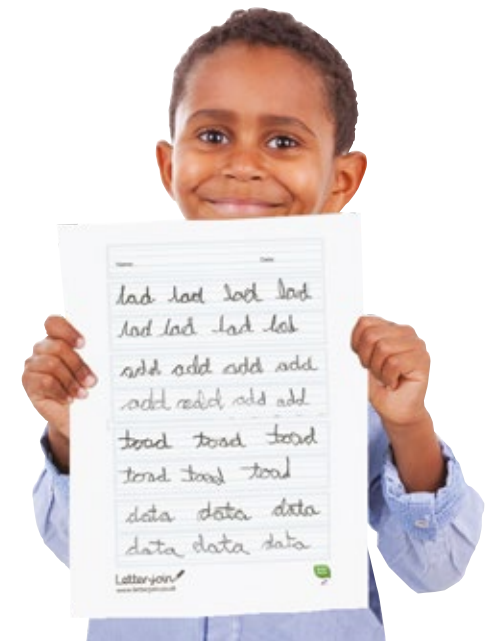


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Handwriting

at home for parents and pupils



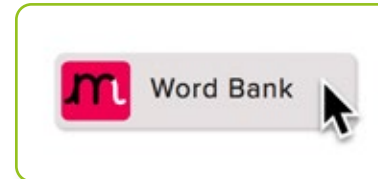
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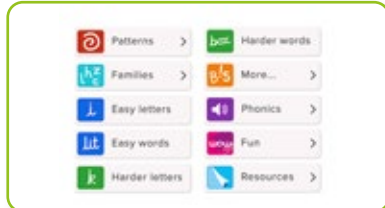
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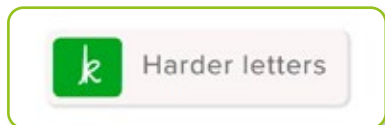
Getting to know your way around Letter-join resources.



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Material to teach other character sets and to practise handwriting.

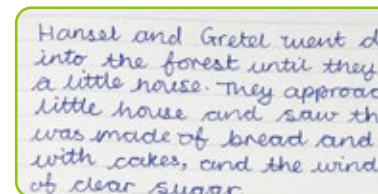
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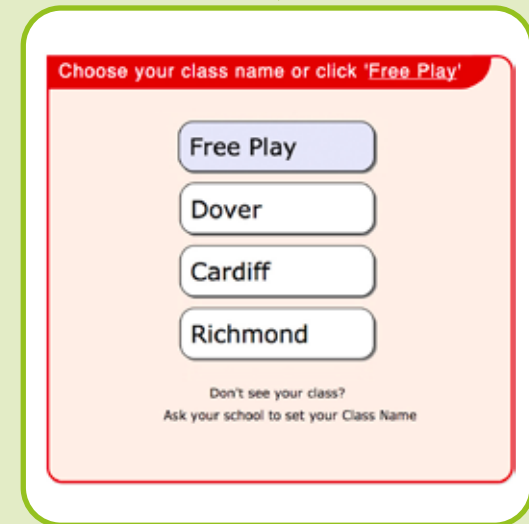
Ask your class teacher for the Pupil login details.
These will include how to log in on any computer or tablet.
Click the Desktop or Tablet button then choose your class name or Free Play.

How to log in

From the Letter-join home page, choose Desktop or Tablet login.

Enter the Pupil username then the swipecode (for tablets) or password (for PCs) issued to you by your child's school.

Select your child's class name from the menu, or if you don't know it, click Free Play.



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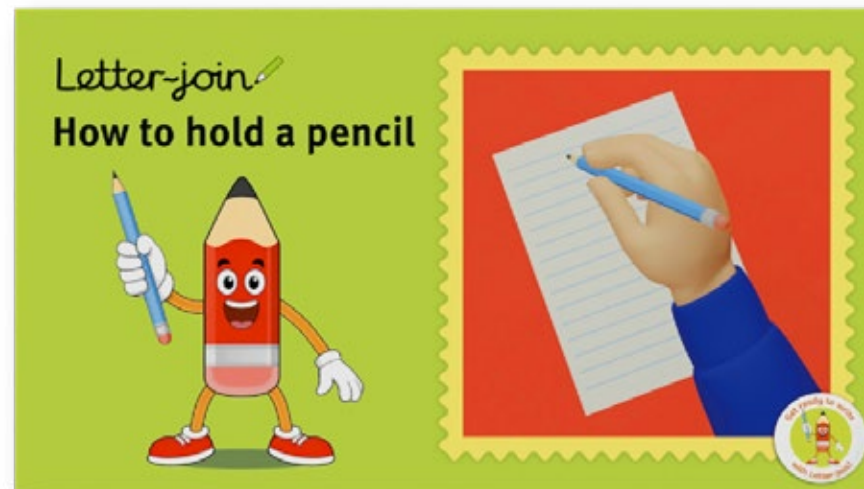
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Ready to Write Resources

