learning how to join letters with exits to rounded entry letters using diagonal joins. Look at this word.

purple

Can you work out how the letter u joins to the letter r?

1. Draw a line to show how you think the letter u joins to r in the word above.

2. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing u joined to these letters.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>un</th>
<th>um</th>
<th>ur</th>
<th>ux</th>
<th>u</th>
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<td>un</td>
<td>um</td>
<td>ur</td>
<td>ux</td>
<td>u</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Remember, the join lines must be straight.
3. Trace over the grey lines and then practise writing x and t joined to these letters.

\[ \text{x} \text{m} \text{t} \text{r} \text{t} \text{z} \text{x} \text{m} \text{t} \text{r} \text{t} \text{z} \]

\[ \text{x} \text{m} \text{t} \text{r} \text{t} \text{z} \text{x} \text{m} \text{t} \text{r} \text{t} \text{z} \]

4. Trace over the grey letters that join in these words.

\[ \text{turkey} \quad \text{nurse} \]

\[ \text{triangle} \quad \text{turnip} \]

Circle any other diagonal joins you can see.
18.6 Practising cl words

You’re going to practise writing some cl words. Remember to look for letters that you know how to join.

Read and trace over the cl words.

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**clean**  

---  

**clarn**  

---  

**cluck**  

---  

**clip**
Remember, the letters are joined by a straight line.

clap  climb

club  clumsy

clever  dues
18.7 Practising Beginner’s Alphabet

When you write names of capital cities on a map, you need to use Beginner’s Alphabet.

Remember, each name will begin with an uppercase letter.

Practise writing the names of some of the capital cities next to the state they’re in.

Sydney

Brisbane
Perth
Darwin
Adelaide
Melbourne
18.8 Diagonal joins to e

Letters with exits join to the letter e with a diagonal join as well. Look at this word.

greedy

Can you work out how the first letter e joins to the second letter e?

1. Draw a line to show how you think the first letter e joins to the second letter e in the word above.

2. Trace over the grey lines and then practise joining these letters to e.

\[ \text{ae ce de ee he ie} \]

\[ \text{ae ce de ee he ie} \]

Remember, the letters are joined by a straight line.
3. Trace over the grey lines and then practise joining these letters to e.

ke le me ne te ue

4. Trace over the grey letters that join in these words.

rice spider
glue turkey

Circle any other diagonal joins you can see.