

Pip's Perfect Penmanship Flashcards

Learning objective: To practise correct letter formation, sizing, and consistent spacing as per Year 1 National Curriculum expectations.

Use these flashcards to check your handwriting skills. Read the front, think of the answer or the action, then check the back (the answer) to see if you are ready to write beautifully!

What is the invisible line at the bottom of your writing paper called?	Which tool does Pip the caterpillar use to make sure there is a gap between each word?
The baseline.	A finger space.
What do we call the letters that reach up to the top of the line, like 'h', 'l', and 't'?	What do we call the letters that hang down below the baseline, like 'g', 'j', and 'p'?
Ascenders.	Descenders.
When should you use a capital letter at the start of a sentence?	True or False: All lowercase letters should be the same height.
Always at the beginning of every sentence.	False. Some are tall (ascenders), some are small, and some hang low (descenders).
How should you hold your pencil to have the best control?	If you are writing a person's name, what kind of letter must you start with?
Using a comfortable 'tripod grip' with your thumb and first two fingers.	A capital letter.
What is the 'formation' of a letter?	Why do we keep our letters a consistent size?
The way your hand moves to draw the shape of the letter correctly.	To make our writing neat and easy for others to read.
Does a full stop go above or on the baseline?	Which part of your body should stay still while your hand moves to write?
It sits right on the baseline.	Your arm and shoulder should be relaxed and steady.