

Handwriting Helpers with Pip the Caterpillar

Learning objective: To learn and practice 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!

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