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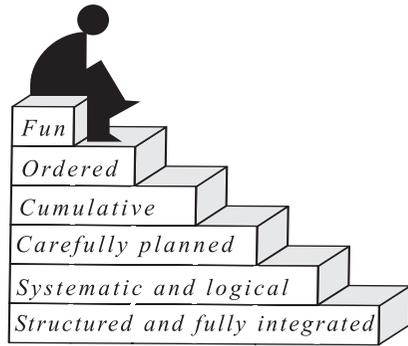
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Pupil Introduction

This Handwriting Scheme has been designed to help you write clearly and well in cursive (joined up) handwriting. As your confidence grows, communicating with pen and paper will soon become a pleasure. Poorly written notes, messages, letters and application forms will fade into the distant past.

We recommend that you work through the structured exercises in order so that the correct letter formation can easily be established. Then, most important of all, you must practise linking individual letters together. Firstly, practise similar letters in family groups and then combine all letter formations so as to develop an automatic response to regular word patterns.

With fluid cursive handwriting you will find it much easier to concentrate on the content of your writing, whilst at the same time making the correct spelling choice. Once good foundations and the basics have been established, your individual style must be allowed to develop.



Getting Started

Sitting Position:

Sit comfortably in the middle of the chair with your back straight and both feet on the floor or a support. Your forearms should be resting on the table and your non-writing hand must be used to hold the book or writing paper in place.

Pen Grip:

Hold the pen with your thumb and forefinger forming an oval. The grip should not be tense, so try to keep your hand relaxed. If you are left handed, try to tilt the paper rather than using an awkward grip and writing position.

Good handwriting is based on the following conditions:

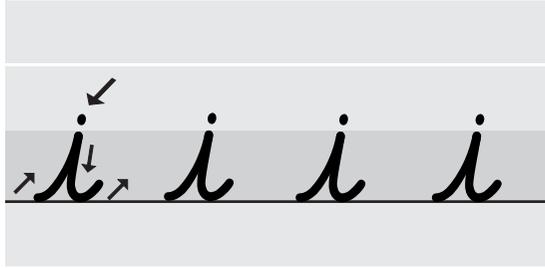
- ★ Consistent patterns of ovals and parallel lines.
- ★ Similar letters being of equal size and proportion.
- ★ The distance between words being approximately the width of a lower case letter 'o'.
- ★ The length of the long vertical strokes (ascenders) and (descenders) above and below the base line, being no more than twice the height of the small letters.
- ★ Capital letters being no higher than the ascender strokes, and not joined to the lower case letters.
- ★ All letters being 'seated' on the base line.

Avoiding 'b' and 'd' confusion:

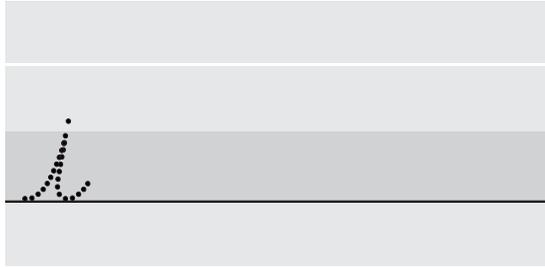
Learning the cursive letters 'b' and 'd' has deliberately been kept well apart. The structured order of this scheme is not alphabetical, but instead has been based on letter family groups. Letters with a similar formation are introduced in sequence so that your handwriting skills develop and progress systematically. The cursive letter 'd' is taught early on after 'c', 'o' and 'a', whereas the cursive letter 'b' is introduced later and closely associated with 'h' and 'k'. Having the visual reminder of 'h' can help to remember the direction of 'b'. Using the phrase 'honey bee' can reinforce the correct direction even more!

I i i Learn the cursive shape

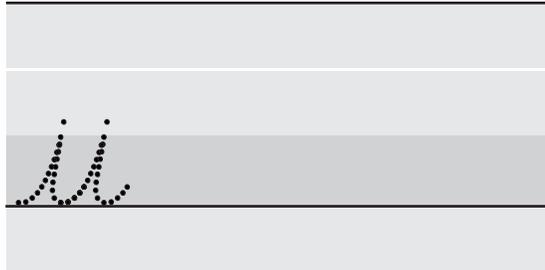
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the three stages.



