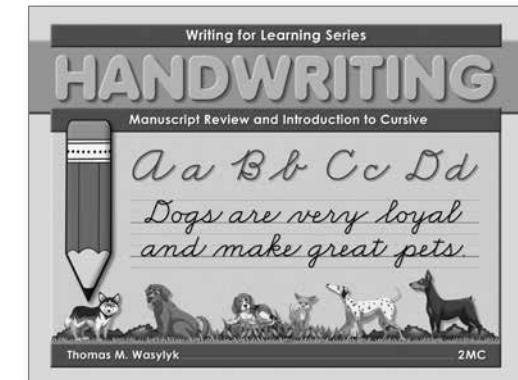


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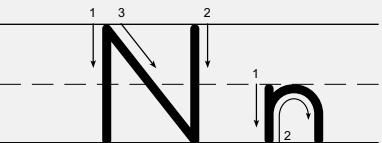
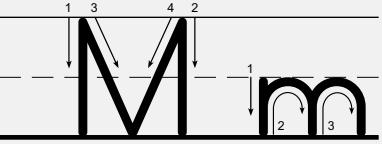
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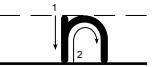
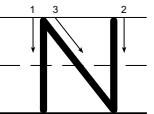
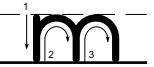
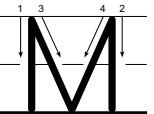
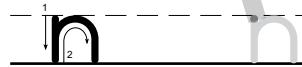
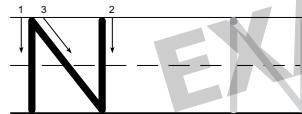
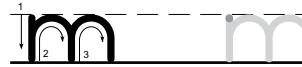
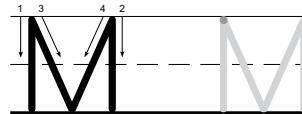
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Trace and write the letters.



Write the sentences.

Mars is the fourth planet from

the sun. Neptune is the eighth.

SUN



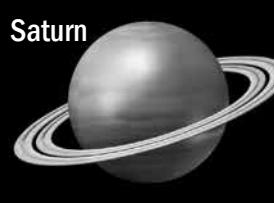
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Mars



Jupiter



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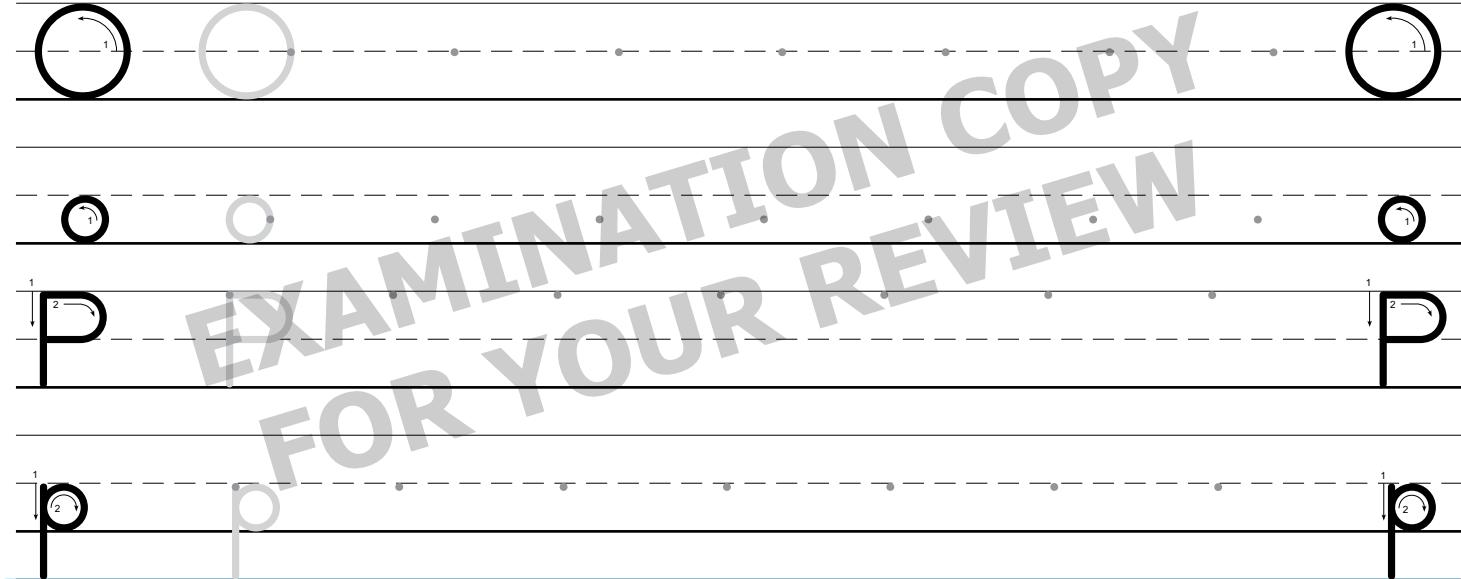


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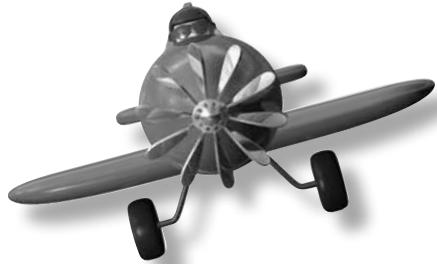


Neptune

Trace and write the letters.



