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Letter Slant and Spacing

Slant all your letters the same way. That will make your handwriting easier to read. Find the slant that is right for you. Then keep that slant.



Some writers slant their letters to the right.

right



Some writers slant their letters to the left.

left



Some writers make their letters straight up and down.

up and down



Do not slant your letters different ways.

different

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

Spacing is important. Letters and words should not be too close together or too far apart. Write this sentence. Use correct spacing.

Let me out there!

Cursive Is Coming

People may write messages, lists, and other information in two ways. Read the two lists below. Some letters look almost the same in both lists.

A letter is circled in each list that looks almost the same. Circle three more letters that look almost the same in cursive and in manuscript.

Manuscript

You already know how to write like this.

Ms. Jensen's Class
Favorite Pets

cat
dog
hamster
fish
bird

Cursive

You will soon learn how to write like this.

Ms. Jensen's Class
Favorite Pets

cat
dog
hamster
fish
bird

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Writing Manuscript tT, hH, and kK



Write the lowercase letters.

Handwriting practice lines for lowercase letters t, h, and k. Each letter is shown twice with numbered arrows indicating stroke order: 1 for the main vertical stroke and 2 for the crossbar or hook.

Write the capital letters.

Handwriting practice lines for capital letters T, H, and K. Each letter is shown once with numbered arrows indicating stroke order: 1 for the main vertical stroke, 2 for the top bar, and 3 for the bottom bar (for H and K).

Write the names and the sentence.

King

Handwriting practice lines for the name 'King'.

Tuffy

Handwriting practice lines for the name 'Tuffy'.



Take Heidi to the Happy Trails Kennel.

Handwriting practice lines for the sentence 'Take Heidi to the Happy Trails Kennel.'.

Evaluation

Write the words and sentences.

Dog Washing Today

Zack will shampoo.

Rinse the puppy quickly.

Jeff likes to dry.

Check Your Handwriting

Do all your letters slant the same way?

Yes

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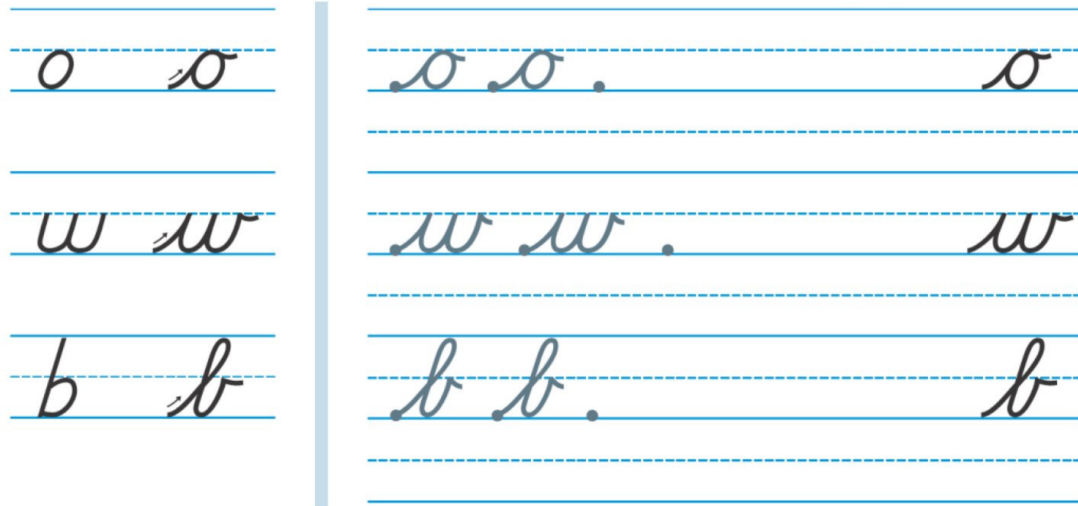
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Writing Cursive o, w, and b

You can see manuscript **o** and **w** in cursive **o** and **w**. Cursive **b** looks very much like manuscript **b**. Begin cursive **o** with an overhill stroke. Begin cursive **w** and **b** with an uphill stroke. Each letter ends with a sidestroke near the middle line. Trace and write the letters.



