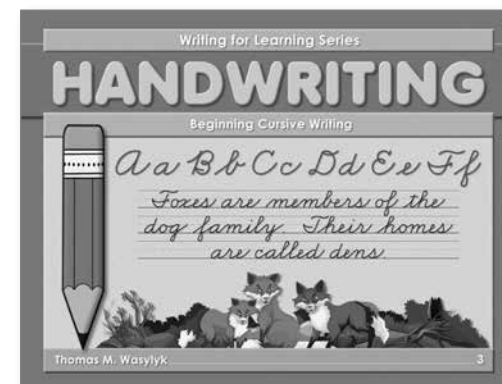


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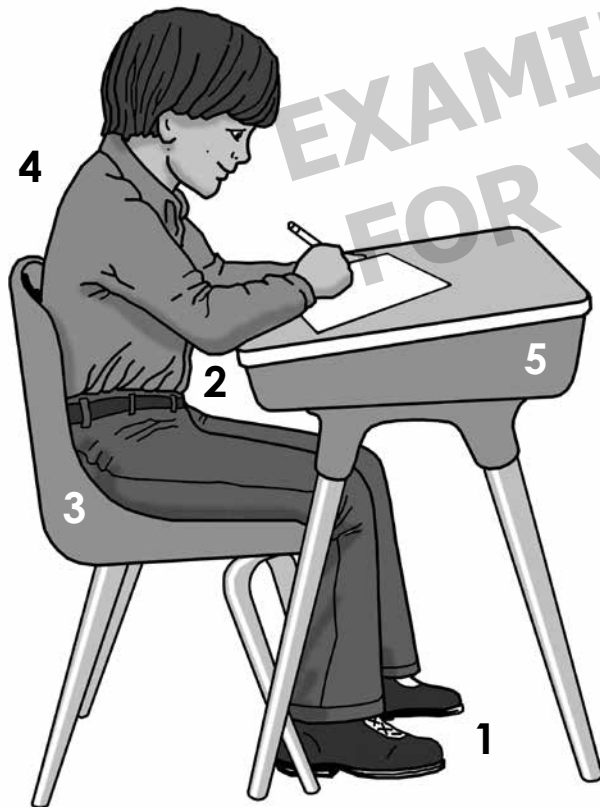
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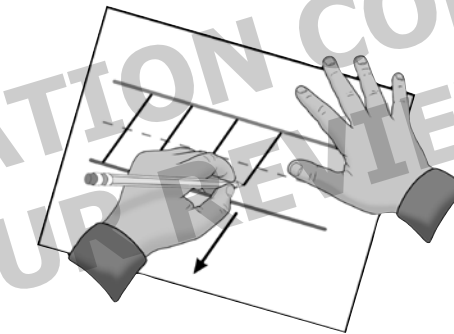
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Correct Posture for Handwriting

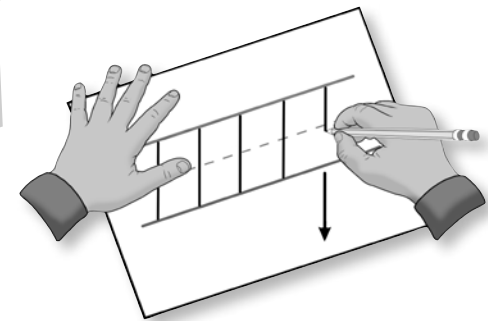


1. Both feet on the floor
2. Elbows off the edge of desk
3. Sit back in chair
4. Shoulders slightly forward
5. Proper desk height

Cursive Paper Position



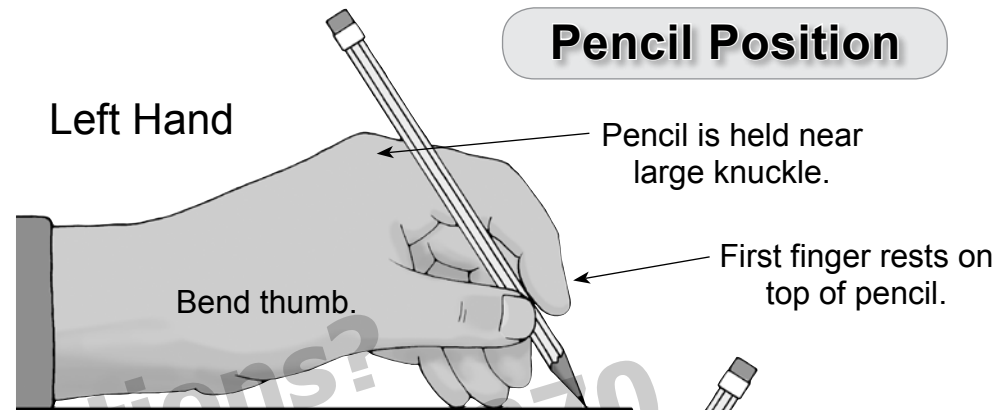
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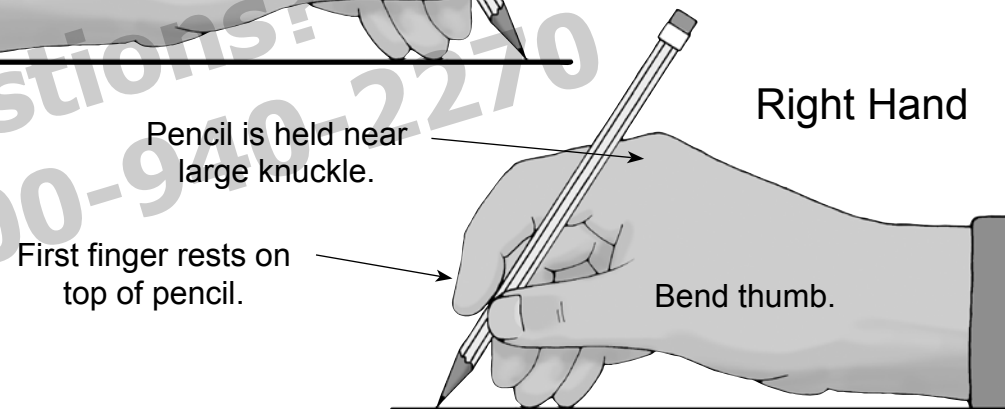
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Pencil Position

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Right Hand



Letter Spacing

Letter spacing should be consistent. If your letter spacing is too tight or too open, your writing will be difficult to read.

This shows good letter spacing.

Correct Letter Spacing

letter

Too Tight

litter

Spacing Too Open

l e t t e r

Letter Spacing Varies

letter

Word Spacing

Allow enough space between words to fit a small oval. Spacing between words should be consistent. If your word spacing is too tight or too open, your writing will be difficult to read.

This shows good word spacing.

