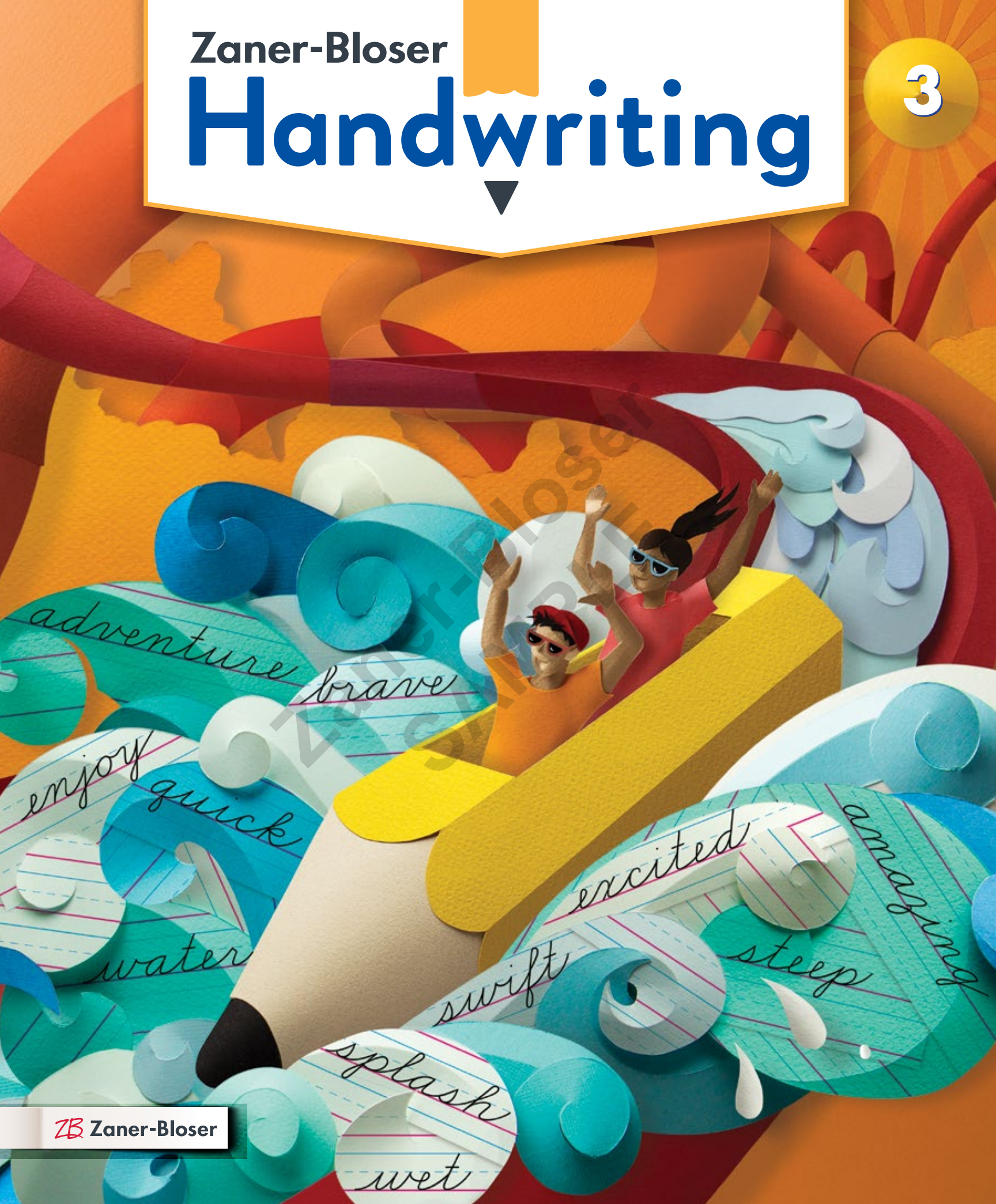


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Explore Your Book

You write for many reasons at school, at home, and in your community. The lessons in this book will help you write legibly so you and other people can easily read what you have written.