4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

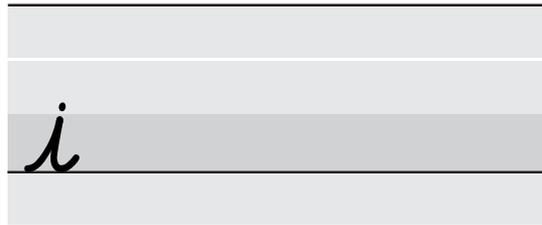


2. Keeping the pen on the paper, change direction by making a vertical stroke down to the base line with a small curve to the right.

3. Complete the letter by dotting the 'i'.

1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up to the edge of the darkest shading.

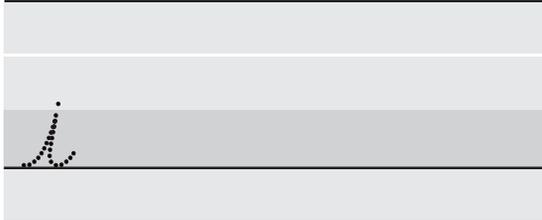
2. Four more smaller repeats.



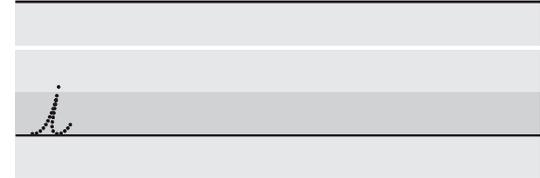
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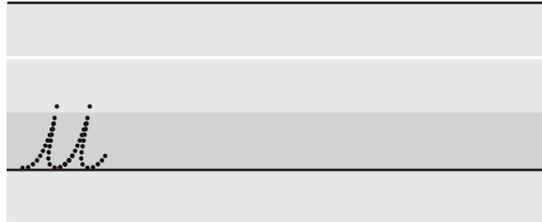
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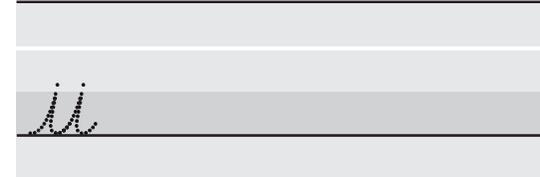
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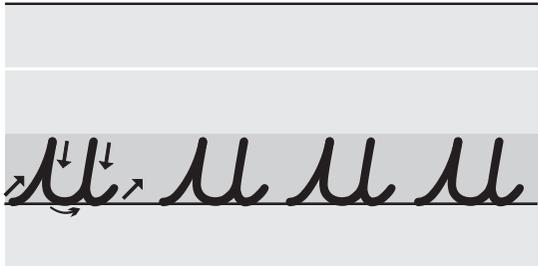


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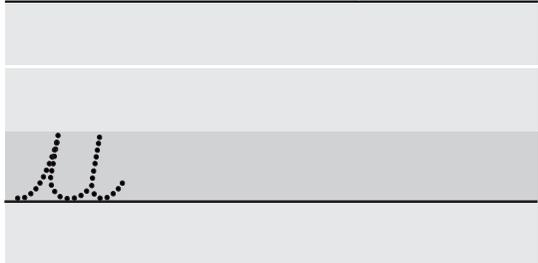


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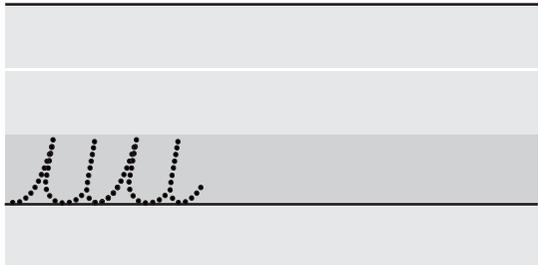
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



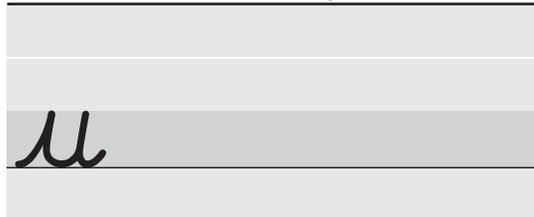
2. Keeping the pen on the paper, change direction by making a vertical stroke down to the base line with a curve to the right.