Sentence Spacing

Allow enough space between sentences to fit one large oval.

Write neatly. Take your time.

Paragraph Indent

When you indent for a paragraph, allow enough space for two large ovals. Study the example below.

This shows the correct indent for a new paragraph.

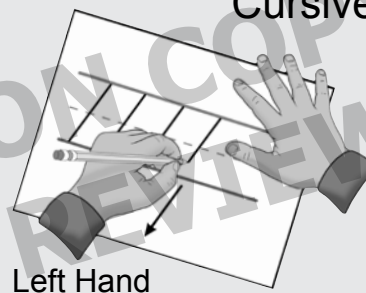
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Slant is determined by the paper or book position and the direction in which the strokes are pulled. Study the examples below.

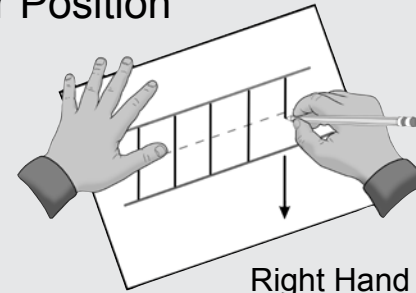
Slant
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Cursive Paper Position



Left Hand



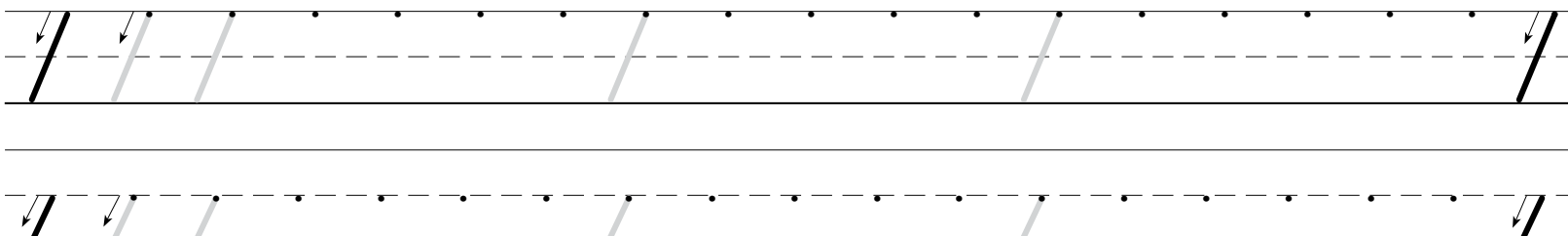
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Basic Strokes - The basic strokes are the building blocks for all cursive letters.

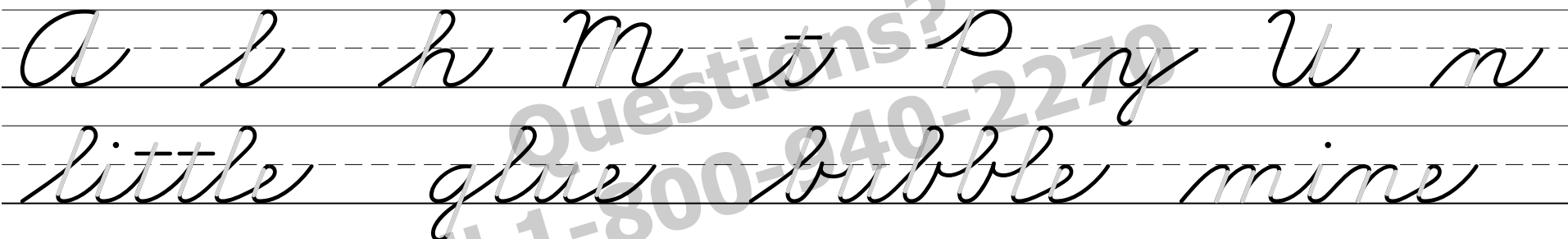
The four cursive basic strokes are: **slant**, **undercurve**, **downcurve**, and **overcurve**.

Slant

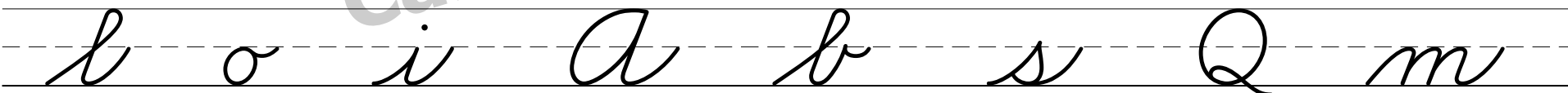
All cursive letters slant. Thirty-eight cursive letters contain one or more slant strokes. Trace and write the slant strokes.



Trace the slant strokes in the letters and words below.

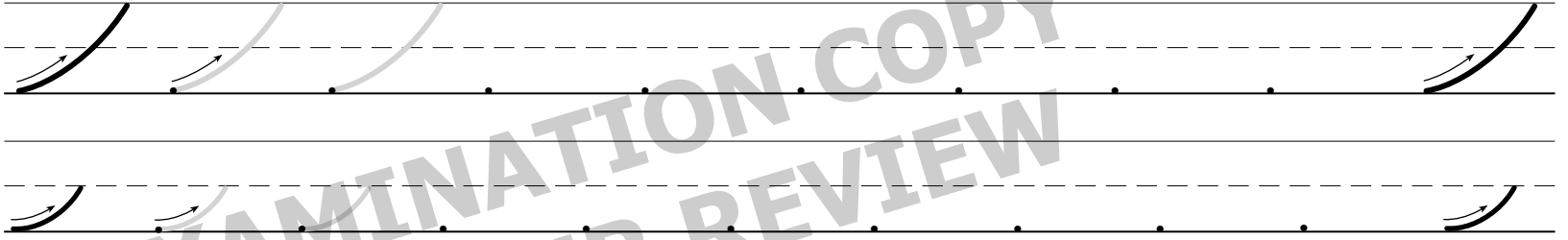
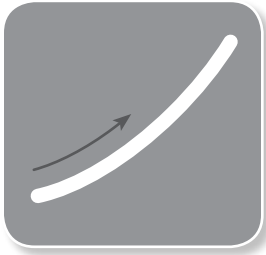


Circle the letters that have a slant stroke in them.



Undercurve

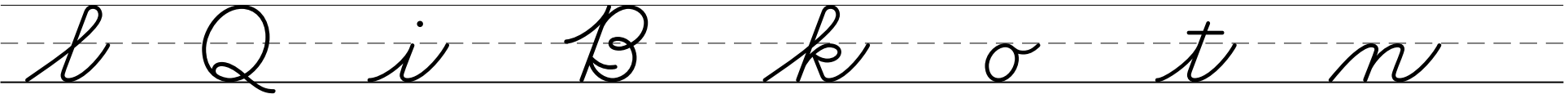
The undercurve is used to begin fourteen lowercase letters. The undercurve swings wide to the right. Do not curve up too quickly. Trace and write the tall and short undercurves.