Meet Zaney

Zaney will be popping up in your book to help you form letters and make sure your writing is easy to read!

Digital Tutor


You'll see **Digital Tutor** codes throughout your book. Scan them with a mobile device to watch handwriting videos. Scan the QR code at the right to learn more about your Digital Tutor.

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Introduction



Stop and Check

Evaluating your own handwriting is a good habit to form. When you see the **Stop and Check**  sign in this book, stop and circle the best letter you wrote on that line. Scan the QR code at the right to learn more about evaluating your own handwriting.

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Stop and Check



Keys to Legibility

You will see the **Keys to Legibility**[™] throughout this book. They will help you remember to check the **Shape**, **Size**, **Spacing**, and **Slant** of your writing to make sure it is easy to read. Scan the QR code at the right to learn more about legibility and what your handwriting says about you.

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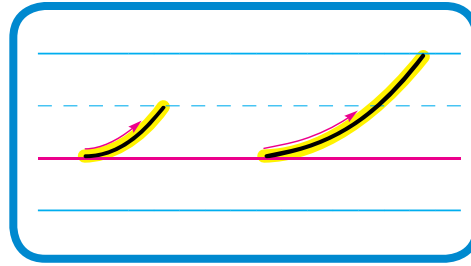
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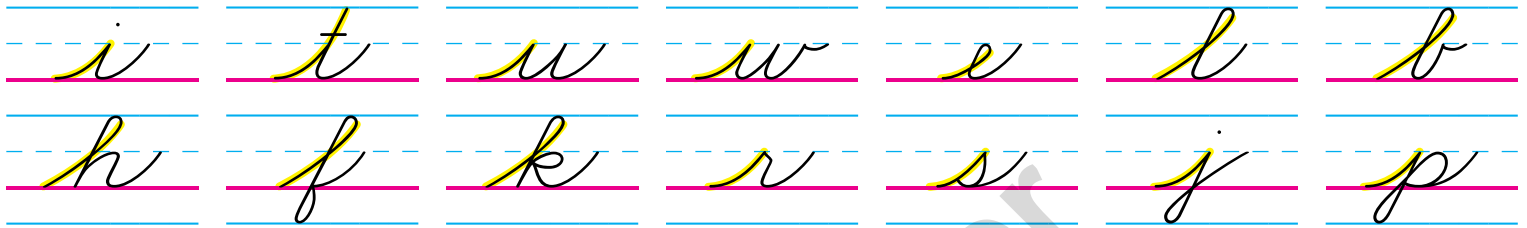
Write


Undercurve Strokes

On the next pages, you will write lowercase letters that begin with an undercurve stroke. Undercurves swing up.



Each of these letters begins with an undercurve stroke.



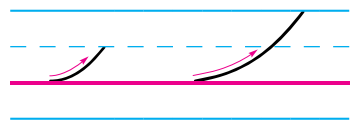
Trace and write.  Circle your best undercurve strokes.



Keys to Legibility Make your undercurve letters easy to read. Pay attention to the four Keys.

Shape

Undercurves swing up.



Size

Undercurves may be short or tall.



short letters

tall letters

Spacing

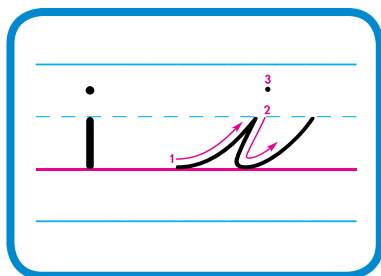
Swing wide to join a letter that ends with an undercurve to a letter that begins with an undercurve.



Slant

Position your paper correctly so your undercurve letters will have good slant.





1. Undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve. Lift.
3. Dot.



insect

insect

Trace and write. Circle your best *i*.



