

# Max's Magnificent Handwriting Mat

*Learning objective: To identify and use key vocabulary for developing neat, joined-up, and correctly formed handwriting.*

**Key Vocabulary**  
Use this mat to help you with your writing. Max the monkey says: 'Check your posture, hold your pencil correctly, and keep your letters the right size!' The words are grouped into 'Position', 'Letter Shapes', and 'Writing Tools'.

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| <b>Posture</b> Sitting up straight with your feet flat ... | <b>Grip</b> The way you hold your pencil between ...    | <b>Baseline</b> The invisible line that all your letter... |
| <b>Ascender</b> A tall part of a letter that reaches ...   | <b>Descender</b> A long tail on a letter that goes d... | <b>Why is it helpful t...</b>                              |