Trace the undercurves in the letters and words below. Be sure your book is in the correct position for cursive writing.

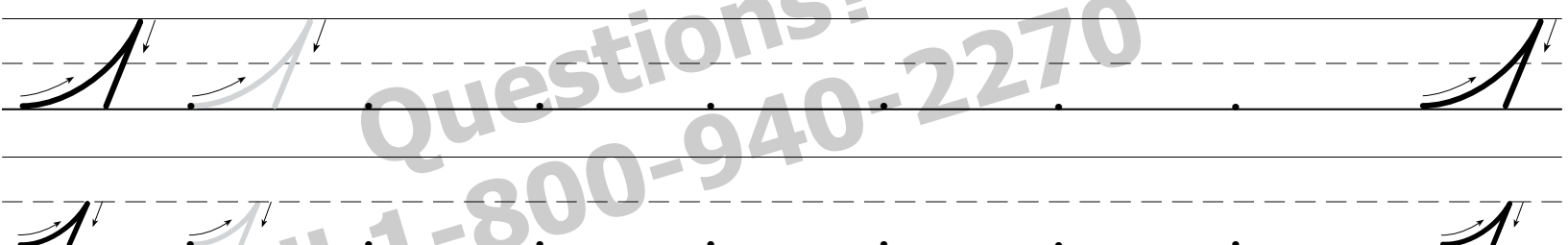
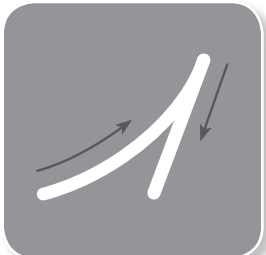


Circle the letters that have an undercurve in them.

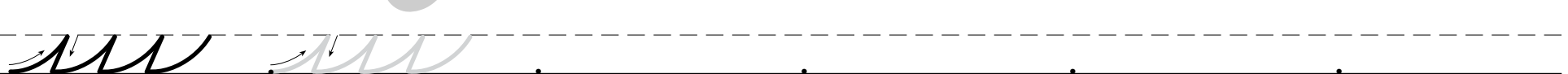


Undercurve - Slant

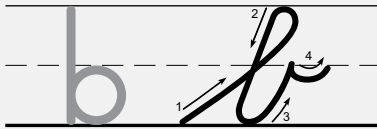
The undercurve-slant motion is used very often in cursive writing. Make a wide undercurve. Trace and write the tall and short undercurve-slant strokes. Pull the slant strokes to the bottom line.



Trace and write the undercurve-slant exercise.

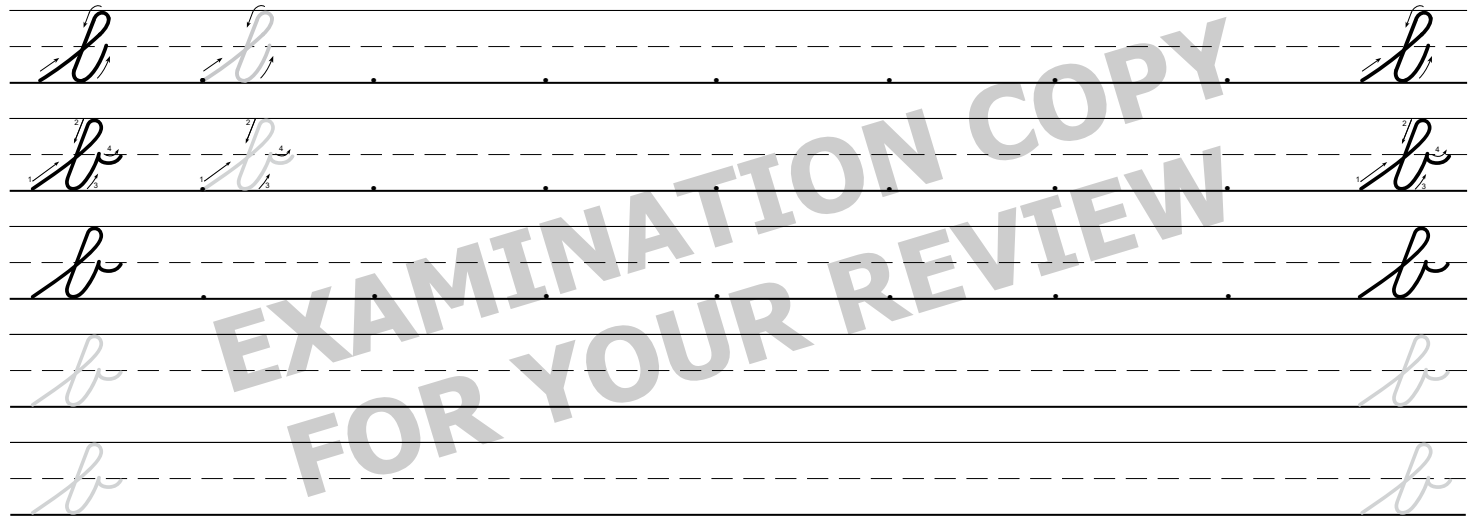


Lowercase b



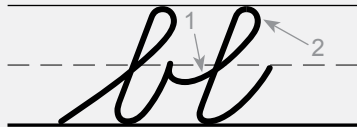
1. Undercurve, curve back
2. Slant
3. Sharp undercurve
4. Retrace, swing right

Trace and write the strokes and letter.



JOINING

Checkstroke to Undercurve



1. The ending of the letter **b** swings wide into the loop of the letter **l**.
2. Curve back, slant.

Trace and write the joinings and words.