Try Letter-join's videos to help prepare fingers and hands ready for handwriting.
Simply type the titles of the following Letter-join videos into YouTube to find.

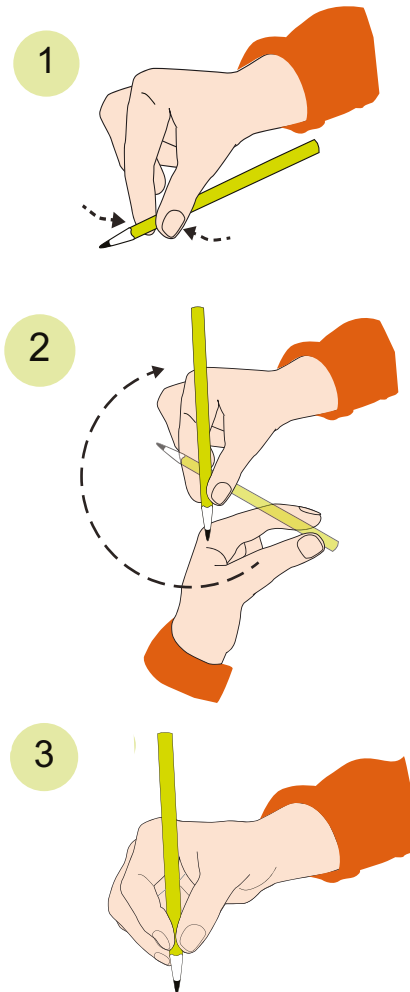
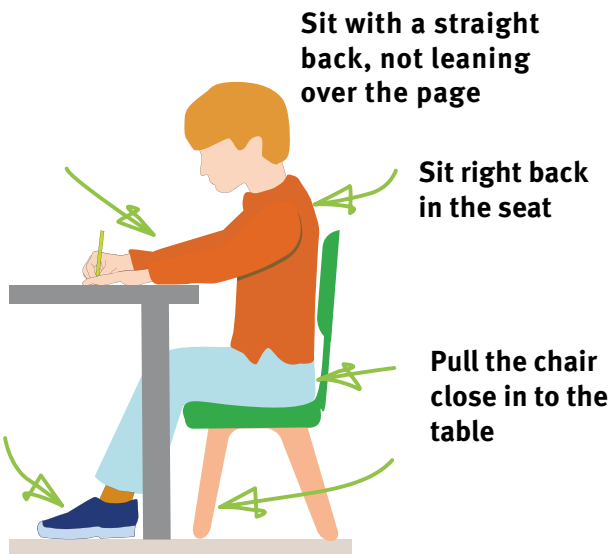


Pencil grip and sitting position

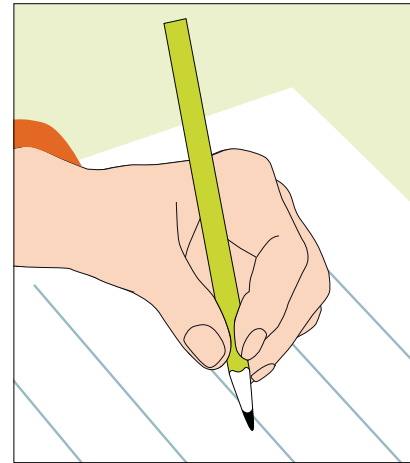
Holding a pencil correctly can help handwriting be more controlled and comfortable.

Both right and left handed children should be encouraged to use the tripod grip which allows the pen/pencil to be held securely whilst allowing controlled movements of the pen/pencil nib.