3. Repeat the procedure by continuing up from the base line to the edge of the darkest shading.

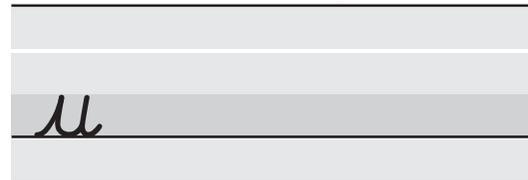
4. Complete the letter with a vertical down stroke to the base line with a small curve to the right.

1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up to the edge of the darkest shading.

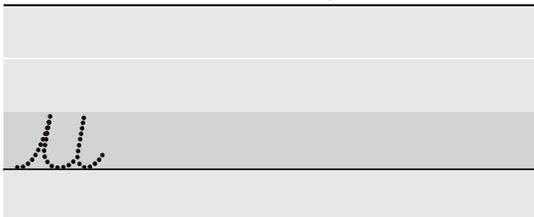
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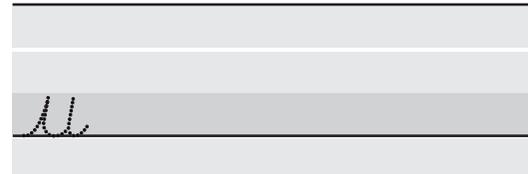
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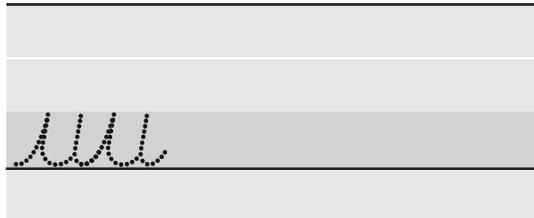
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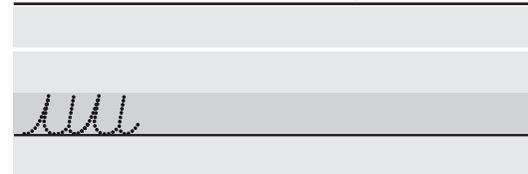
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.

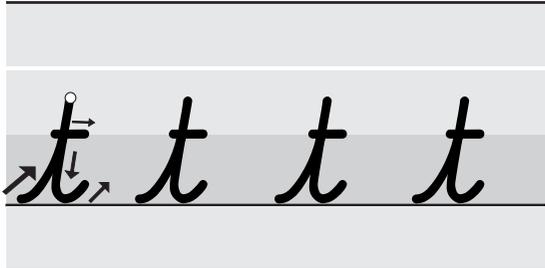


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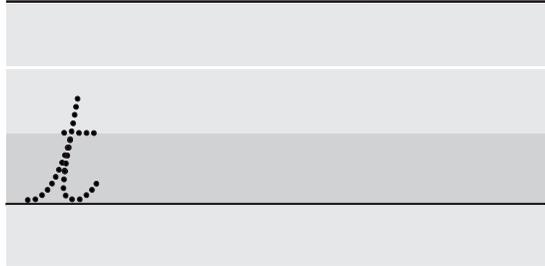


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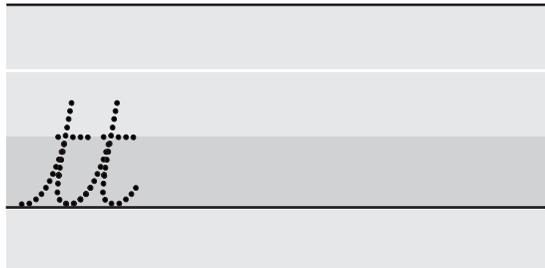
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the three stages.



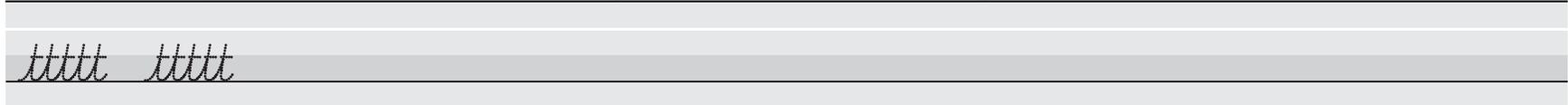
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



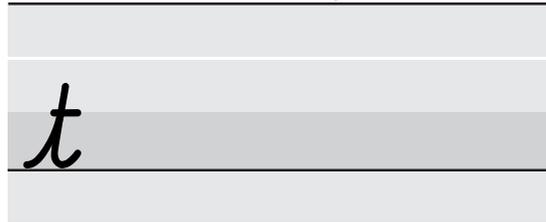
2. Keeping the pen on the paper, change direction by making a vertical stroke down to the base line with a small curve to the right.

