

Handwriting Heroes: Word Mat

Learning objective: To understand and use key terminology related to joined-up handwriting and letter formation.

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you improve your handwriting. The terms are grouped by Letter Shapes, Joining and Flow, and Presentation.

Ascender The part of a letter that goes upwa...	Descender The part of a letter that goes bel...	x-height The height of the main body of lowe...
Baseline The invisible line that the letters sit...	Cursive A style of writing where the letters a...	Join The line that connects one letter to the ...
Lead-in stroke The line that starts a letter fr...	Exit stroke The line at the end of a letter that...	Consistency Keeping your letters the same ...
Fluency Writing smoothly and easily without...	Spacing Leaving the right amount of room b...	Alignment Ensuring your writing stays straig...
Posture The way you sit in your chair to help...	Grip The way you hold your pencil to get the...	Slant The slight angle of the letters, usually l...
Legibility How easy it is for someone else to...	Which part of a le...	Why is 'spacing' ...
What is the differ...	Max the monkey ...	If a letter has an '...