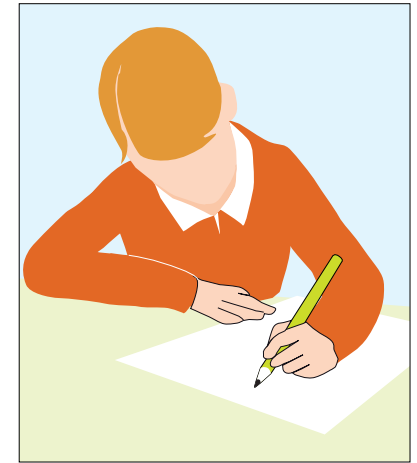
1. Grip the pencil with your index finger and thumb with the nib pointing away.
2. With your free hand, spin the pencil from underneath.
3. Use your middle finger to support the underside of the pencil.



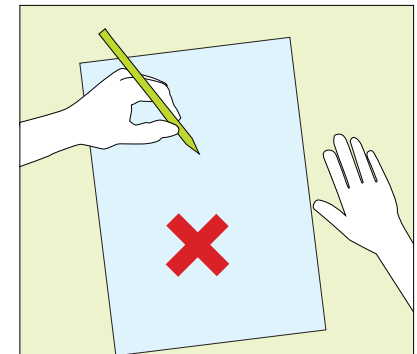
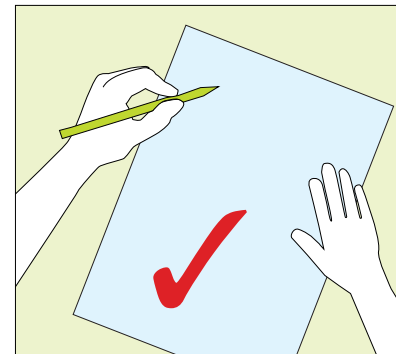
Positioning for left-handed children



Tripod grip for left-handed children.



Paper positioning for left-handed children



The Letter-join menu

Explore the Letter-join menu to find handwriting animations and activities.

Watch, practise, trace and copy! For Letter-join at home these are your essential handwriting animations

Letter Families follow the most common, developmental order for teaching letter formation.



The Letter-join menu is organized into several categories, each with a list of activities:

- Patterns:** Families, Easy letters, Easy words, Harder letters, Harder words, More..., Phonics, Fun, Resources.
- Letter Families:** Patterns, Ladders, Caterpillars, Robots, Zig-Zags, Printouts, Activity.
- More Letters:** Capitals, Printed, Numbers, Symbols, About.
- Phonics:** Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3, Phase 4, Phase 5, PhonicsMatch, SoundMatch, Phozzle.
- Resources:** W Generator, W Animator, W Processor, Printouts, Dictation, Warm Up, About.
- Fun:** Magic Words, Magic Pattern, Word Bank, PhonicsMatch, Word Search, Write it Right!, LetterMatch, LetterLotto, L. Families, Write in Time!, Remember Write.

Easy Letters

Letter Families

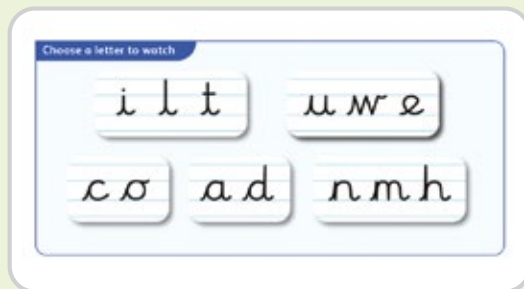
Worksheets for handwriting practice

Letter-join includes hundreds of worksheets that you can print out at home.

Practise letters and words

Animations for individual letters including spoken instructions with links to worksheets

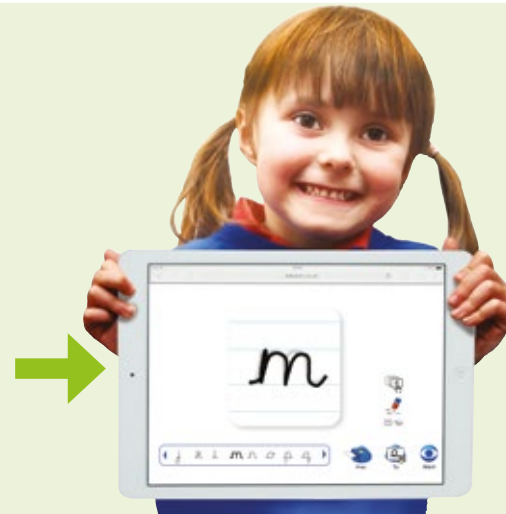
Watch, practise, trace and copy



Choose a letter to watch



Watch animations with spoken instructions



Touch-screen activities for iPads and tablets



Practice worksheets accompany all sections

Choosing handwriting activities

Practise handwriting through Letter-join games and engaging activities! These are designed to use on tablets and PCs at school and at home.