1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up to the white round marker.

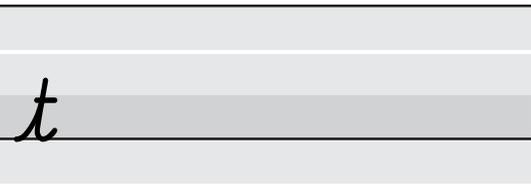
3. Complete the letter by crossing the 't' from left to right.

The diagram shows a cursive 't' on handwriting lines. A white dot marks the start of the approach stroke (1). An arrow shows the vertical stroke (2) going down to the baseline with a slight curve. A second arrow shows the crossbar stroke (3) crossing the vertical stroke from left to right.

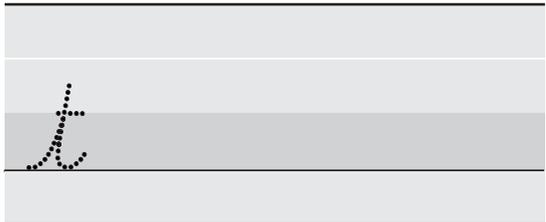
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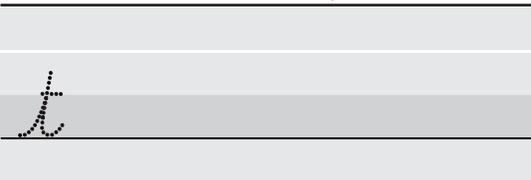
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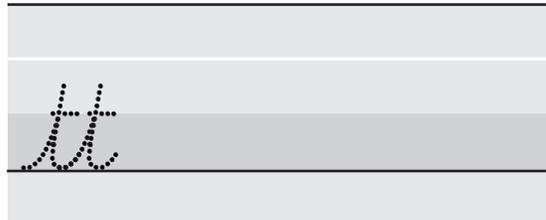
5. Four more smaller repeats.



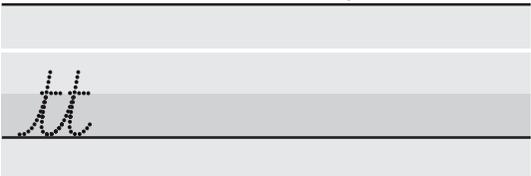
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



it

Link the letters

Remember to dot each *i* and cross each *t* after completing the word.

1. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'jumbo' size cursive writing.

it tut tutti it tut tutti it

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

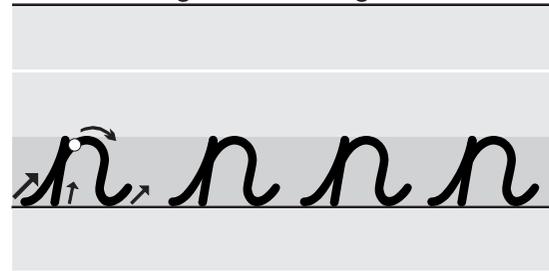
it tut tutti it tut tutti it tut tutti

3. Repeat the words on the line below using 'true' size cursive writing.

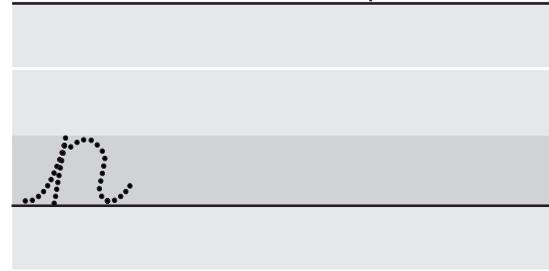
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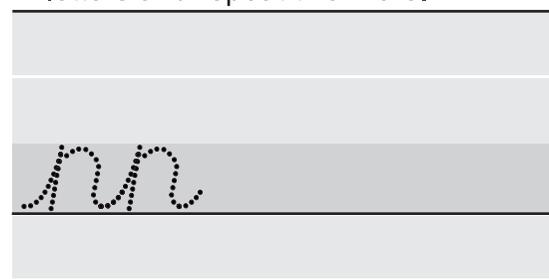
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



