

# Neat Handwriting with Max the Monkey

*Learning objective: To practise joining letters and keeping letters the correct size.*

Max the Monkey loves to solve maths puzzles, but he needs neat handwriting to write his answers! Look at the letters. Join them together carefully. Use the lines to help you keep your letters the same size.

*Word bank: ascender · descender · join · neat · size · loops*

**1. Trace these joined letters carefully: 'ai', 'ch', 'st', 'll'. Write them three times each. (2 marks)**

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**2. Copy this sentence. Make sure your tall letters (like 't' and 'h') touch the top line: 'The monkey likes to climb.' (2 marks)**

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**3. Copy this sentence. Make sure your tail letters (like 'p' and 'y') go below the line: 'Pip plays in the park.' (2 marks)**

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**4. Write the names of two friends. Start with a capital letter and join the rest of the letters. (2 marks)**

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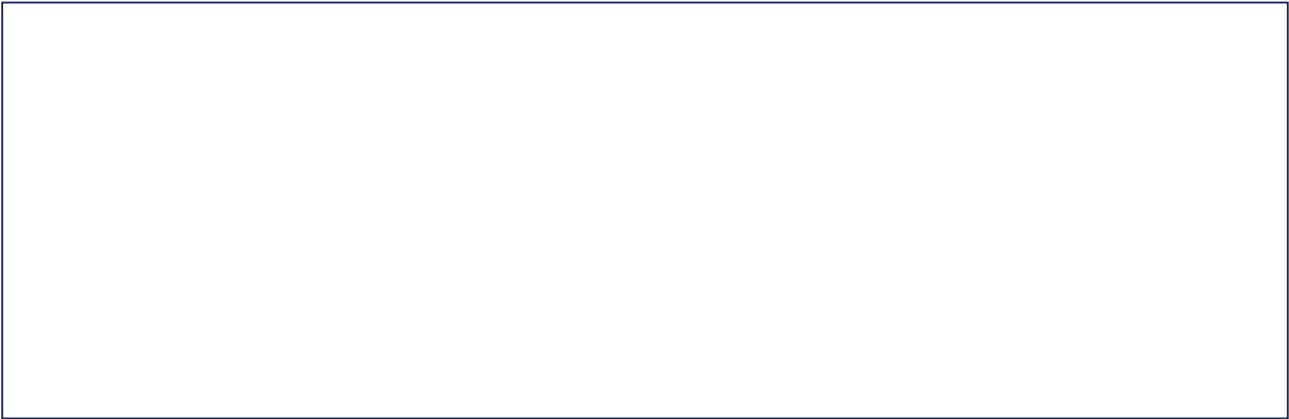
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**5. Look at your writing. Circle the word you wrote that has the neatest join. (1 mark)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max the Monkey holding a pencil and writing in his notebook under a big tree.



*Extension challenge: Try to write a short list of three things you like to do. Remember to join your letters together!*