

# Handwriting Helpers with Pip the Caterpillar

*Learning objective: To learn and practise the key rules for clear and joined-up handwriting.*

Read the front of each flashcard to learn a handwriting rule. Look at the back to see the answer. You can use these cards to help you write neatly!

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| <b>What is the imaginary line that all your letters sit on?</b>      | <b>Which part of a letter (like 'h' or 'l') goes up high?</b> |
| The baseline.                                                        | An ascender.                                                  |
| <b>Which part of a letter (like 'g' or 'p') goes below the line?</b> | <b>How should you sit to write your best?</b>                 |
| A descender.                                                         | With good posture, feet flat on the floor.                    |
| <b>What do we call it when we link letters together?</b>             | <b>Should your letters all lean in the same direction?</b>    |
| A join.                                                              | Yes, they should be consistent.                               |
| <b>How should you hold your pencil?</b>                              | <b>What is the shape of your letters called?</b>              |
| With a light and comfortable grip.                                   | Letter formation.                                             |
| <b>What should you leave between each word?</b>                      | <b>Why do we use joined handwriting?</b>                      |
| A finger space.                                                      | To help us write more quickly and smoothly.                   |
| <b>What should you do before you start writing?</b>                  | <b>Which character loves to collect neat words?</b>           |
| Check your paper is in the right place.                              | Pip the caterpillar!                                          |