

Zara's Patterned Handwriting Practice

Learning objective: To practise the formation of lower-case letters, ensuring correct orientation and consistent size in line with Year 1 National Curriculum requirements.

Zara the zebra loves patterns! She has created a special handwriting trail for you. Look at the letter patterns below. Trace over the grey letters carefully, then use your best handwriting to finish each row by copying the letters into the empty spaces. Remember to keep your letters sitting on the line!

Word bank: a · c · d · e · g · o · q · s

1. Trace and copy the 'round' letters: a, c, o, d. (a c o d _ _ _) (2 marks)

2. Trace and copy the 'curly' letters: e, s. (e s _ _) (2 marks)

3. Trace and copy the 'descender' letters that go below the line: g, q. (g q _ _) (2 marks)

4. Zara is writing the word 'cat'. Can you write it neatly on the line below? (2 marks)

5. Zara is writing the word 'dog'. Can you write it neatly on the line below? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Zara the zebra holding a large pencil, showing her how she uses patterns to help her write beautiful letters.



Extension challenge: Choose your three favourite letters from today's practice. Can you think of a word that starts with each letter and write them out in your neatest handwriting?