Join *i* and *i*. The ending stroke of the first letter begins the second letter. Finish the joining before dotting the *i*. Circle your best joining.



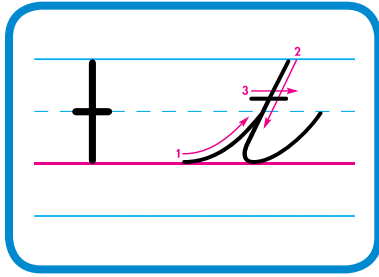
Shape Circle your best letter that has an undercurve beginning.

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Write



1. Undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve. Lift.
3. Slide right.



test tubes

test tubes

Trace and write. Circle your best *t*.



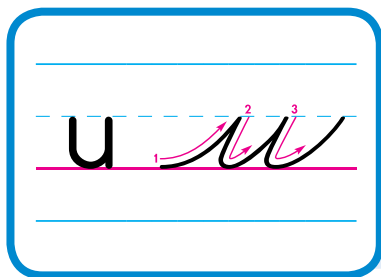
Join *t* and other letters. Notice the undercurve-to-undercurve joinings. Finish the joining before dotting the *i* or crossing the *t*. Circle your best joining.



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Letter Model
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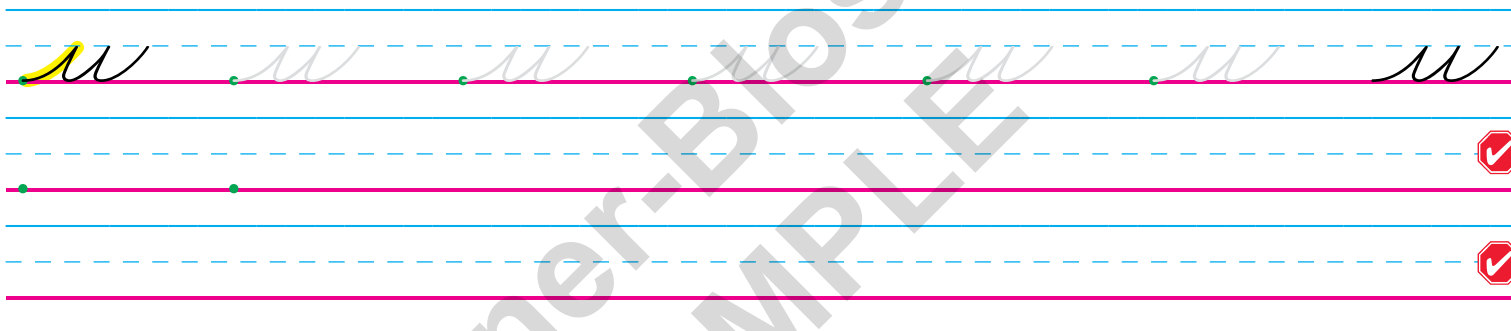
1. Undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve.
3. Slant; undercurve.