Write the sentences.



Pippa plans to be a pilot.

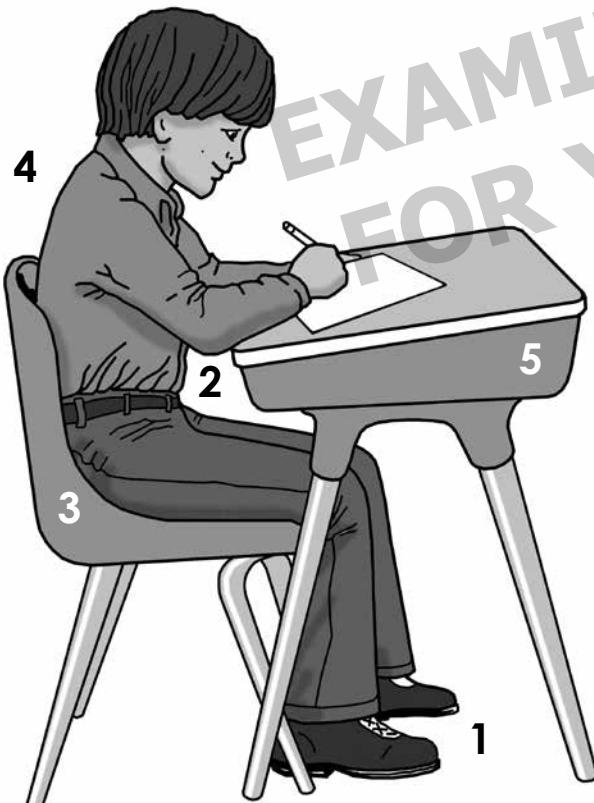
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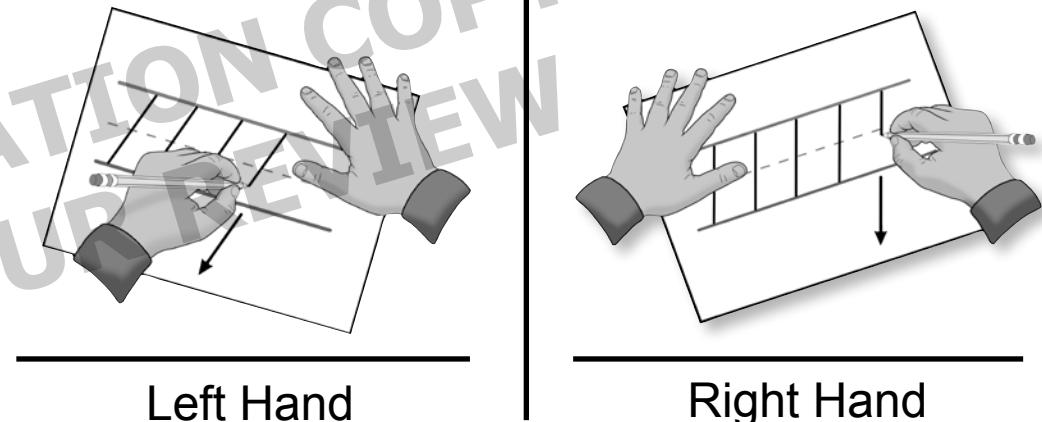
- Letter Spacing
- Size of Letters
- Letter Forms
- Line Quality
- Word Spacing