Look at the pictures. Write the words in cursive.

bell



belt

tube



✓ CHECK-UP

☐ Line Quality

☐ Size of Letters

☐ Letter Spacing

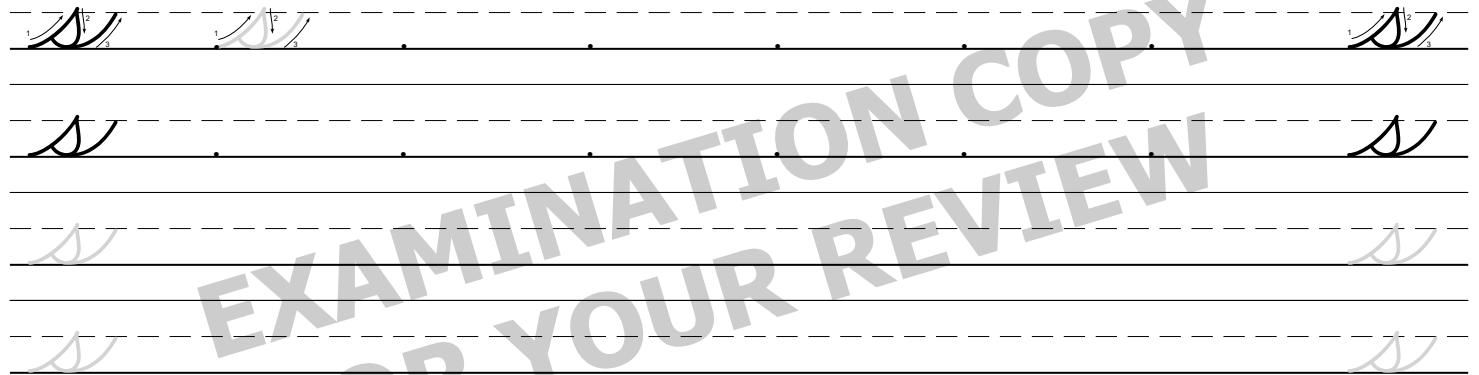
☐ Joinings

Lowercase s

S

1. Undercurve
2. Retrace, curve down and back, tie
3. Undercurve

Trace and write the letter.



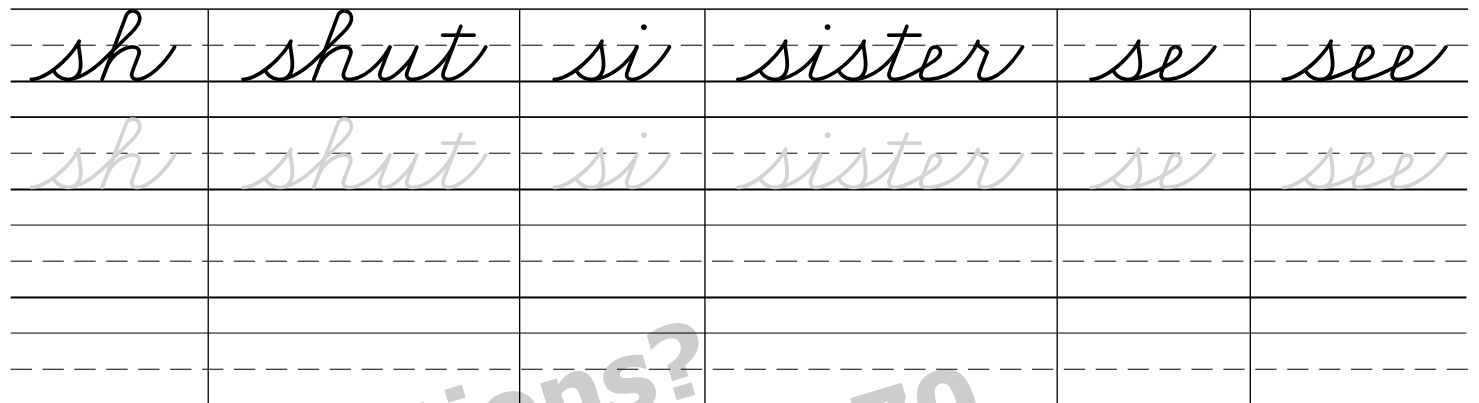
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Undercurve to Undercurve

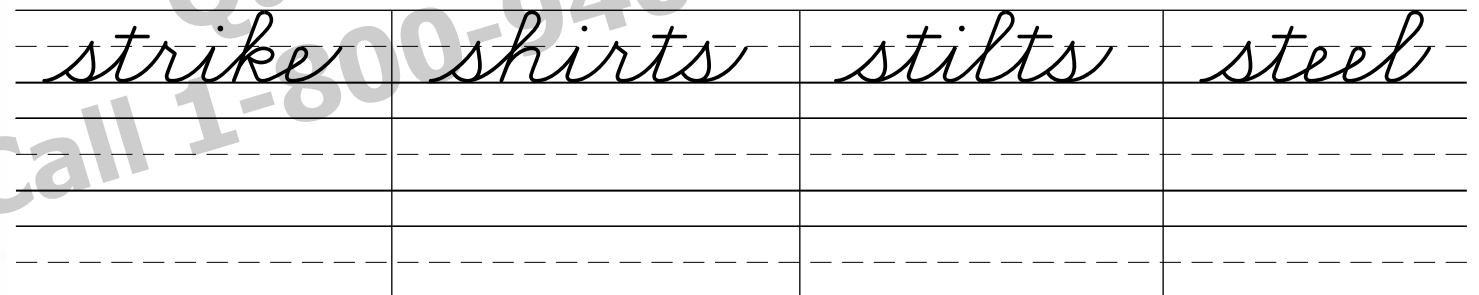
sh

1. The undercurve swings wide into the loop of the letter h.
2. Curve back and slant.

Trace and write the joinings and words.



Write each word two times.

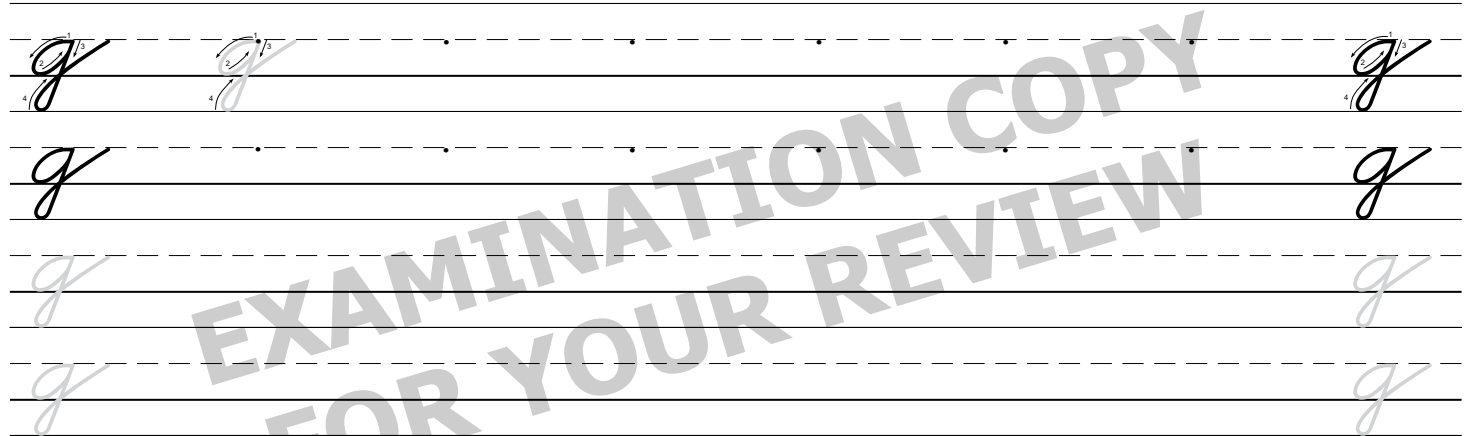


Lowercase g



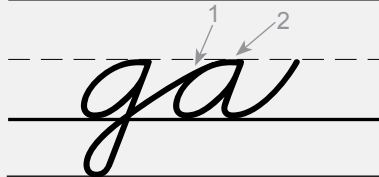
1. Downcurve
2. Undercurve
3. Slant, curve back
4. Overcurve

Trace and write the letter.



