

Mastering Our Neat Handwriting with Pip

Learning objective: To practice writing letters with consistent size and correct orientation, and to understand how to join letters using lead-ins and lead-outs.

Read the story about Pip the bookworm. Practice your handwriting by copying the sentences carefully, paying close attention to where the letters sit on the line.

Pip is a very busy caterpillar. He spends all day reading books in the garden. Pip likes to find new words to add to his collection. He sits on a big green leaf and writes in his tiny notebook. Pip says that writing neatly helps him remember his favorite stories. Every letter he writes is a magnificent piece of art. Today, Pip is writing about a beautiful adventure in the forest.

Word bank: caterpillar · reading · favorite · magnificent · adventure · beautiful

1. Where does Pip like to sit when he writes in his notebook? (2 marks)

2. Why does Pip think that writing neatly is important? (2 marks)

3. Copy this sentence using your neatest joined-up handwriting: 'Pip loves to read every day.' (2 marks)

4. Look at the word 'caterpillar'. Which letters in this word are tall letters that reach the top of the line? (2 marks)

5. Think of a word from the word bank. Write it once, making sure your letters are all the same size. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar wearing little glasses and writing in a tiny notebook while sitting on a large, patterned leaf.



Extension challenge: Choose three words from the word bank and write them in a sentence. Try to join your letters together, making sure your 'l', 't', and 'b' are taller than your 'a', 'c', and 'e'.