## 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

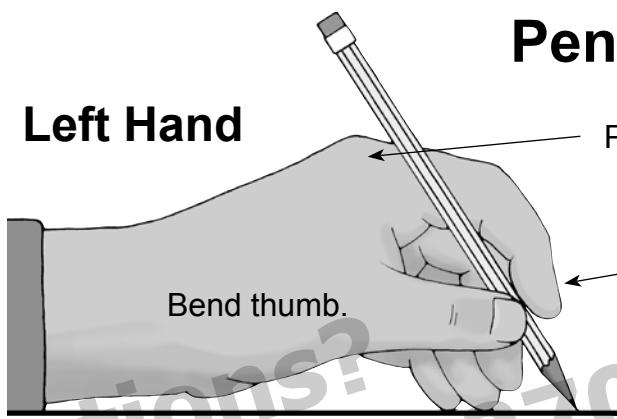


Left Hand

Right Hand

## Pencil Position

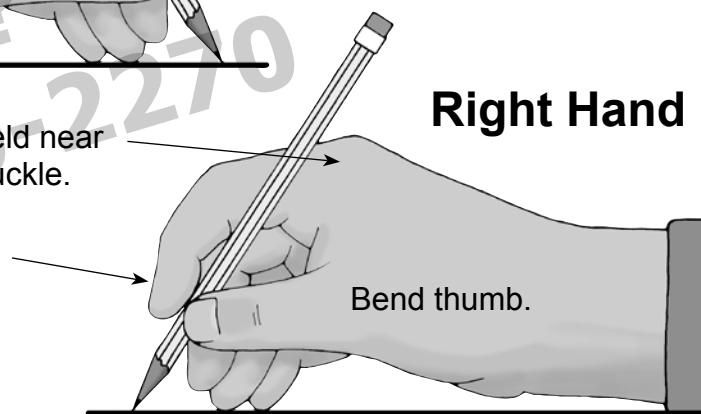
### Left Hand



Pencil is held near  
large knuckle.

First finger rests on  
top of pencil.

### Right Hand



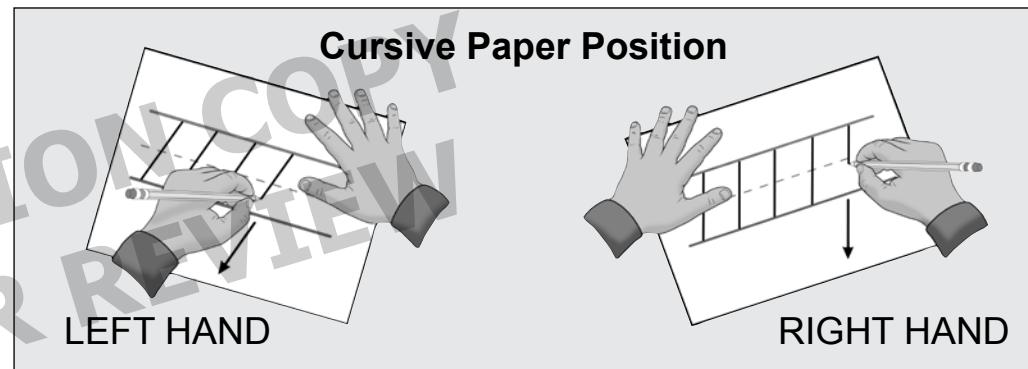
Pencil is held near  
large knuckle.

First finger rests on  
top of pencil.

Bend thumb.

## Slant of Writing

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

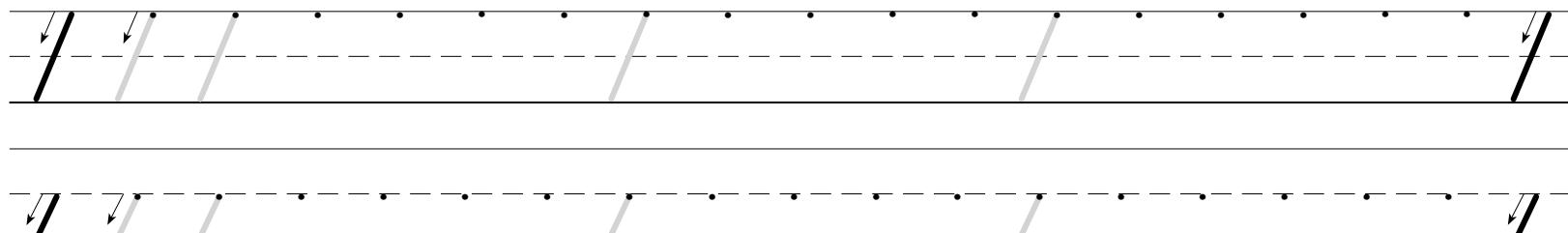
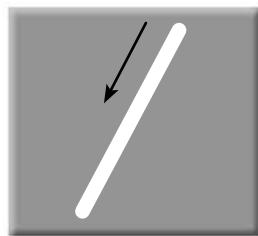


## Basic Strokes

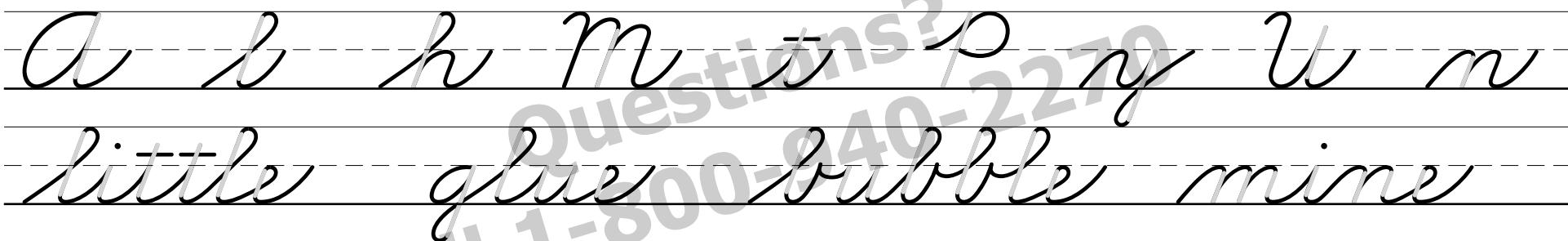
The basic strokes are the building blocks for all cursive letters. The four basic strokes for cursive are: **slant**, **undercurve**, **downcurve**, and **overcurve**.

