

Neat Writing with Pip the Caterpillar

Learning objective: To practise handwriting, focusing on letter formation, consistent size, and sitting letters correctly on the line.

Follow Pip's guide to neat writing. Remember to hold your pencil carefully, keep your letters the same size, and make sure your letters 'sit' on the line just like Pip sits on a leaf.

Pip the caterpillar loves to read in the garden. Pip is very careful when writing new words. Pip makes sure every letter is round and clear.

Word bank: caterpillar · leaf · wiggle · crawl · garden · happy

1. Pip has written the word 'leaf'. Copy the word onto the line below, making sure all letters are the same size. (2 marks)

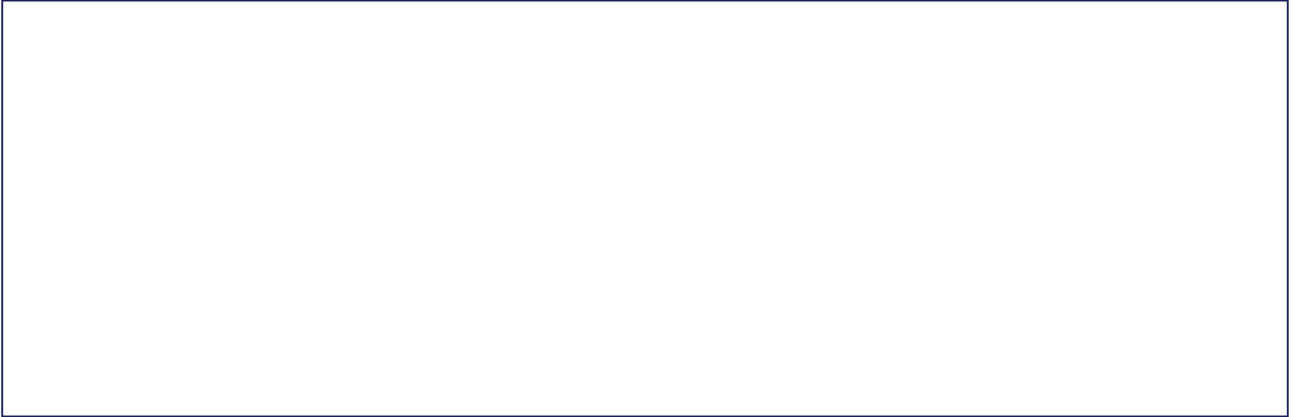
2. Look at the letters 'g', 'p', and 'y'. These are 'descender' letters that go below the line. Practise writing these three letters in your best handwriting. (3 marks)

3. Write the sentence: 'The caterpillar is happy.' Check that your capital letter is at the start and your full stop is at the end. (3 marks)

4. Which two words from the word bank have the letter 'r' in them? Write them out neatly. (2 marks)

5. Why is it important to have spaces between your words when you write? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar sitting on a large green leaf, and write one sentence underneath describing what Pip is doing.



Extension challenge: Choose two more words from the word bank and write a short, neat story sentence for each one on a separate piece of paper.