From the Letter-join menu, find the 'Fun' tab to access any of Letter-join's activities, as shown below.



Magic Patterns

A selection of patterns, shapes and mazes for tracing on imaginative backgrounds.



Magic Words

Enter any word and trace on a choice of colourful backgrounds.



LetterLotto

Practise recognition of how to write cursive or printed letters.



LetterMatch

Helps teach the names and sounds of the letters of the alphabet.



PhonicsMatch

A matching pairs game to beat the clock using cursive or printed letters.



Phozzle

Practise phonic sounds to reveal an exciting picture.



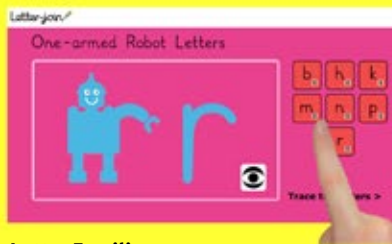
SoundMatch

A matching pairs game for Early Years to support Letter-join Phase 1 Phonics.



Word Search

Different levels of word searches to strengthen spelling skills.



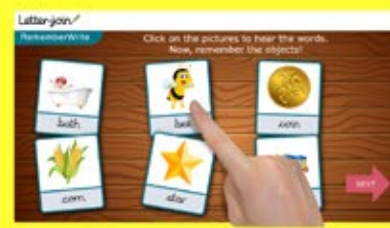
Letter Families

Reinforces different letter shapes and shows the correct way to write letters.



Write it Right!

An activity that encourages play and practise. Trace words that match the correct picture, build a colourful gallery.



Remember Write

Develop childrens' memory skills along side handwriting and spelling.



Write in Time

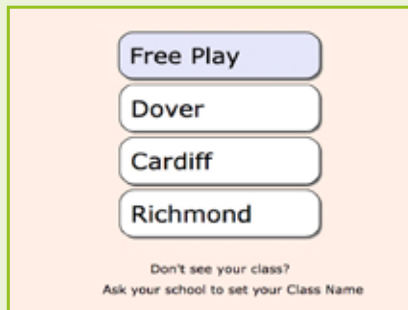
Choose from eight KS2 topics. The more words that are neatly written, the higher the award given.

Access a Word Bank

Letter-join Word Banks are collections of word animations your class teacher has created for children to practise at school and at home.

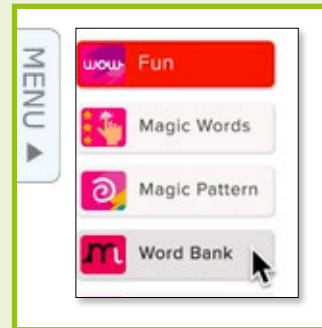


How to open a classroom Word Bank



Log in to Letter-join

Use your school's Letter-join Pupil log-in and select your child's class name.



Choose 'Fun'

Select 'Word Bank' from the Letter-join 'Fun' menu.



Select a Word Bank

Use the pull-down menu to select a Word Bank.



Select a word to watch

Select a word either on-screen or from the pull-down menu at the top.



Watch and Try

Select 'Play' to see the word being written, then trace the word on an iPad or tablet by selecting 'Try'.

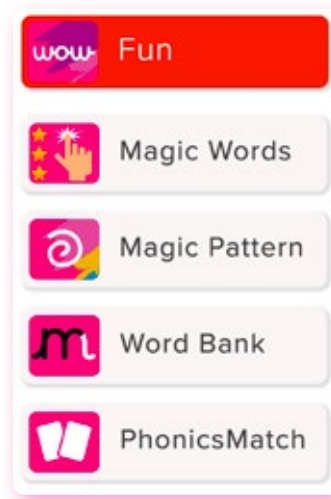


Activities

Use the Activities pull-down menu to select a Spelling List or Word Search.

Early Years Introduction

Colourful, touch-screen handwriting activities



Under the 'Fun' tab you'll find lots of activities designed to offer touch-screen tracing practice for your children at home.