### Slant Stroke

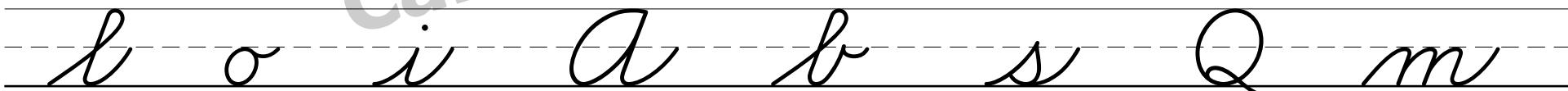
All cursive letters slant. Thirty-eight cursive letters contain one or more slant strokes.  
Trace and write the slant strokes.



Trace the slant strokes in the letters and words below.

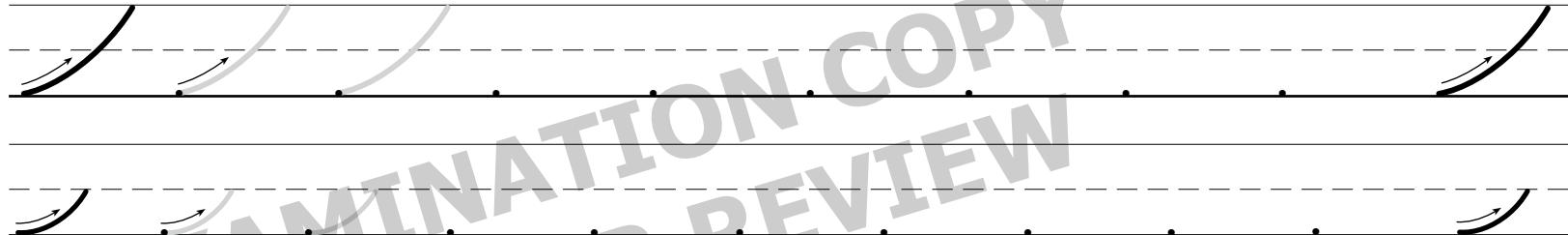
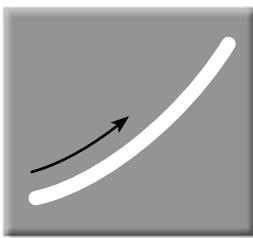


Circle the letters that have a slant stroke in them.



## Undercurve

The undercurve is used to begin fourteen lowercase letters. Be sure to make a wide undercurve. Do not go up too quickly. The undercurve swings wide to the right. 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.

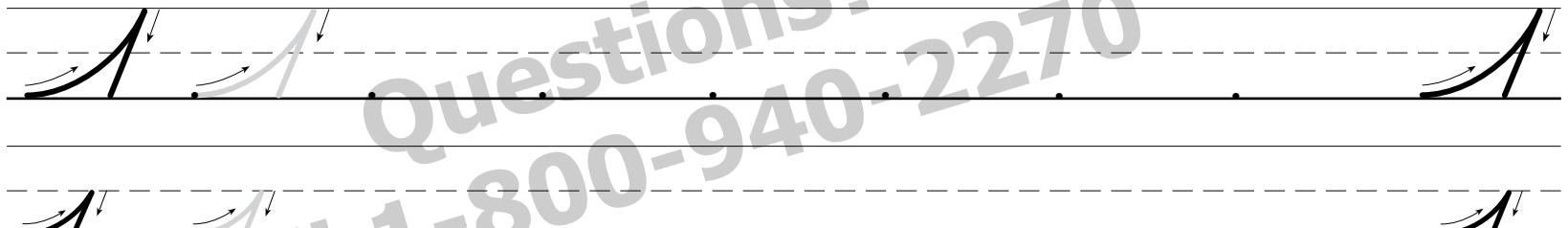
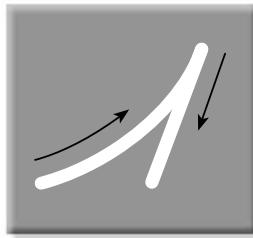
b h e or f b s w r  
it let rust hill letter

Circle the letters that have an undercurve in them.

b Q i B k o t n

## Undercurve-Slant

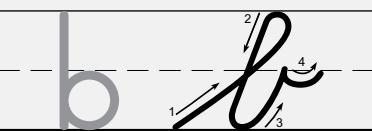
The undercurve-slant motion is used often in cursive writing. Be sure to make a wide undercurve. Trace and write the tall and short undercurve-slant strokes. Pull the slant strokes to the bottom line.