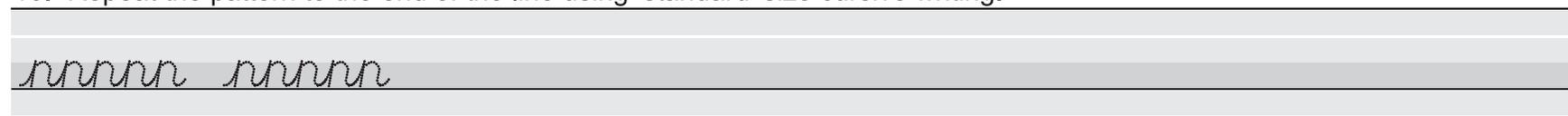
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



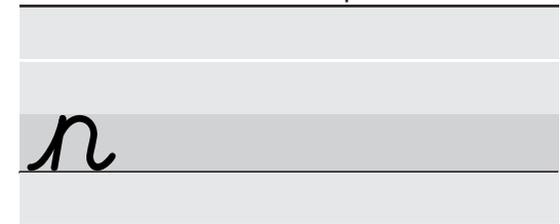
2. Change direction by making a vertical stroke down to the base line.

3. Keeping the pen on the paper, return back up the vertical line to the white round marker.

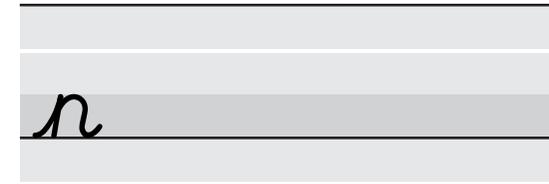
4. Curve to the right and down to the base line, finishing with a joining stroke to the right.

1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up to the edge of the darkest shading.

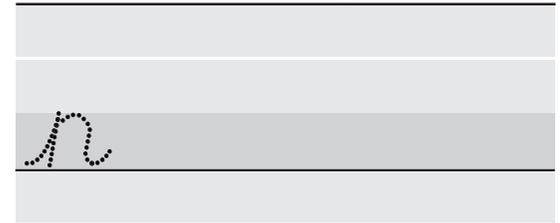
2. Four more smaller repeats.



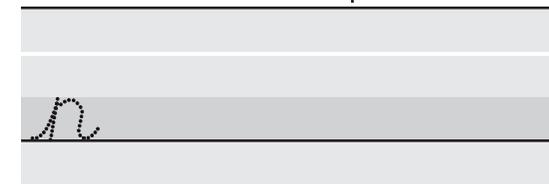
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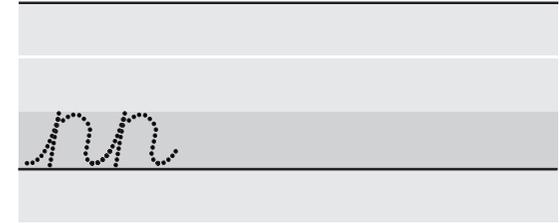
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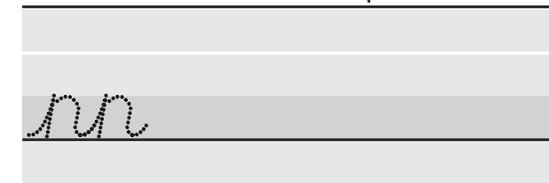
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.

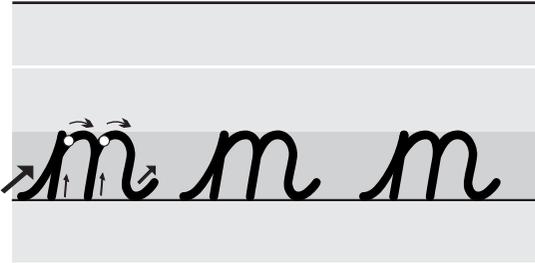


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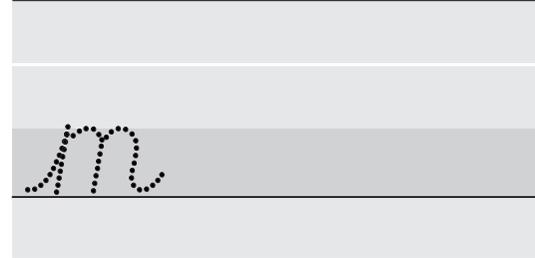