Magic Patterns can be used to trace Letter-join's pre-writing patterns and other shapes in a choice of fun palettes. Magic Words allows any word to be typed onto the screen and then traced over using a finger or a stylus for letter and word practice.

Write it Right! rewards neat handwriting with a picture gallery of children's handwritten words. Children can trace words that match pictures with fun sounds and animations encouraging them to play and practise letter shapes.



Many Letter-join activities have an accompanying printout sheets for real handwriting practice.



Magic Patterns



Magic Words



Write it Right!

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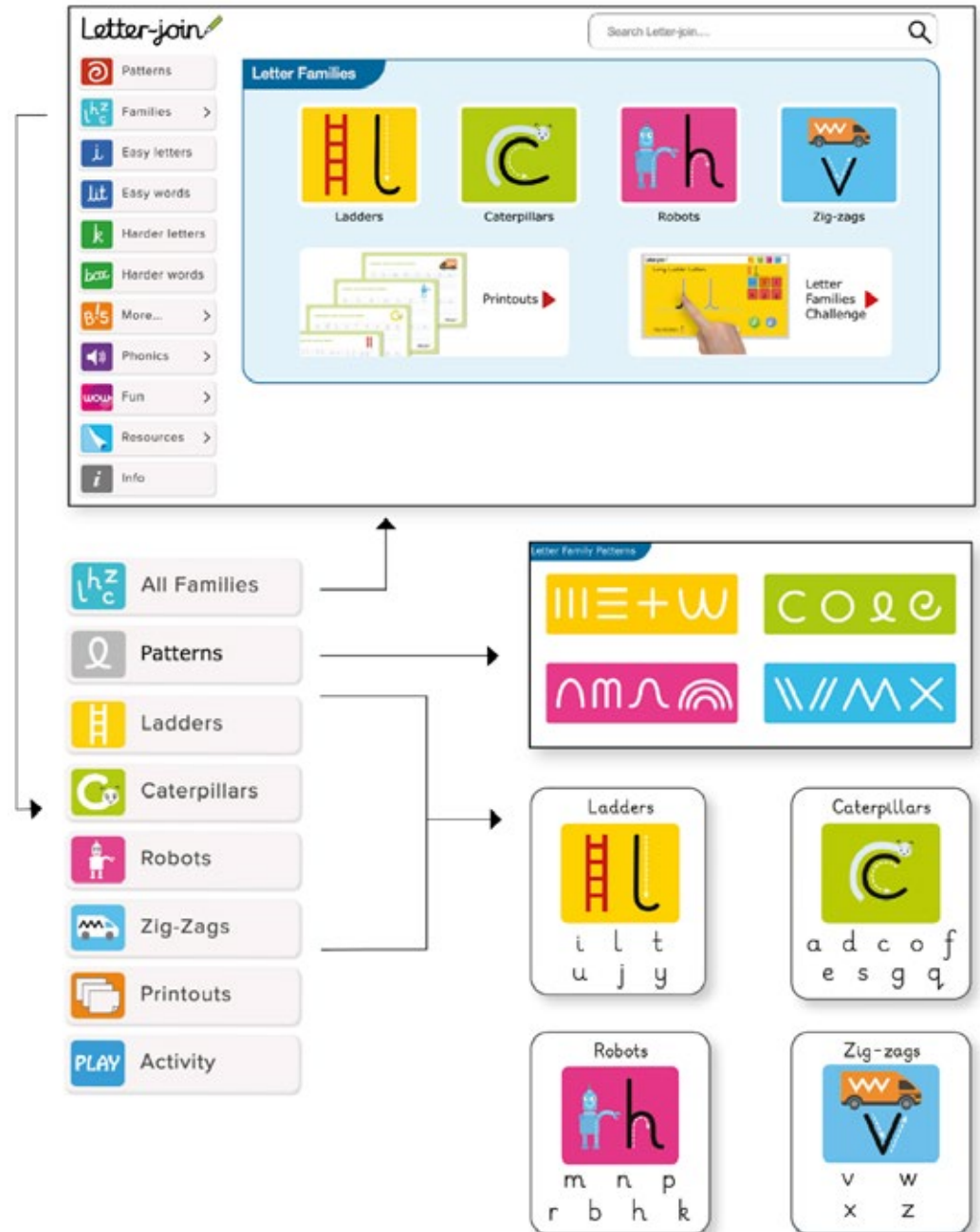
Learning letter formation with Letter Families



Letter-join offers a step-by-step route for teaching handwriting in letter family order with colourful animations and printable worksheets for real handwriting practice.