Trace and write the undercurve-slant exercise.

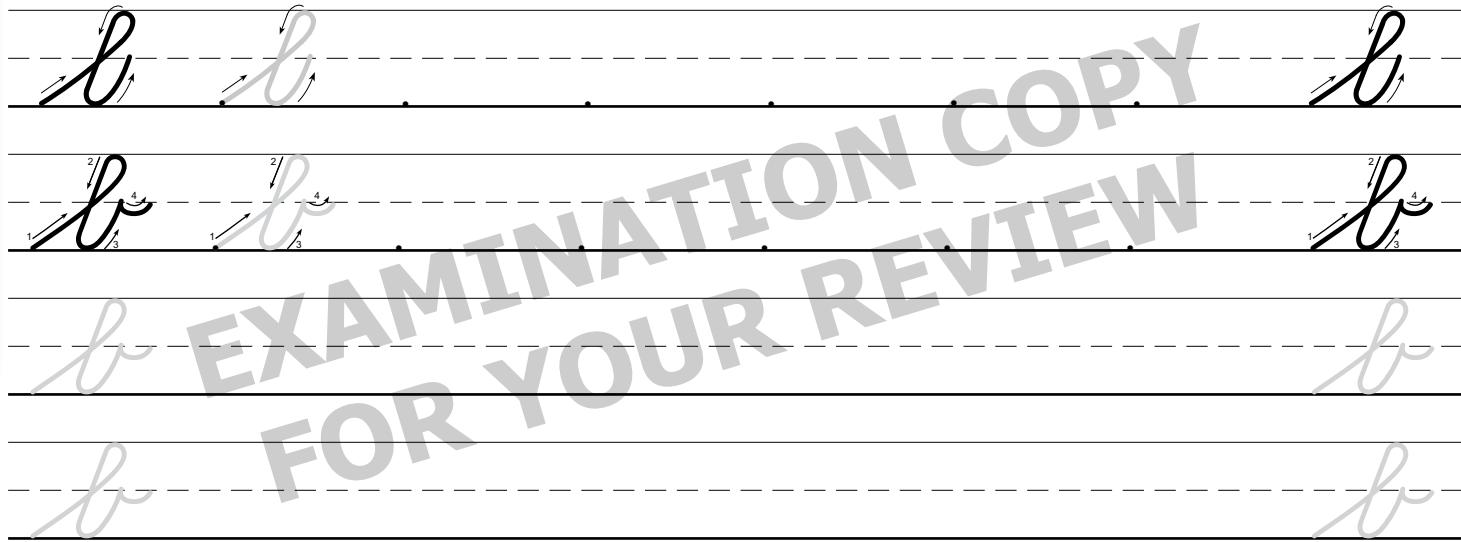
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## Lowercase b



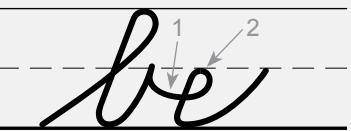
1. Undercurve, curve back
2. Slant
3. Sharp undercurve
4. Retrace, swing right

Trace and write the strokes and letter.



## JOINING

### Checkstroke to Undercurve



1. The ending of the letter **b** swings low and wide into the loop of the letter **e**.
2. Loop back and slant to the bottom line.



Trace and write the joinings and words.



Read the cursive words.

