

Handwriting Joins

Handwriting joins are to be taught, modelled and consolidated. By the end of Year 1 children should know the difference between small and tall letters.

They should be taught where small letters stand in relation to tall letters. In all writing, handwriting should be corrected where there are no leads or flicks, incorrect joins and where handwriting isn't joined at all.

Children should be taught the following groups of letters (in line with our Read Write Inc scheme):

c a o d g q

l t b p k h i j m n r u y

e f s

v w z x

'Special friends': ch ng nk qu sh th ay ee igh ow oo
arc or air ir ou oy ai ao aw ur er ire ear ure ew are
ow ea oi

Children will then be taught letter clusters:

Small letter joins: aa ac ao as au ae ar am an ai
ca cc co cs cu ce cr cm cn ci ua uc uo us uu ue ur
um un ui ea ec eo es eu ee er em en ei ma mc mo
ms mu me mr mm mn mi na nc no ns nu ne nr nm
nn ni ia ic io is iu ie ir im in ii av aw iv iw ev ew
ux uw cv cw mv mw vx vw

Tall letter joins: hb hh hl hk ht lb lh ll lk lt kb kh
kl kk kt tb th tl tk tt db dh dl dk dt

Small letter to tall letter joins: al cl ul el ml nl il
ab cb ub eb mb nb ib ah ch uh eh mh nh ih ak ck

uk ek mk nk ik at ct ut et mt nt it ad cd ud ed mt
nt it

Tall letter to small letter joins: la lc lu le lm ln li
lr lo ha hc hu he hm hn hi hr ho ka kc ku ke km kn
ki kr ko ta tc tu te tm tn ti tr to da dc du de dm
dn di dr do

Horizontal joins to tall letters: oh ob ol ok ot wh
wb wl wk wt vh vb vl vk vt

Horizontal joins to small letters: oa oo oc ou om on
oi ow ov os

Horizontal joins to long letters: og oy oq op oj

Small joins to long letters: ag ay aj ap aq cg cy cj
cp cq ug uy uj up uq eg ey ej ep eq mg my mj mp
mq ng ny nj np nq ig iy ij ip iq

Small joins to f: af ef cf uf if mf nf

Tall letters to f: lf kf tf fh