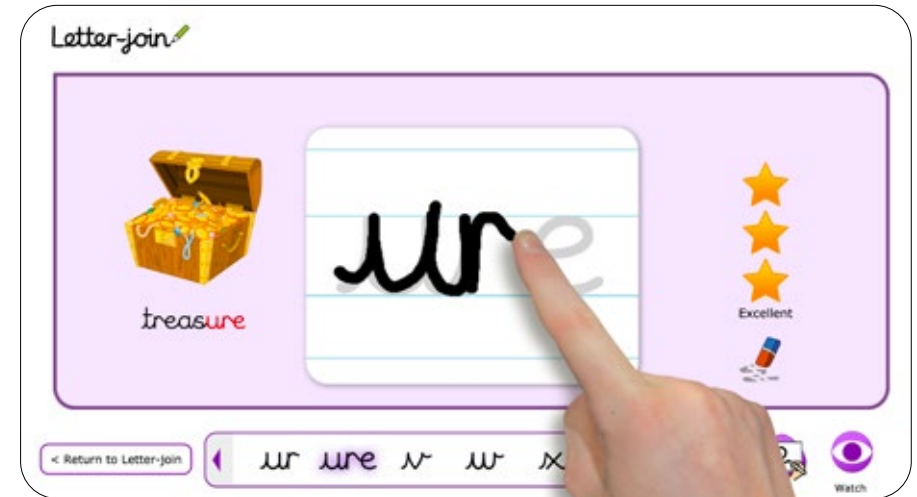
Worksheets are designed for left- and right-handed children.



Early Years

Letter-join Phonics

Children can hear the sounds and practise tracing them on iPads or tablets. The Phonics activities will be displayed in the font chosen by your child's class teacher.



Lets try...

Touch-screen tracing practice for pupils at home

Letter-join's pre-writing patterns are grouped into logical sets of similar shapes, and each pattern is animated, accompanied by exciting sounds.

Finer control can be gained by finger writing on tablets or with a pencil using the worksheets.

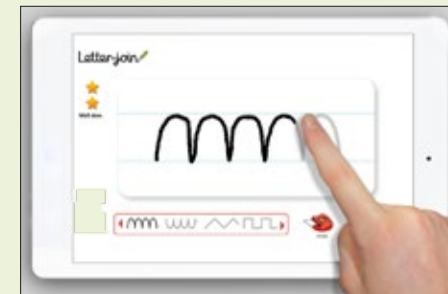
Worksheets consist of lines of patterns for tracing using a pencil or crayon and a simple drawing which can be 'coloured-in' using the patterns of that group.



Pre-writing patterns cover all writing shapes.



Watch patterns, such as jellies, with fun sounds.



Practice tracing patterns on iPads or tablets.

Fun worksheets can be printed for all the pattern sets for handwriting practice using pencils and crayons.



Key Stage 1 Introduction



At home, Letter-join is the perfect handwriting companion for Key Stage 1. Children have easy access to the same Letter-join resources as at school.

With gentle encouragement children will be aiming to produce neat handwriting with consistent spacing and letter sizes.

Practising handwriting exercises both on tablets and with pencils on worksheets can be fun, with real improvements achieved surprisingly quickly.

Lets try...

Capitals, numbers and printed letters

Try 'More Letters' for touch-screen activities and worksheets.



Writing digits

Count the objects and write the number in the box.



Key Stage 1 Printouts

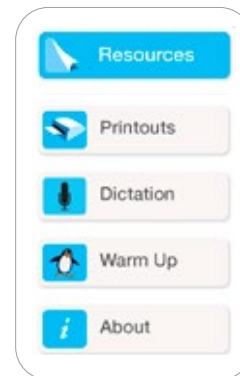
Choose from hundreds of downloadable worksheets for real handwriting practice.

The Key Stage 1 Printouts section has lots of fun worksheets for children to practise and improve their handwriting while supporting their learning at school.

Children can develop their reading, spelling and handwriting with High

Frequency Words, Extra Letters Practice and Sequencing Sentences.

