



HANDWRITING BOOK · JOINED WRITING

I can write

My name is

a b c

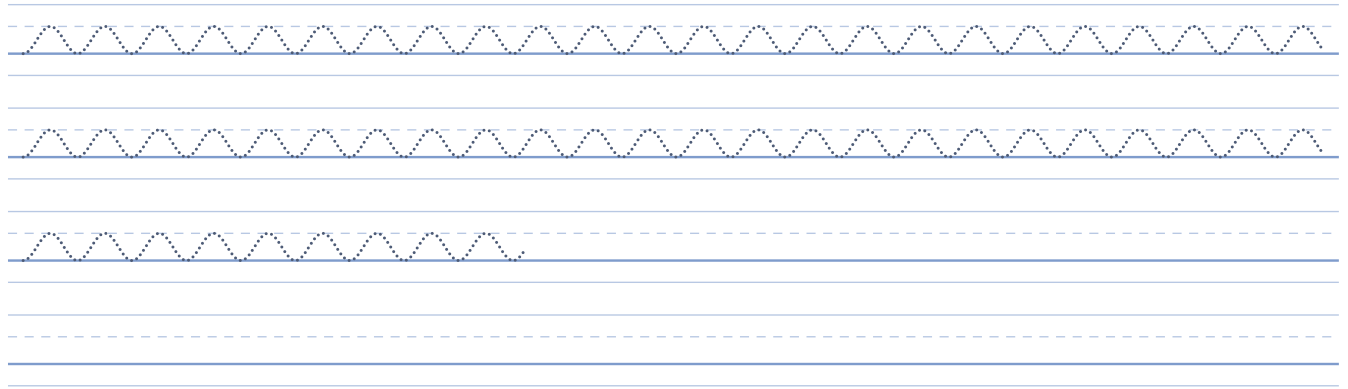
BEFORE YOU START

Warm up

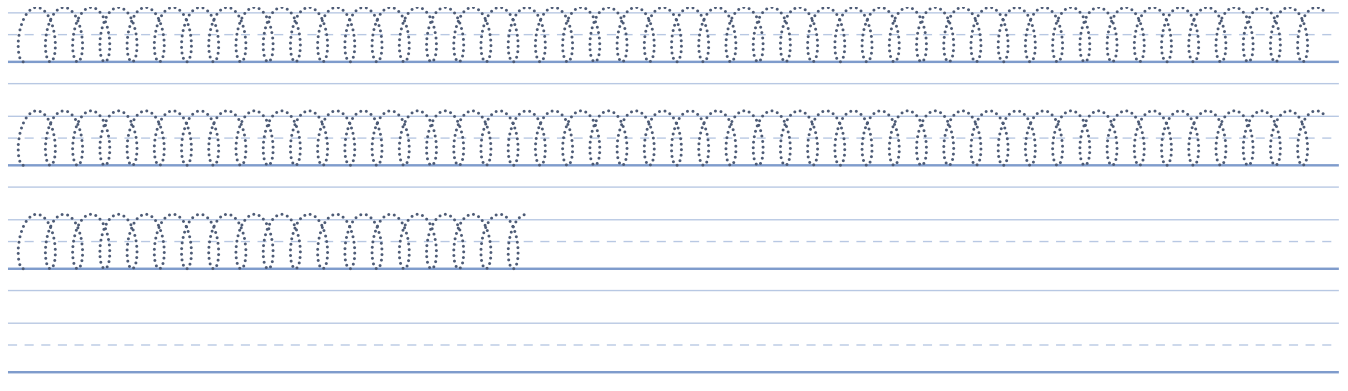


Sit up straight with both feet on the floor. Hold your pencil between your thumb and first finger, resting on your middle finger, and do not squeeze. Trace the dots from left to right without lifting your pencil.

WAVES ON THE SEA



LOOPS LIKE A SPRING



c a d

LESSON 1

Round letters



The letters **c**, **a**, **d**, **g**, **o** and **q** all start the same way: go up to the top of the middle line and round back like a **c**. Each one ends with a little flick that joins it to the next letter.