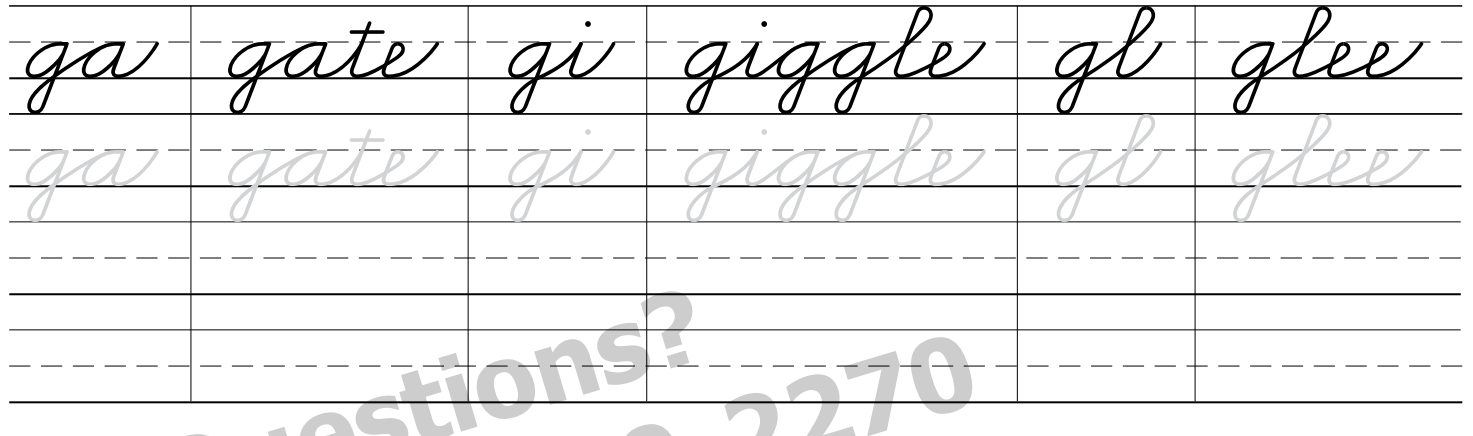
JOINING

Overcurve to Downcurve

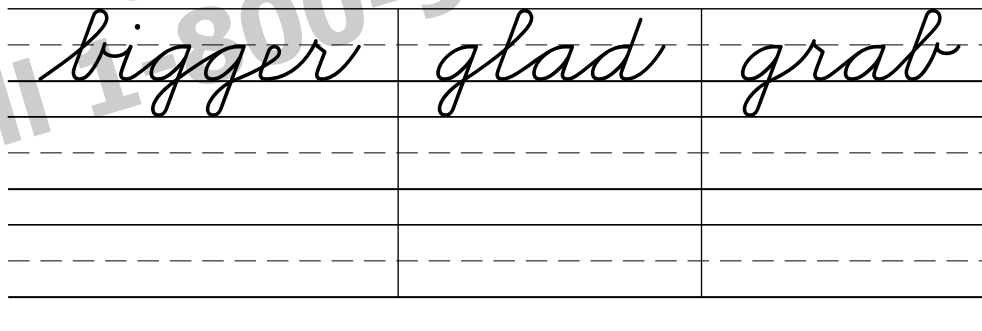


1. The overcurve ending swings up and over to form the top of the letter a.
2. Pause, downcurve.

Trace and write the joinings and words.



Write each word two times.

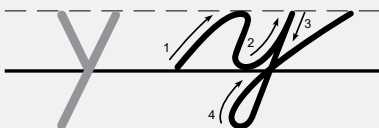


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- ☐ Letter Spacing
- ☐ Joinings
- ☐ Letter Forms
- ☐ Size of Writing

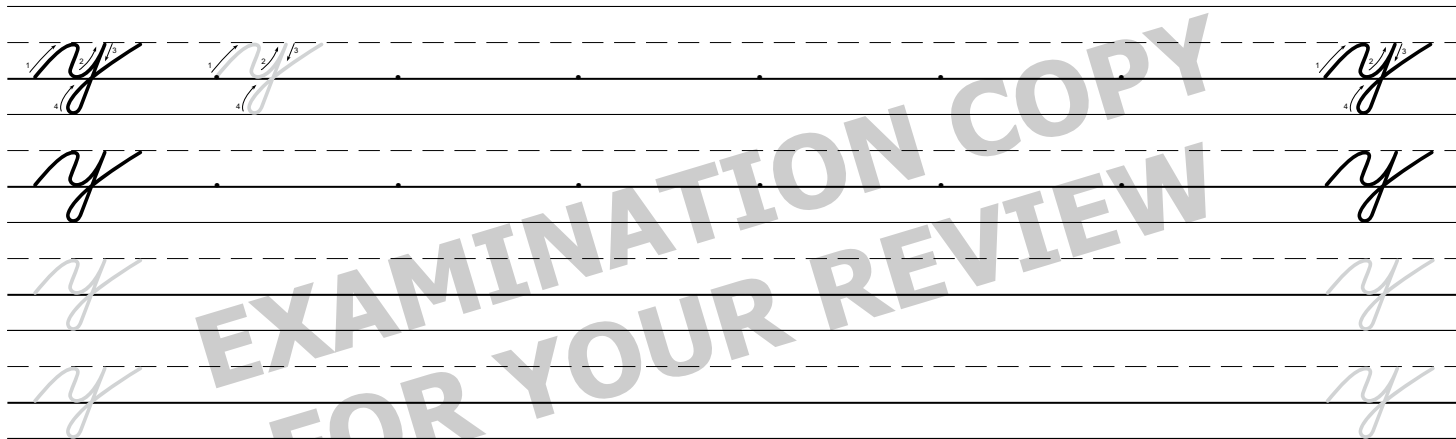


Lowercase y



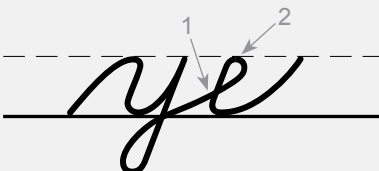
1. Overcurve, slant
2. Undercurve
3. Slant, curve back
4. Overcurve

Trace and write the letter.