All these and much more can be found in Resources > Printouts > Key Stage 1.



The first one hundred High Frequency Words

Extra practice for those tricky letters

Practise handwriting with sequencing sentences

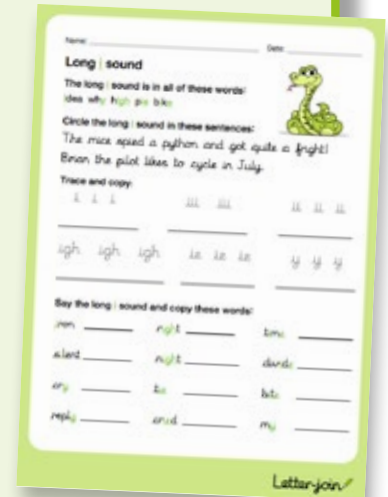


Lets try...

KS1 SPaG Revision

Letter-join offers a series of fun worksheets to support Key Stage 1 spelling, punctuation and grammar. These provide plenty of handwriting practice and boost your child's confidence too.

Download these worksheets from Resources > Printouts > Key Stage 1 > KS1 SPaG Support



Letter Families activity



Catch up with Letter Families and try this fun, handwriting challenge! Practice Long Ladder, Curly Caterpillar, One-armed Robot and Zig-zag letters, and discover which family they belong to.

Key Stage 2 Introduction

Longer passages of text, written speedily and neatly are the handwriting targets of Key Stage 2.

Letter-join resources, from printable worksheets to digital activities, include dictation exercises, games and activities, which help develop handwriting to this higher level.

The Key Stage 2 Printouts tab in Letter-join's Resources section has many practice worksheets. They cover a selection of curriculum topics and are perfect for real handwriting practice at home.

The Nice and Neat section provides the opportunity to develop better fluency and neat, speedy handwriting through copying longer passages of text.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Alliteration Sentences

Alliteration is when most of the words in a sentence start with the same sound.
Copy these alliteration sentences neatly.

Five furious fairies flew forwards in fog.

Jolly jellyfish jiggle and jump in juice.

Queasy queens quarrel quite quickly but quietly.

Villainous vets vow to visit violent volcanoes.

Windy winter weather worries wigwags.

Yellow yams and yoghurt are yummy.

Zany zebras zoom and zig zag in zoos.

Try making up some of your own alliteration sentences.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Aboriginal Tale

The tale of Tiddalik the Frog is a legend from Australian Aboriginal mythology.
Copy this extract from the story in your best handwriting.

In the beginning of the time, there was a great frog named Tiddalik. He lived in the Southern New South Wales. He was bigger than any other frog and wandered around the plains of Ravena.

One very hot day, Tiddalik was very thirsty so he began to drink and drink and drink until the whole billabong was all dried up. When all the other animals came to the billabong to drink there was no water. They knew it was the greedy frog who had drunk all the water. They were very angry at him. If the animals wanted to get all the water out of Tiddalik and back into the billabong, they would have to make Tiddalik laugh until all the water came out.

Try and find out how the story ends and write it in brief bullet points.

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Lets try...

Tricky Spellings

Children can practise those tricky Statutory Words at home! Choose from look, trace and copy spelling lists and cloze (missing words) exercises to practise using the words in sentences.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Missing Word Sentences 1: 1

Fill in the missing words so that each sentence makes sense.

address accidentally arrive

My Mum _____ wrote the wrong
_____ so her letter did not _____.

actually appear

Do you _____
ghost will _____?

accident actual

Jack managed to _____
question by _____.

accident believe bicycle

I _____ that you may have an
if you are not careful on your _____.

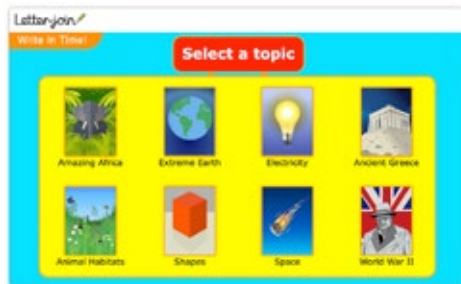
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Select the words relevant to your child's year group:
year 3/4 or year 5/6.