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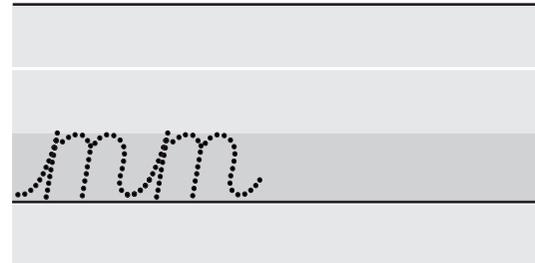
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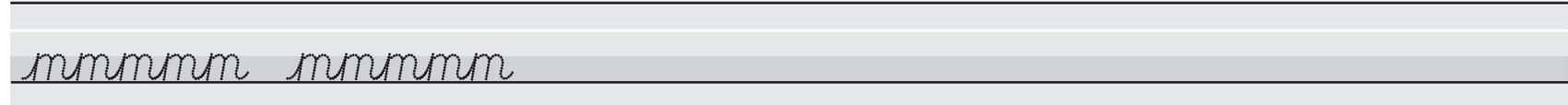
4. Trace the outline and repeat two more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat one more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



2. Keeping the pen on the paper, change direction by making a vertical stroke down to the base line.

3. Return back up the vertical line to the white round marker, curving over to the right and down to the base line.

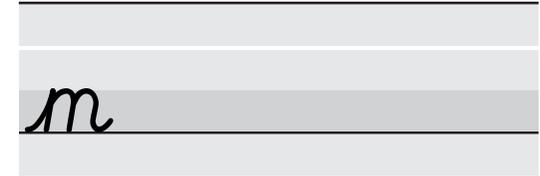
4. Repeat the procedure, finishing with a joining stroke to the right.

1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up to the edge of the darkest shading.

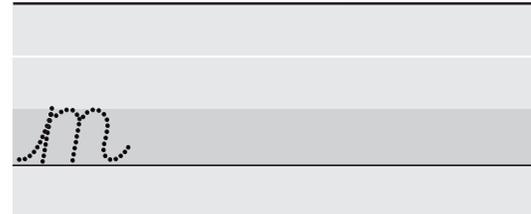
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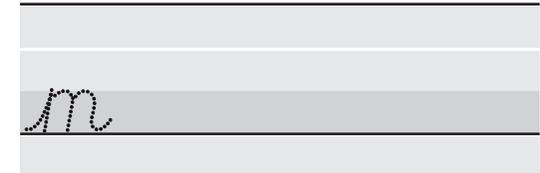
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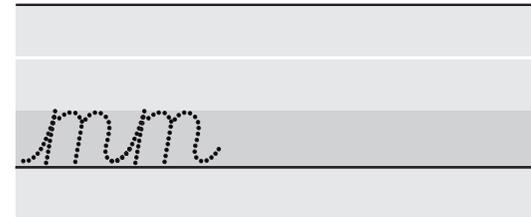
5. Three more smaller repeats.



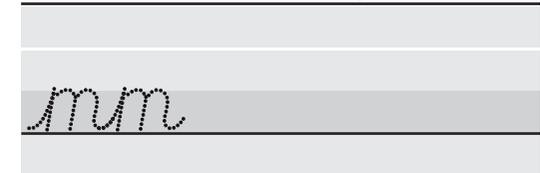
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8. Two more smaller repeats.

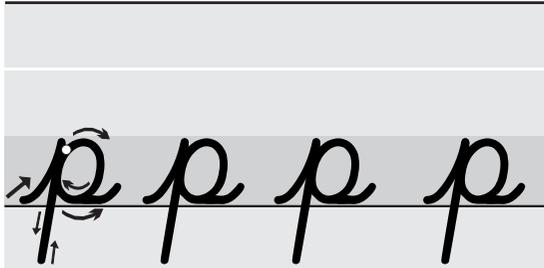


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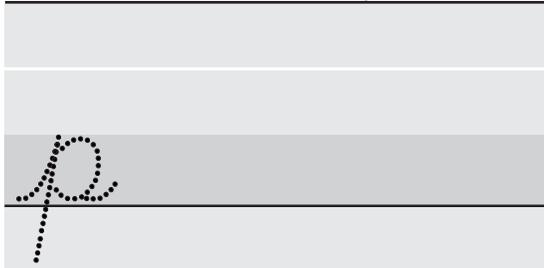


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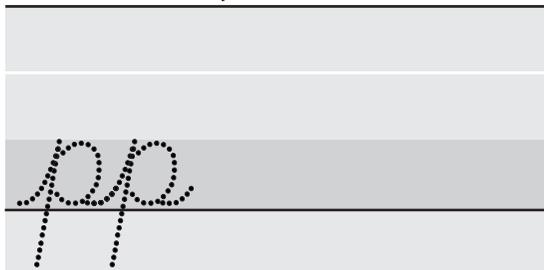
1. Trace over each letter remembering the five stages.