umbrellas

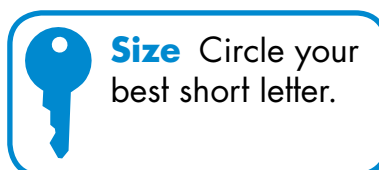
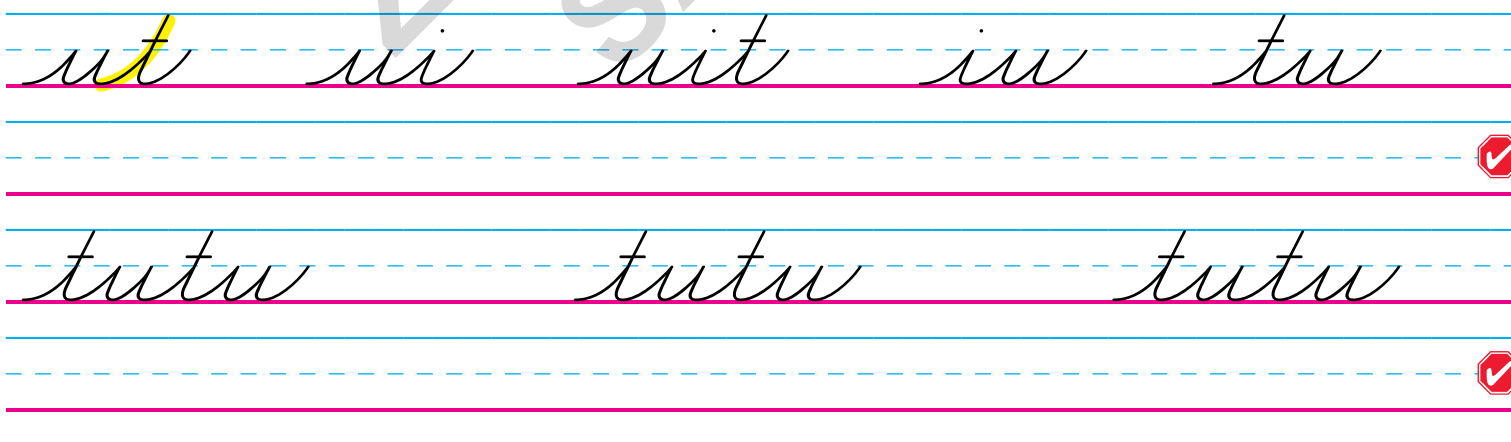
umbrellas



Trace and write.  Circle your best *u*.



Join *u* and other letters. Notice the undercurve-to-undercurve joinings.  Circle your best joining.



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Letter Model
and Formation



Write



1. Undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve.
3. Slant; undercurve.
4. Checkstroke.

water wheel

water wheel



Trace and write.  Circle your best *w*.

w w w w w w w



Join *w* and other letters. The checkstroke joins two letters.  Circle your best joining and your best word.

ww wi wt tw ww



wit wit wit wit



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Letter Model
and Formation



e 1. Undercurve; loop back;
slant; undercurve.

elephant ears




elephant ears



Trace and write.  Circle your best *e*.








Join *e* and other letters.  Circle your best joining and your best word.








**Spacing** Circle
your best joining.**Digital Tutor**Letter Model
and Formation

Review

i t u w e l b
h f k r s j p

Write these rhyming words.

keep peep jeep beep

jet pet set wet

hill bill fill will

true blue few flew

Homophones Homophones are words that sound alike but are spelled differently. They have different meanings too.

see
sea



Write these homophone pairs. Circle your best letter.

fur fir be bee

peer pier flew flu

its it's wheel we'll

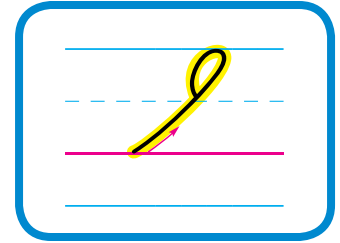
their there sweet suite

blue blew few phew!

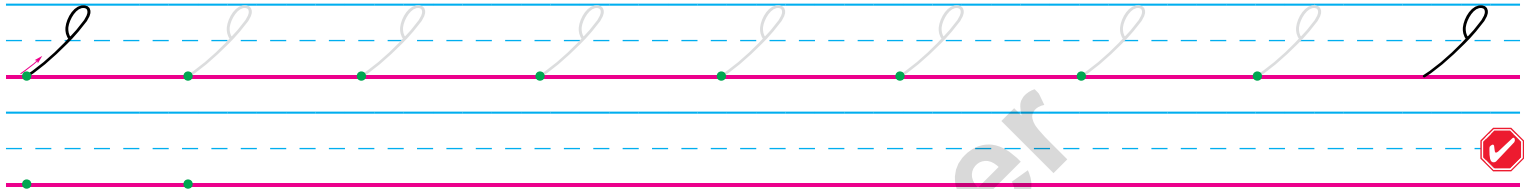
Undercurve-Loop and Undercurve-Diagonal Strokes

You will learn to write these uppercase letters.