blue book bug

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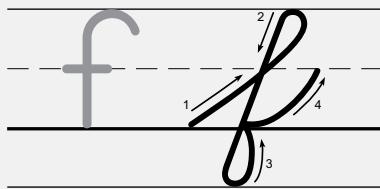
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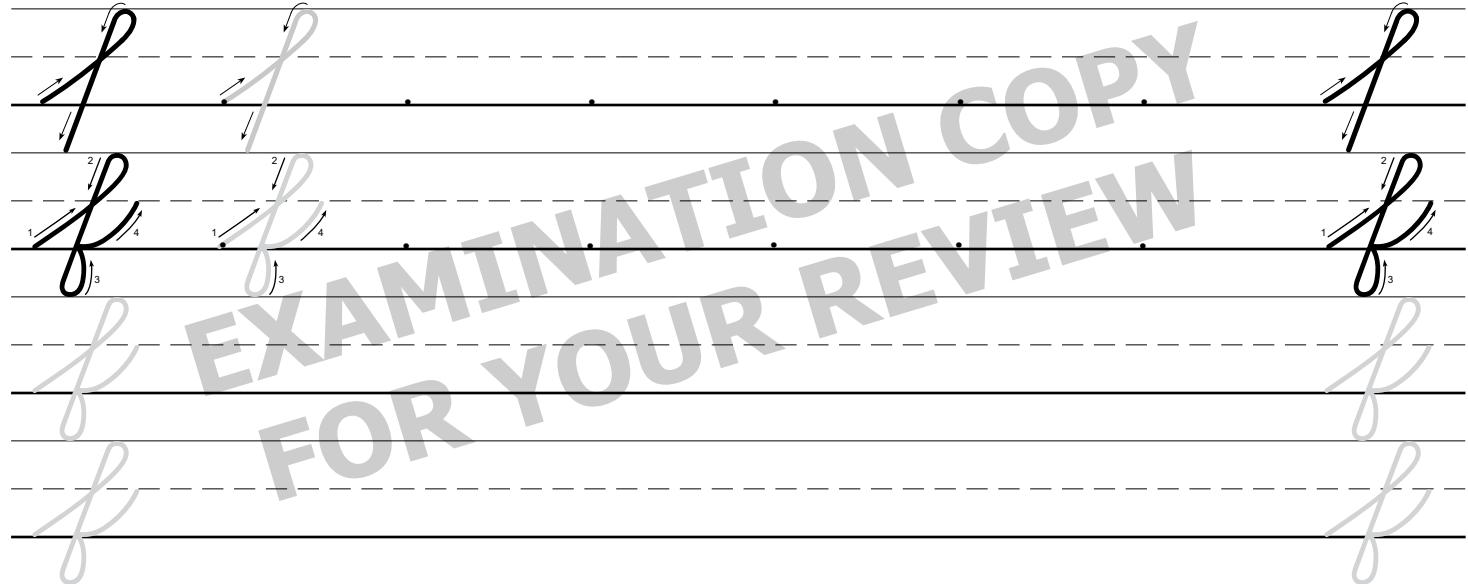
Joinings

## Lowercase f



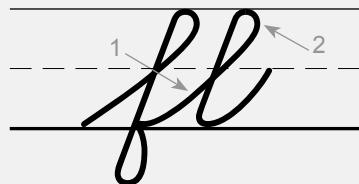
1. Undercurve, curve back
2. Slant
3. Curve up, tie
4. Undercurve

Trace and write the strokes and letter.



## JOINING

### Undercurve to Undercurve



1. The joining swings wide into the loop of the letter l.
2. Loop back and slant to the bottom line.

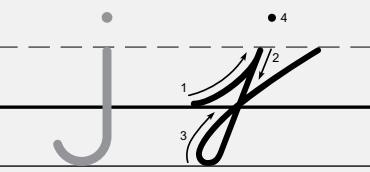
Trace and write the joinings and words.



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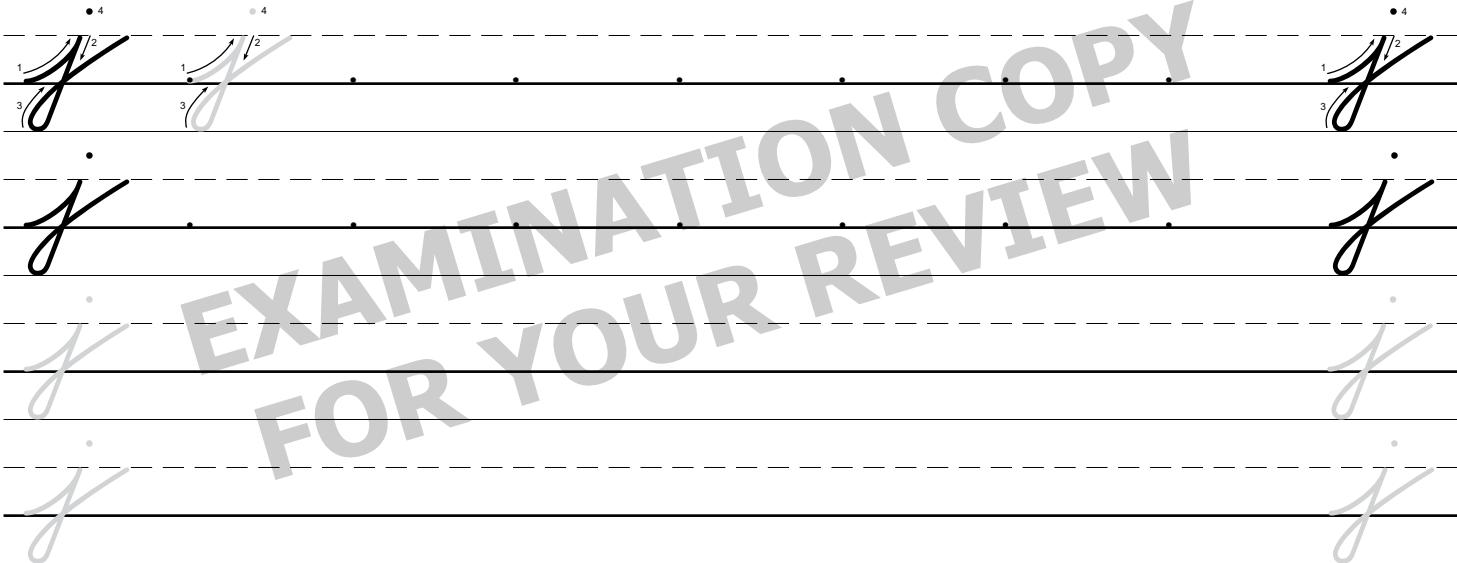
Joinings