Remember that **o**, **w**, and **b** 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.



bow



owl



wow



Review

Write the words and phrases using cursive.

wallet



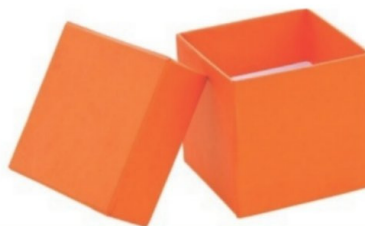
book



boot



box



belt



watch



an old blue bike



Evaluation

Remember: Most letters in words are joined at the bottom line. The letters **o**, **w**, and **b** join the next letter near the middle line.

Write the phrases using cursive.

my new black and yellow notebook

looked and looked

below the window

Check Your Handwriting

Are the letters in your words joined correctly?

Yes

☐

No

☐

Making a List

Mrs. Jordan's class made a list of the items in the lost and found. They put the list on the bulletin board in the hall where everyone could see it. Copy the items on the list. Use cursive handwriting. Plan your space so that each item fits on one line. Make sure your sidestroke letters are joined correctly.

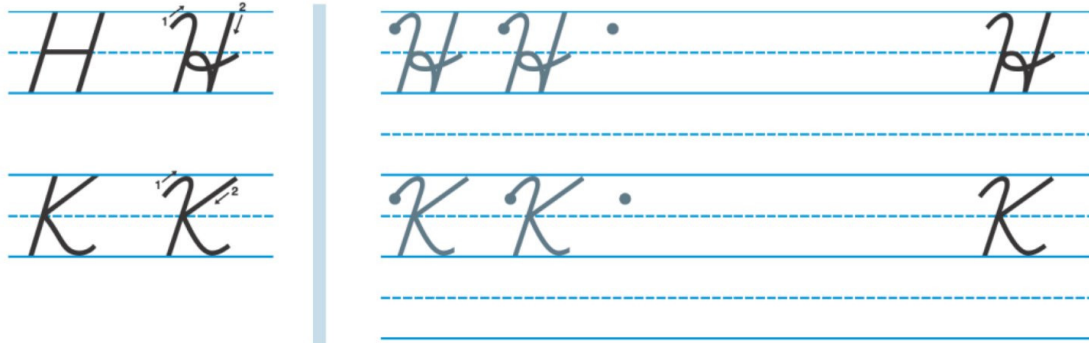
**Lost and Found**

*one black boot
one pink mitten
a yellow wool hat
a new book
a ball and mitt*

*a ballpoint pen
one yellow pencil
a pink notebook
an old watch
a blue coat*

Writing Cursive H and K

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

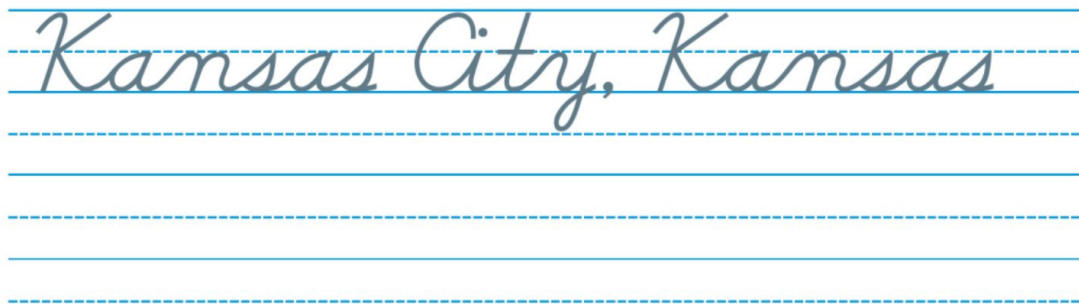


Trace and write the names of the cities and states.
Join **K** to the letter that follows it, but do not join **H**.

Hi Hat, Kentucky
















Kansas City, Kansas



Practice

Write the letters.

Circle your best letter in each line.



Write the sentence.

Walter Young visited Uncle Ken in Montpelier, Vermont.

Evaluation

Remember: Capital letters should touch the top line and the bottom line.

Write the sentences.

Wally likes Kentucky's beautiful horses.