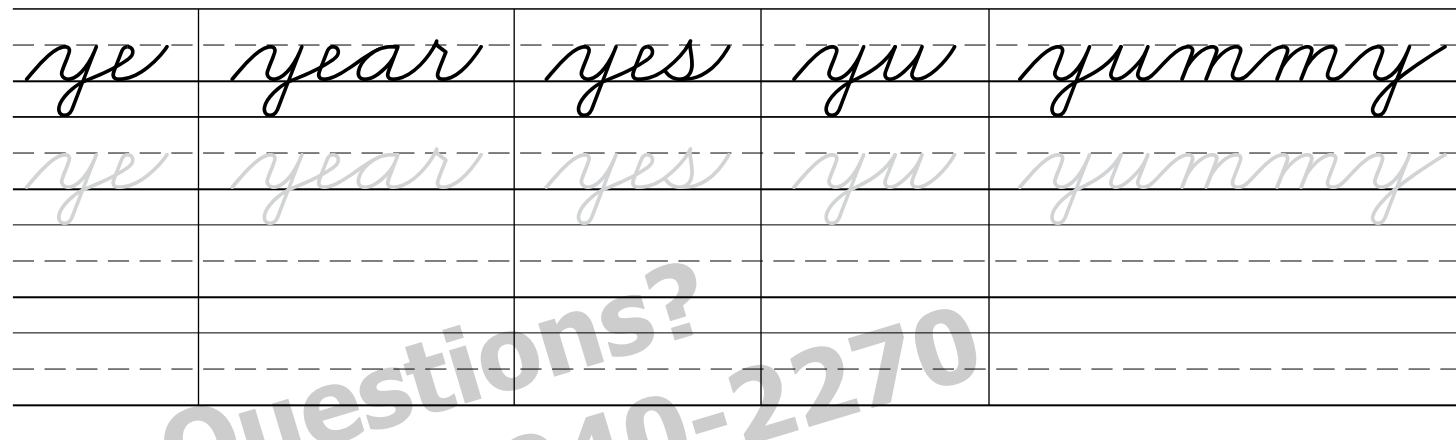
JOINING

Overcurve to Undercurve

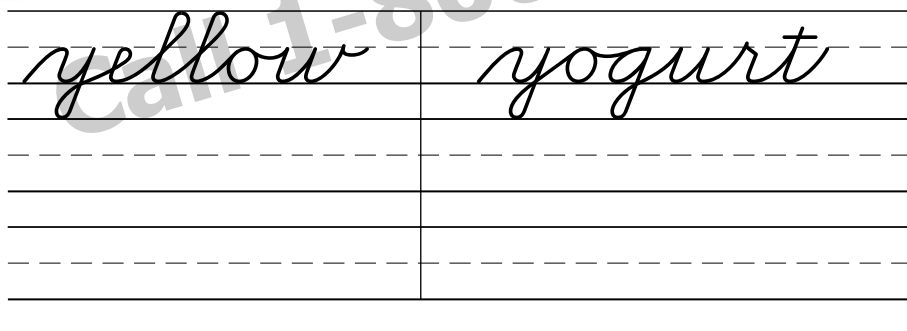


1. The overcurve ending turns into a wide undercurve that forms the loop in the letter e.
2. Curve back and slant.

Trace and write the joinings and words.



Write each word two times.



CHECK-UP

- ☐ Letter Spacing
- ☐ Joinings
- ☐ Letter Forms
- ☐ Size of Writing



1. Curve down
2. Curve up and down

Trace and write the numeral.

Tracing practice lines for the numeral 6. The first row shows a large '6' and a smaller '6' with stroke order arrows. The second row shows a large '6' and a smaller '6' for tracing. The third row shows a large '6' and a smaller '6' for writing practice.

1. Slide right 2. Slant

Trace and write the numeral.

Tracing practice lines for the numeral 7. The first row shows a large '7' and a smaller '7' with stroke order arrows. The second row shows a large '7' and a smaller '7' for tracing. The third row shows a large '7' and a smaller '7' for writing practice.

1. Curve back, curve down, curve back 2. Slant up

Trace and write the numeral.

Tracing practice lines for the numeral 8. The first row shows a large '8' and a smaller '8' with stroke order arrows. The second row shows a large '8' and a smaller '8' for tracing. The third row shows a large '8' and a smaller '8' for writing practice.

1. Downcurve, undercurve
2. Slant

Trace and write the numeral.

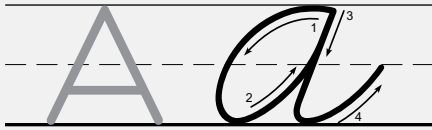
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1. Slant 2. Backward oval

Trace and write the numeral.

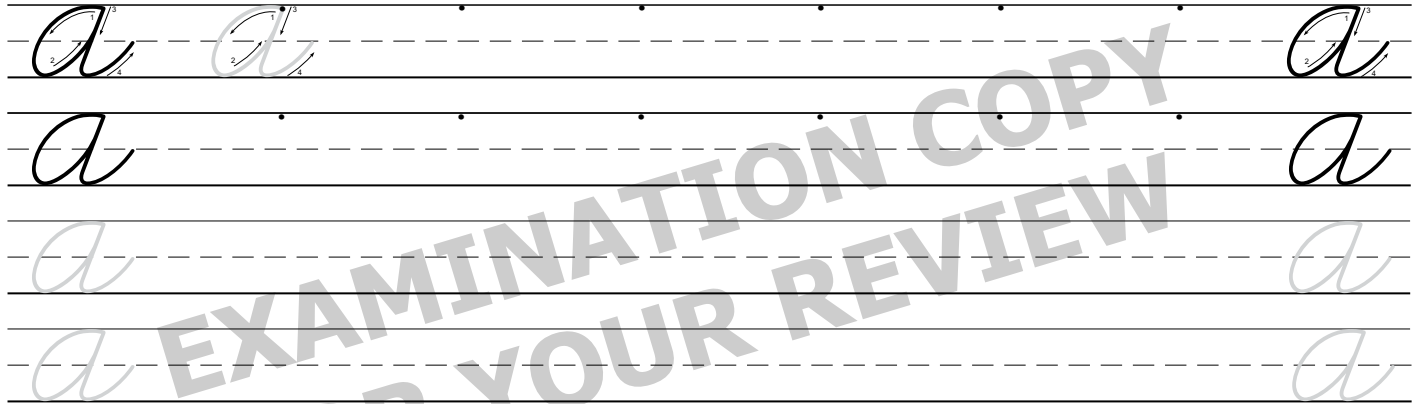
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Uppercase A