## Lowercase j



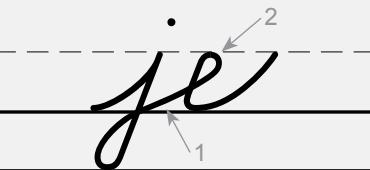
1. Undercurve
2. Slant, curve back
3. Overcurve
4. Dot

Trace and write the letter.



## JOINING

### Overcurve to Undercurve



1. The ending of j turns into an undercurve, forming the loop of e.
2. Loop back and slant.



Trace and write the joining and words.



Read the cursive words.

diamonds stones earth

CHECK-UP

<input type="checkbox"/> Letter Spacing
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## Lowercase v

v n

1. Overcurve, slant
2. Sharp undercurve
3. Retrace, swing right

Trace and write the letter.

n n n

n n

n n

n n

Trace and write the joinings and words.

ve velvet vo voice

ve velvet vo voice



## JOINING Checkstroke to Undercurve

ve

1. The checkstroke ending swings low and wide into the loop of the letter e.
2. Loop back and slant.

Write the words in cursive.

volcano

vacation

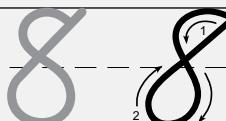
## Writing Numerals



1. Curve down
2. Curve up and down



1. Slide right
2. Slant



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



1. Downcurve, undercurve
2. Slant



1. Slant
2. Backward oval

Trace and write the numerals.



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2

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2



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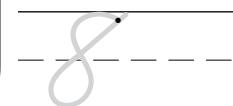
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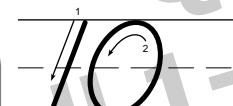
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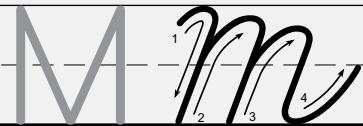
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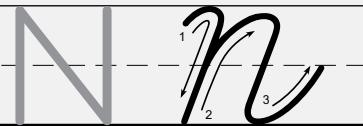
## Uppercase M



Tracing guide for uppercase M and lowercase m on ruled paper. Both letters are shown with stroke order: 1. Overcurve, slant; 2. Retrace, overcurve, slant; 3. Retrace, overcurve, slant; 4. Undercurve.