Each letter begins with an undercurve and a loop stroke.

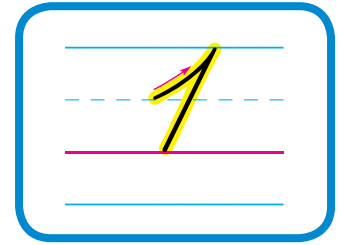



Trace and write.  Circle your best undercurve-loop stroke.

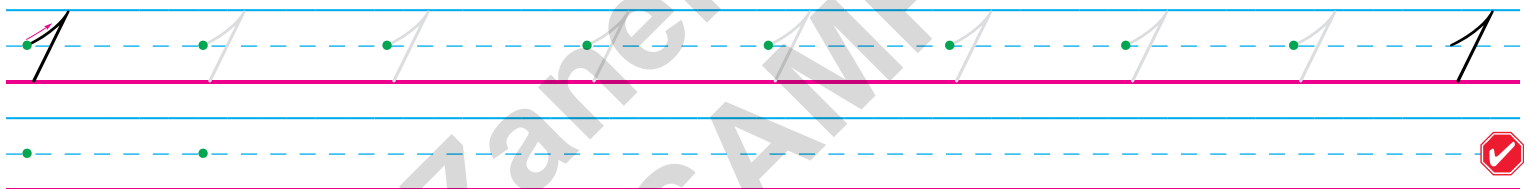


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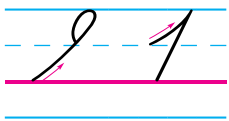


Trace and write.  Circle your best undercurve-diagonal stroke.



Keys to Legibility Make your undercurve-loop and undercurve-diagonal letters easy to read.

Shape



An undercurve stroke can begin at the baseline or the midline.

Spacing

R is joined to the letter that follows. Swing wide to join to the next letter. That way your letters will have good spacing.

Size

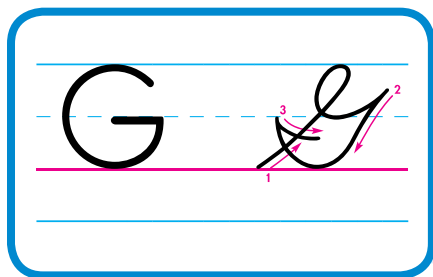
Use the headline, midline, baseline, and descender space as your guides.



Slant

Cursive letters have a consistent forward slant.





1. Undercurve; loop; curve forward.
2. Doublecurve; curve up.
3. Retrace; curve right.



Gil eats a Georgia peach.

Gil eats a Georgia peach.

Trace and write. Circle your best *G*.



G is not joined to the letter that follows. Write the words and sentence. Circle your best word on each line.

Georgia Glendale Greta

Gil grows great peaches.



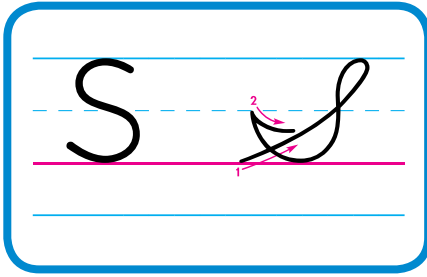
Size Circle your best tall letter.