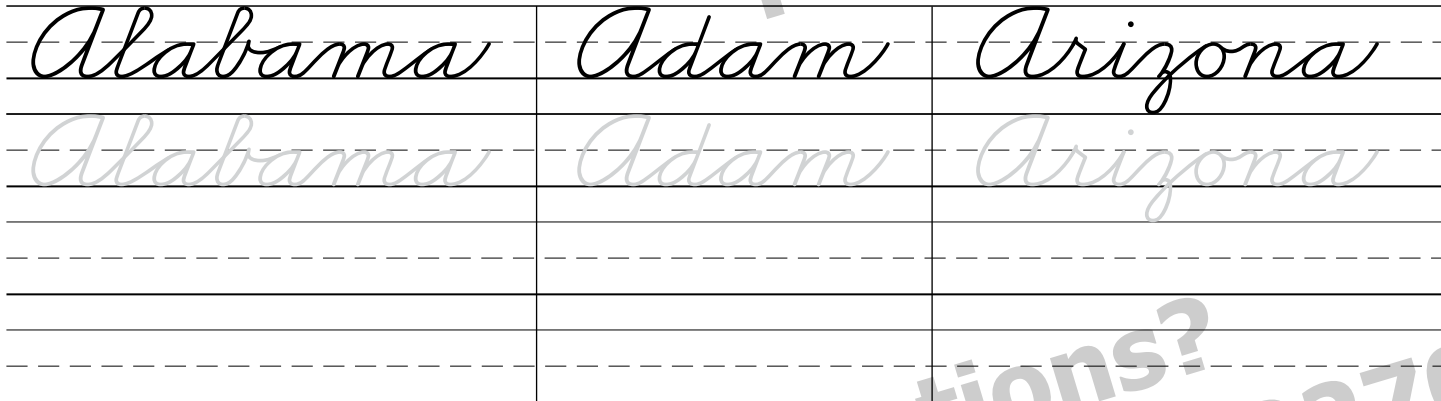


1. Downcurve
2. Undercurve
3. Slant
4. Undercurve

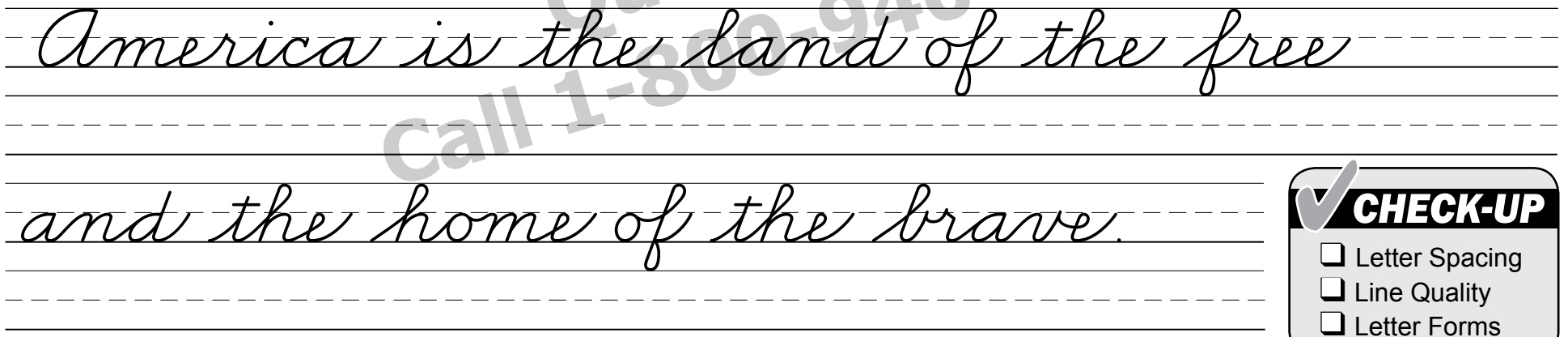
Trace and write the letter.



Trace and write the words.



Write the sentence.

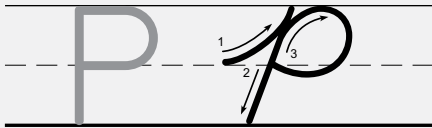


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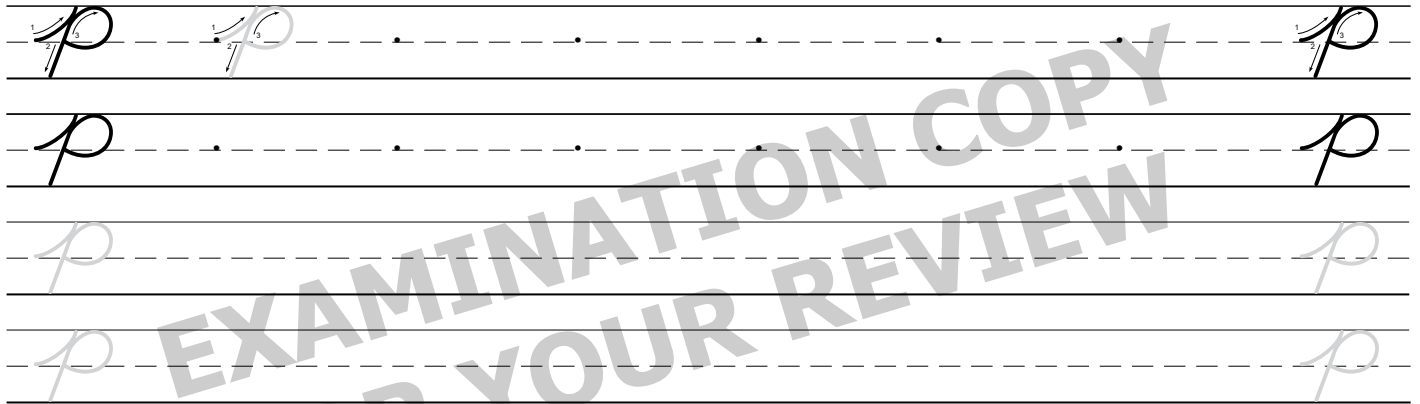
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Uppercase P