1. Overcurve, slant
2. Retrace, overcurve, slant
3. Retrace, overcurve, slant
4. Undercurve

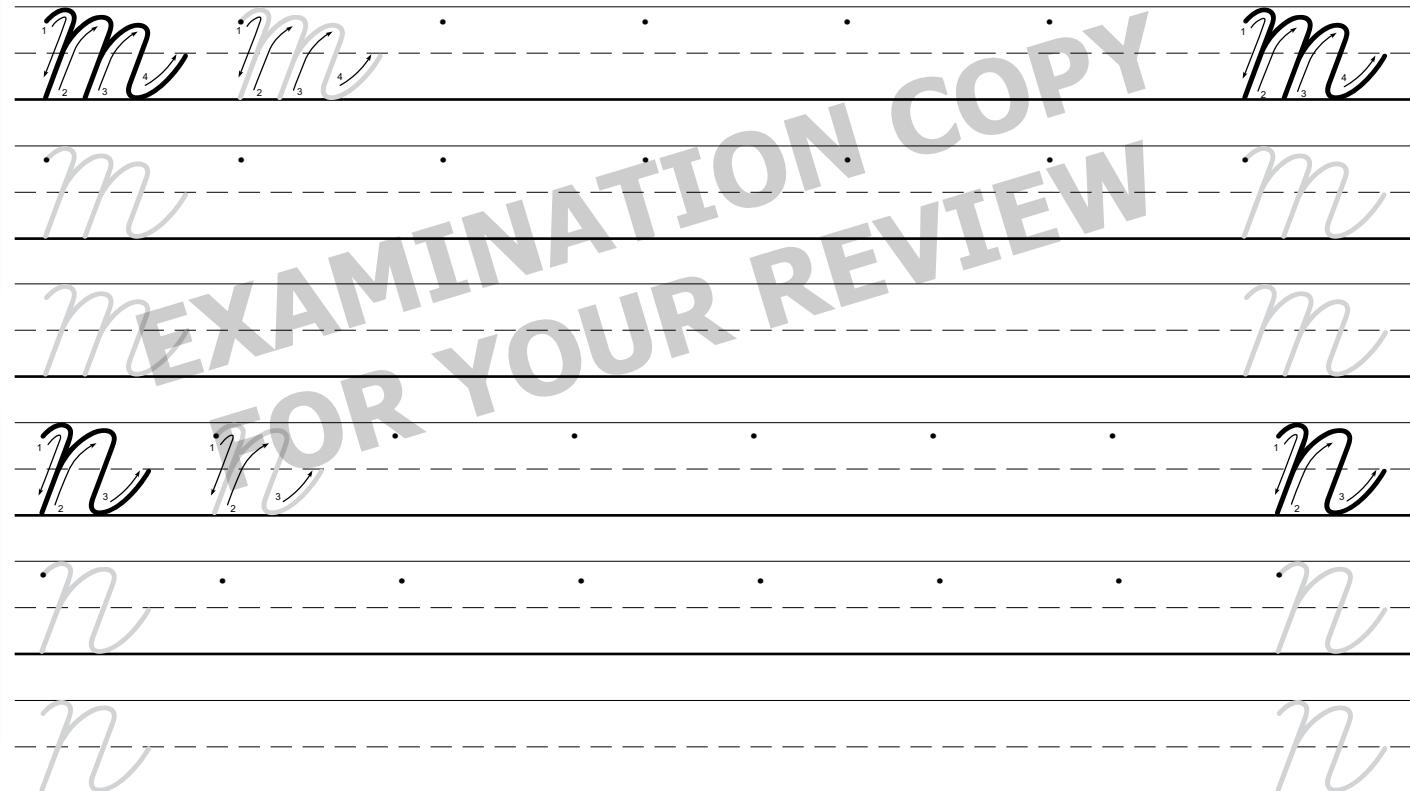
## Uppercase N



Tracing guide for uppercase N and lowercase n on ruled paper. Both letters are shown with stroke order: 1. Overcurve, slant; 2. Retrace, overcurve, slant; 3. Undercurve.

1. Overcurve, slant
2. Retrace, overcurve, slant
3. Undercurve

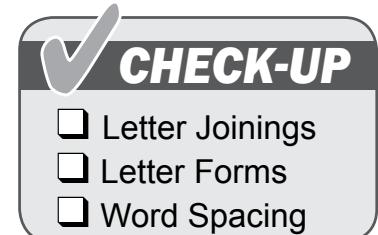
Trace and write the letters. Write the sentence.



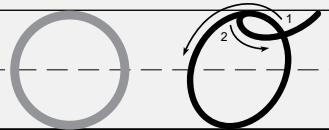
Handwriting practice rows for uppercase M, lowercase m, uppercase N, and lowercase n. Each letter is shown with a tracing guide and four rows for independent writing practice.

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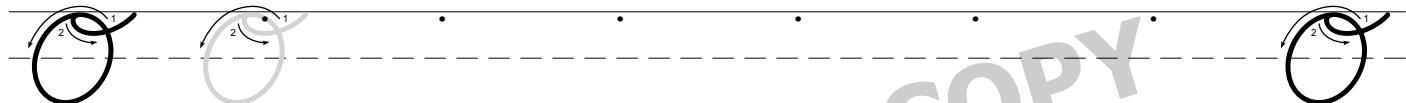


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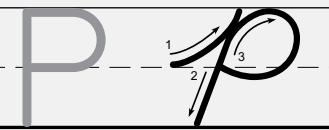


1. Backward oval  
(close oval)
2. Loop

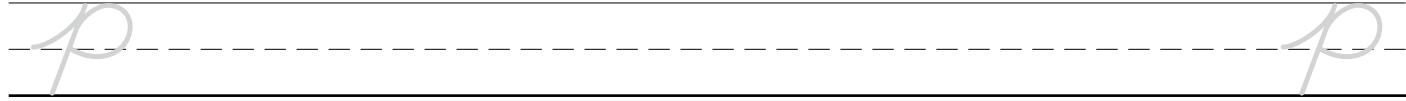
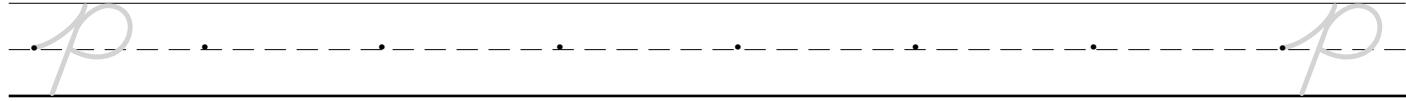
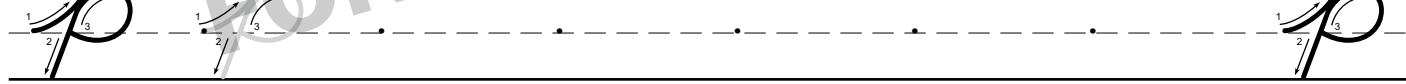
Trace and write the letters. Write the sentence.



## Uppercase P



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



Olivia said Peter is going

to Paris in October.