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Write



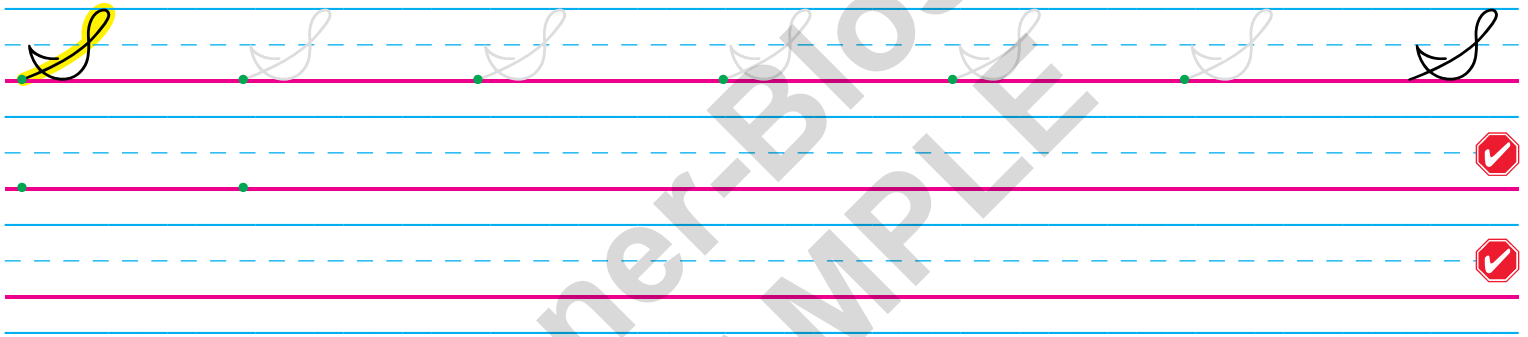
1. Undercurve; loop; curve down and up.
2. Retrace; curve right.



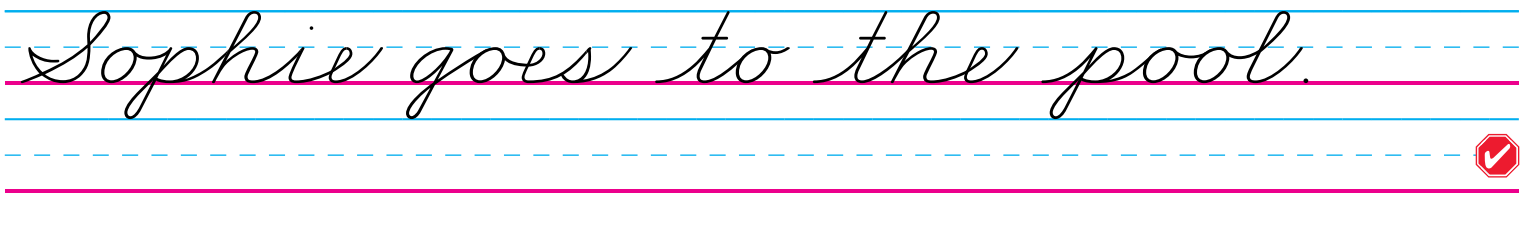
Summers are hot in San Antonio.

Summers are hot in San Antonio.

Trace and write. Circle your best *S*.



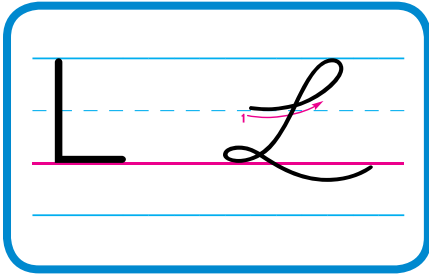
S is not joined to the letter that follows. Write the words and sentence. Circle your best word on each line.



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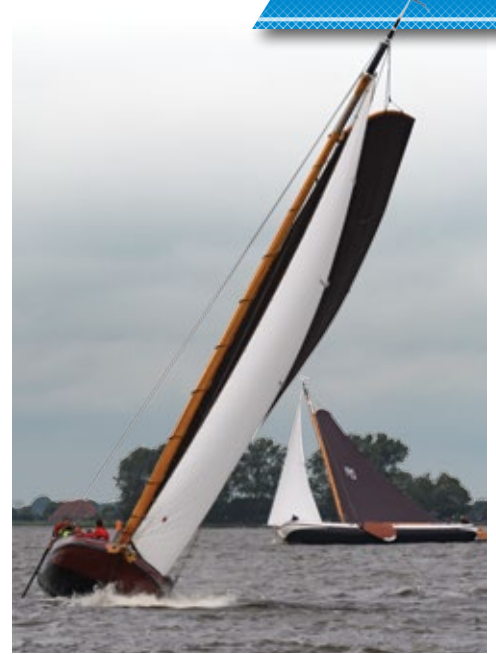




1. Undercurve; loop; curve down;
loop; curve under.

Lisa sails on Lake Erie.