TRACE AND WRITE

c a d g o c a d g o c a d g o c a d g o
c a d g o c a d g o c a d g o c a d g o
c a d g o c a d g o

TRACE AND WRITE

dog dog dog dog dog dog dog
dog dog dog dog dog dog dog
dog dog

Which letter is missing? at · dg · ct · bd

REMEMBER

Start every round letter at the top, at **one o'clock**, and go round anticlockwise.

sh ch th

LESSON 2

Sh, ch and th



Two letters can make one sound. **sh** is the sound in fish and shop, **ch** is the sound in chip and lunch, and **th** is the sound in thumb and this. Join the two letters without lifting your pencil.

TRACE AND WRITE

fish fish fish fish fish fish fish
fish fish fish fish fish fish fish
fish fish

TRACE AND WRITE

chip chip chip chip chip chip chip
chip chip chip chip chip chip chip
chip chip

sh, ch or th? op · lun · ba · in

REMEMBER

The **h** is a tall letter: its loop reaches the top line.

ck ng

LESSON 3

Ck and ng



After a short vowel, the sound **k** at the end of a word is spelt **ck**: duck, sock, back. The sound in ring and long is spelt **ng**, and the g hangs below the line.

TRACE AND WRITE

duck duck duck duck duck duck

duck duck duck duck duck duck

duck duck

TRACE AND WRITE

ring ring ring ring ring ring ring

ring ring ring ring ring ring ring

ring ring

Finish the word: so · si · ba · lo

REMEMBER

ck never starts a word. Cat and kit start with c and k.

a-e

LESSON 4

Magic e



An **e** at the end of a word is silent, but it changes the vowel before it: it says its name. **kit** becomes **kite**, **cap** becomes **cape** and **hop** becomes **hope**.

TRACE AND WRITE

kite kite kite kite kite kite kite

kite kite kite kite kite kite kite

kite kite

TRACE AND WRITE

cake cake cake cake cake cake

cake cake cake cake cake cake

cake cake

Add the magic e and read: tap, **tape** · pin, **pine** · cub, **cube**

REMEMBER

The magic e joins to the letter before it like any other letter.

ee oa

LESSON 5

Ee, ai and oa



Two vowels can work together. **ee** says its name in bee and tree, **ai** in rain and snail, and **oa** in boat and coat. Join the two vowels with a short line along the middle.

TRACE AND WRITE

bee bee bee bee bee bee bee bee
bee bee bee bee bee bee bee bee
bee bee

TRACE AND WRITE

boat boat boat boat boat boat
boat boat boat boat boat boat
boat boat

ee, ai or oa? tr · r n · g t · sh p

REMEMBER

The join from **o** starts at the top, along the middle line.

th

LESSON 6

Tricky words



Some words do not sound the way they are spelt. You learn them by heart: **the, said, was, they, you.** Look at the word, say it, cover it and write it.

TRACE AND WRITE

said said said said said said said
said said said said said said said
said said

TRACE AND WRITE

they they they they they they
they they they they they they
they they

Copy each word once: the · was · you · said

REMEMBER

Look, say, cover, write and check: five steps for every tricky word.

A B

LESSON 7

Capital letters



Names and the first word of a sentence start with a **capital letter**. Capital letters do not join to the letter after them, so lift your pencil after each one.

TRACE AND WRITE

Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna

Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna

Anna Anna

TRACE AND WRITE

Leeds Leeds Leeds Leeds Leeds Leeds

Leeds Leeds Leeds Leeds Leeds Leeds

Leeds Leeds

Write each name with a capital: tom · leeds · may · london

REMEMBER

I is always a capital when you write about yourself.

abc

PICTURE DICTIONARY

My first words



Read each word and copy it on the line underneath in your best handwriting.



sun



moon



cat



fish



house



boat



duck



key



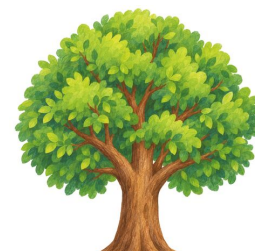
shoe



apple



bee



tree

Aa

LESSON 8

Copy a sentence



A sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop. Leave a space the size of a small o between words.

COPY THE SENTENCE

My cat sleeps in the sun.

My cat sleeps in the sun.

COPY THE SENTENCE

The moon is up at night.

The moon is up at night.

COPY THE SENTENCE

I like to write.

I like to write.



I can write!

You have practised round letters, sh, ch and th, ck and ng, magic e, vowel teams and tricky words. Now you can write your own stories.

Name _____

Date _____