

Pip's Perfect Penmanship Flashcards

Learning objective: To practice correct letter formation, sizing, and consistent spacing as per Kindergarten National Curriculum expectations.

Use these flashcards to check your handwriting skills. Read the front, think of the answer or the action, then check the back (the answer) to see if you are ready to write beautifully!

What is the invisible line at the bottom of your writing paper called?

The baseline.

Which tool does Pip the caterpillar use to make sure there is a gap between each word?

A finger space.

What do we call the letters that reach up to the top of the line, like 'h', 'l', and 't'?

Ascenders.

What do we call the letters that hang down below the baseline, like 'g', 'j', and 'p'?

Descenders.

When should you use a capital letter at the start of a sentence?

Always at the beginning of every sentence.

True or False: All lowercase letters should be the same height.

False. Some are tall (ascenders), some are small, and some hang low (descenders).

How should you hold your pencil to have the best control?

Using a comfortable 'tripod grip' with your thumb and first two fingers.

If you are writing a person's name, what kind of letter must you start with?

A capital letter.

What is the 'formation' of a letter?

The way your hand moves to draw the shape of the letter correctly.

Why do we keep our letters a consistent size?

To make our writing neat and easy for others to read.

Does a full stop go above or on the baseline?

It sits right on the baseline.

Which part of your body should stay still while your hand moves to write?

Your arm and shoulder should be relaxed and steady.