Lisa sails on Lake Erie.



Trace and write. Circle your best *L*.



L is not joined to the letter that follows. Write the words and sentence. Circle your best word on each line.



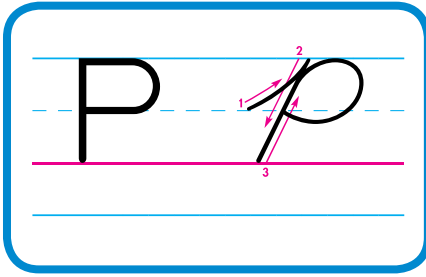
Spacing Circle
your best joining.

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Letter Model
and Formation



Write



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



Pastries in Paris are pretty.

Pastries in Paris are pretty.

Trace and write. Circle your best P.



P is not joined to the letter that follows. Write the words and sentence. Circle your best word on each line.

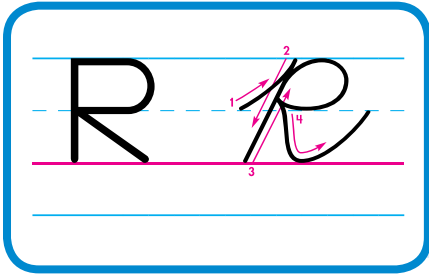
Pennsylvania *Pluto*

Papa is a pastry chef.

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1. Undercurve.
2. Slant.
3. Retrace; curve forward and back.
4. Curve forward; undercurve.



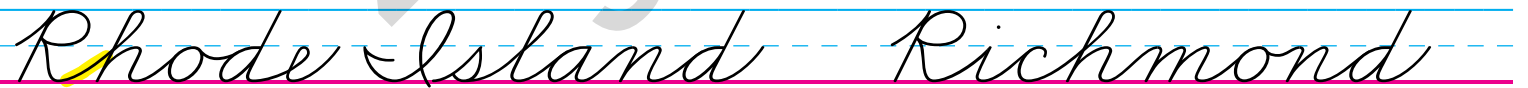
Roller coasters thrill Ryan.


Roller coasters thrill Ryan.

Trace and write. Circle your best R.



R is joined to the letter that follows. Write the words and sentence. Circle your best word on each line.



 **Slant** Circle a letter you wrote that has good slant.

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Letter Model and Formation 

Review

G S L P R B

Here are some authors and illustrators whose books you may have read.
Write their names.

Brian Pinkney Jan Brett

Cynthia Rylant Dr. Seuss

Maurice Sendak

Paul Goble Lewis Carroll

Eve Bunting Hugh Lofting


Book Character Read the paragraph below.

I love to read exciting Dr. Doolittle stories. He is a doctor who can talk to the animals. He understands what they say. He helps them feel better.



Write the paragraph about Dr. Doolittle. Leave space for margins.  Circle your best word.

Cursive in the Real World

Friendly Letter Use cursive to write the letter. Write as quickly and neatly as you can. Be sure to leave room for margins.  Circle your best word.



Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

Soccer camp is fun! Coach says I did something great in today's game—I scored the winning goal. Alex almost stole the ball from me, but I ran faster. Coach began to shout from the side of the field. It felt like a scene from a movie. Now I need to wash the dirt off my uniform so I can wear it again tomorrow. I'll write more later!

Love,

Jada

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Narrative

Story Retelling Write the title of a story you know well. Then retell the story in your own words. Be sure to include the characters, setting, and important events. Remember to indent the first line of each paragraph you write and leave space for margins.

Title: _____

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