Marvin views Vermont.

Holly and Vic hike near Utica, New York.

Check Your Handwriting

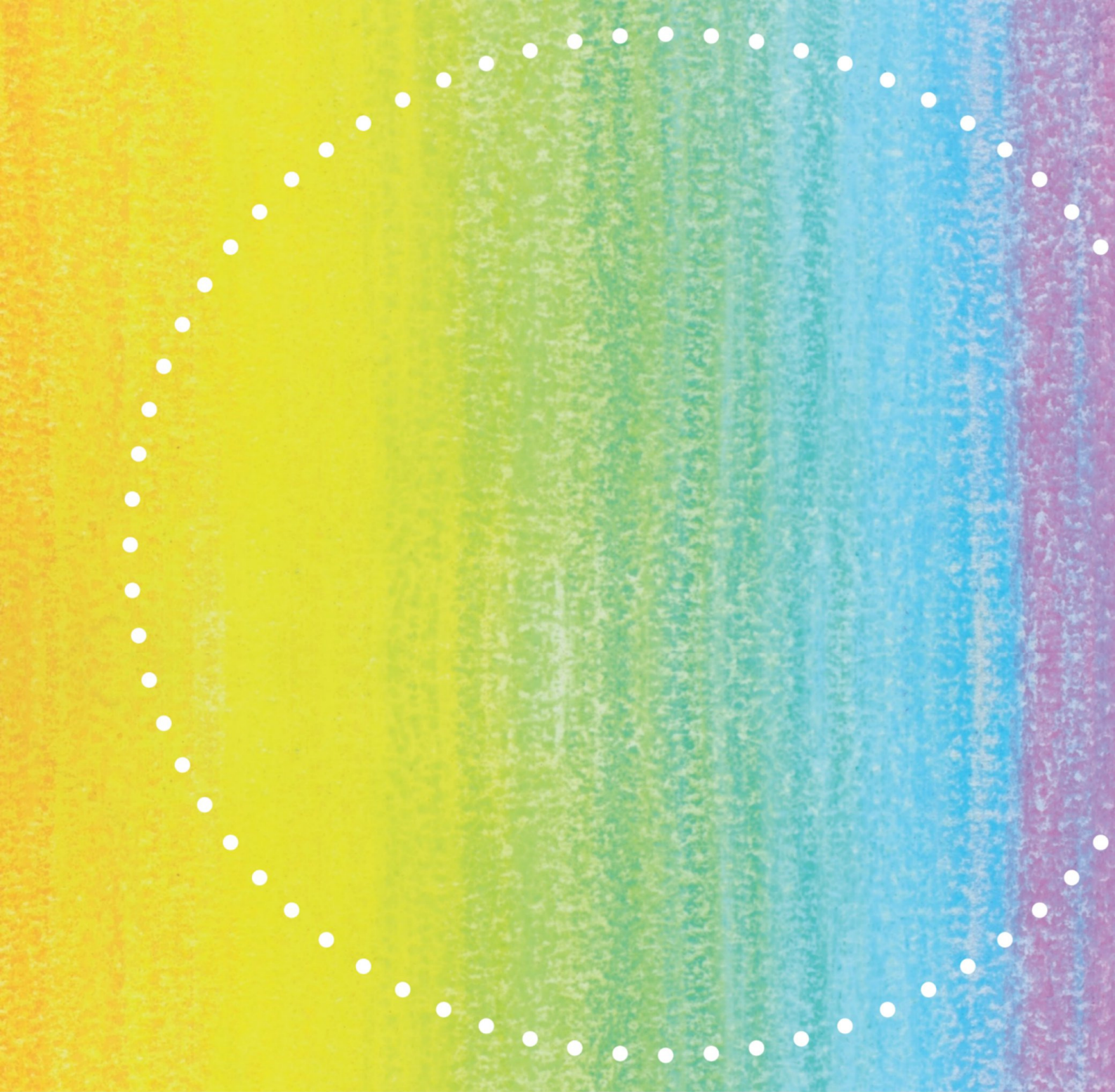
Do your capital letters touch the top line and the bottom line?

Yes

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No

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