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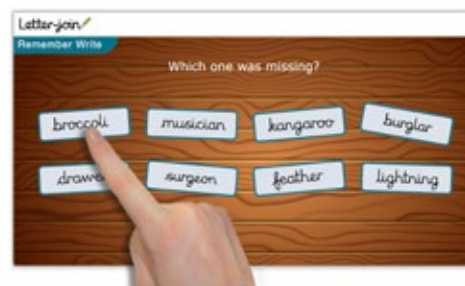
Write in Time!

A Key Stage 2 activity to practise speedy and fluent handwriting. Choose from eight KS2 topics. The more words that are neatly written, the higher the award given.



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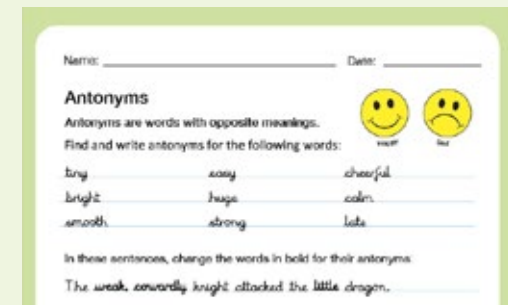
Develop memory skills and practice spelling and handwriting. Children can choose from five different levels ranging from KS1 phonics to KS2 statutory spellings.



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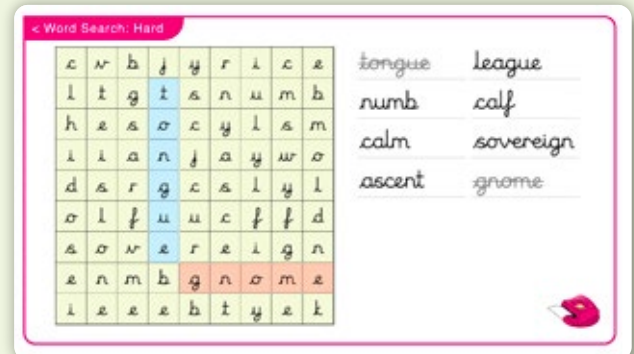
SATs Practice

A series of worksheets to help with SATs revision as well as reinforcing handwriting. These cover all aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar topics that will have been taught at school. They can be found in Resources > Printouts > KS2.



Word Search

Letter-join's Word Searches are designed for iPads and tablets. They are both fun and practical, reinforcing spellings and are easily printed for handwriting practice.



Key Stage 2

Handwriting for different subjects

A selection of curriculum topics can be found in the KS2 Printouts section for practising fluent handwriting. These include Geography, History, Science, French and Spanish.

Name: _____ Date: _____

French Prepositions

Copy the sentences in French and underline the prepositions.

 The doll is under the bed.
La poupée est sous le lit.

 The bike is in front of the window.
Le vélo est devant la fenêtre.

 The cake is on the table.
Le gâteau est sur la table.

 The donkey is behind the tree.
L'âne est derrière l'arbre.

 The castle is in the forest.
Le château est dans la forêt.

 The swing is next to the gate.
La balançoire est à côté de la barrière.

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Lets try...

Dictation exercises

Build up handwriting speed and stamina with Dictation Exercises which will help with learning to write longer passages of text.

KS2 Dictation Exercises

1. My Shadow  Dictation 1 >	2. There was an Old Man  Dictation 2 >	3. What is Pink?  Dictation 3 >	4. Custard the Dragon  Dictation 4 >	5a. Jack climbs the Beanstalk  Dictation 5a >	5b. The Giant chases Jack  Dictation 5b >
6a. Hansel and Gretel eat Cake  Dictation 6a >	6b. Hansel & Gretel Meet the Witch  Dictation 6b >	7a. The Tale of Peter Rabbit  Dictation 7a >	7b. Naughty Peter Rabbit  Dictation 7b >	8a. Tom Thumb's Parents  Dictation 8a >	8b. Tom Thumb  Dictation 8b >

KS2 Dictation Exercises

LISTEN
0:00 / 0:40

WRITE
0:00 / 1:20

EDIT
0:00 / 0:40

SEE TEXT AND WRITE OUT AGAIN >



Key Stage 2 Dictation Exercises have longer passages of text for children to listen to and write down what they hear.

Hansel and Gretel went deeper into the forest until they reached a little house. They approached the little house and saw that it was made of bread and covered with cakes, and the windows were of clear sugar.
"We will set to work on that," said Hansel, "and..."

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