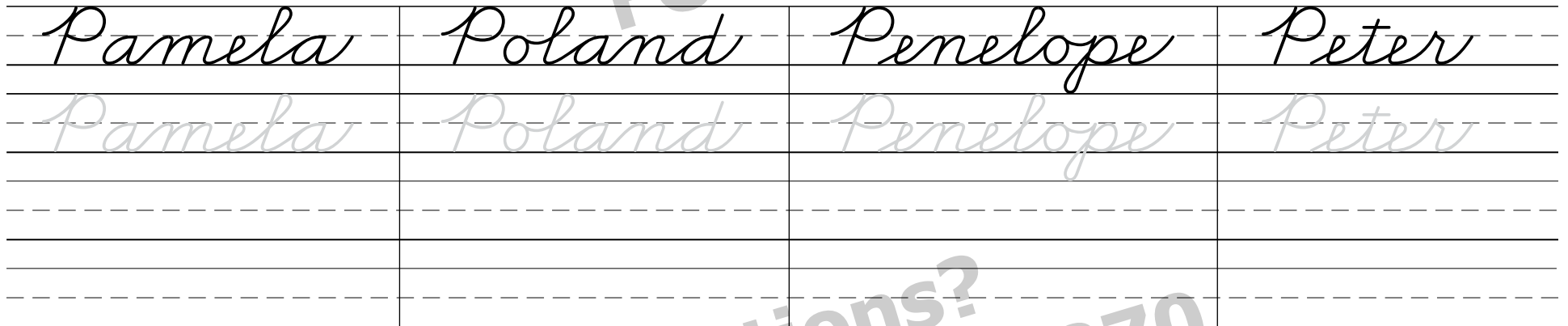


1. Undercurve
2. Slant
3. Retrace, curve forward and back

Trace and write the letter.



Trace and write the words.



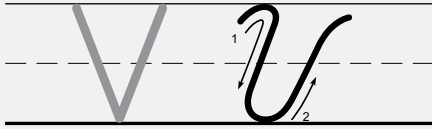
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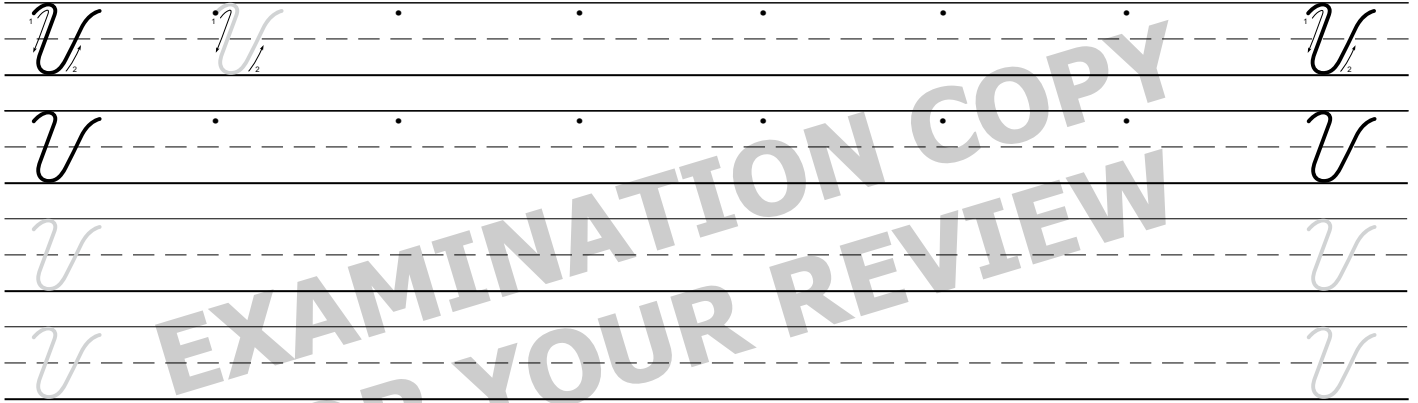
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Uppercase V

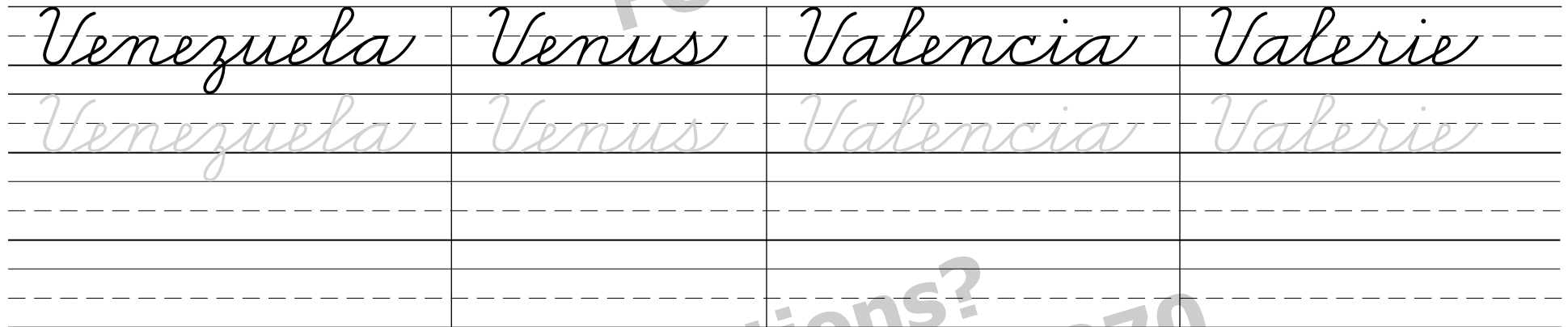


1. Overcurve, slant
2. Sharp undercurve, curve forward

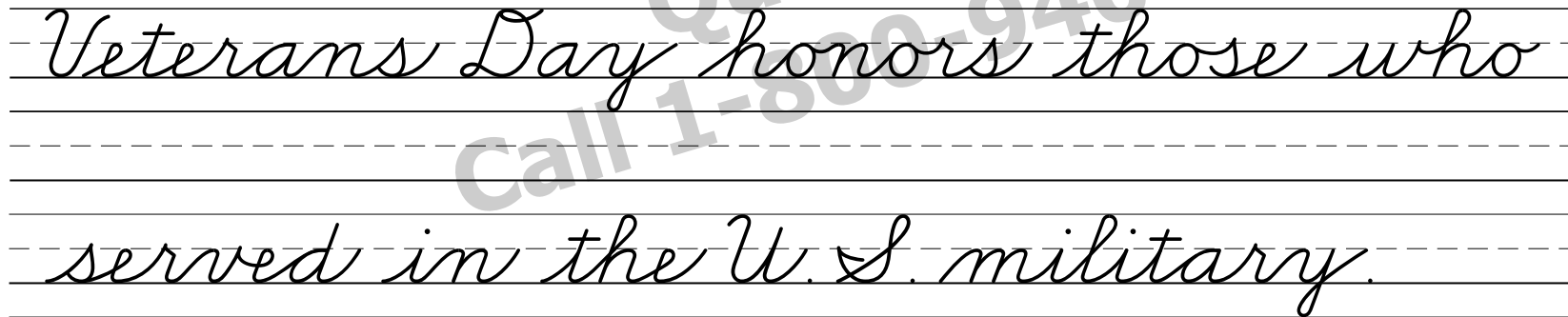
Trace and write the letter.



Trace and write the words.



Write the sentence.



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