4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



2. Change direction by making a vertical stroke down below the base line to the edge of the next guide line.

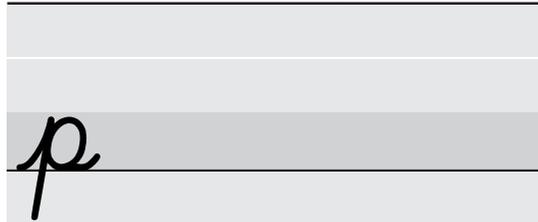
3. Keeping the pen on the paper, return back up the vertical line to the white round marker.

4. Curve over to the right, forming a complete oval by rejoining the white dot.

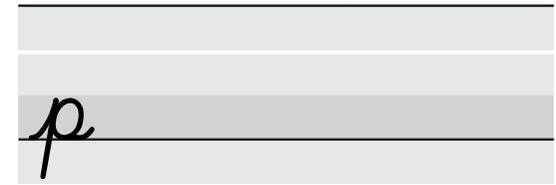
5. Finish the letter by retracing the oval back down to the base line, finishing with a joining stroke to the right.

1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up to the edge of the darkest shading.

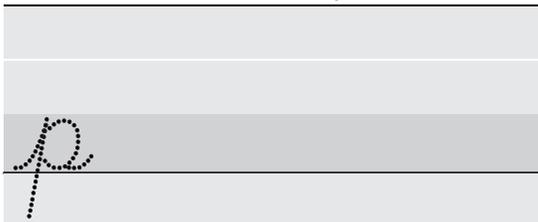
2. Four more smaller repeats.



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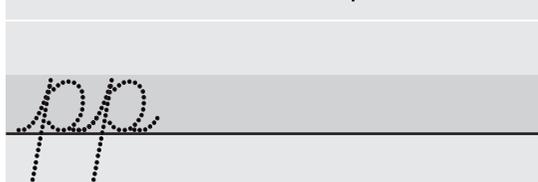
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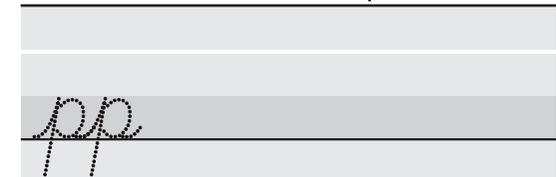
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



iutnmp

Link the letters

Remember to dot each *i* and cross each *t* after completing the word.

1. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'jumbo' size cursive writing.

pin nut rip mum tin unit

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

pin nut rip mum tin unit pin nut

3. Repeat the words on the line below using 'true' size cursive writing.

pin nut rip mum tin unit pin nut rip mum tin

E e e

Learn the cursive shape

1. Trace over each letter, remembering the three stages.



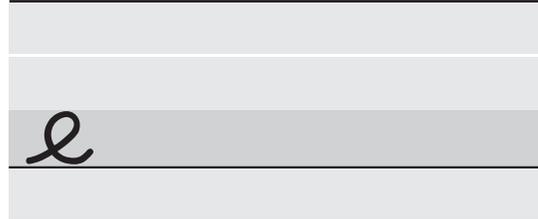
1. Start the approach stroke on the line flowing diagonally right, up towards the edge of the darkest shading.

2. Keeping the pen on the paper, curve back round to the left and down to the base line, forming part of an oval.

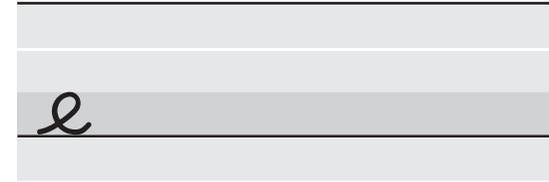
3. As you reach the base line, make a small curve up towards the right.

A diagram of a cursive 'e' on handwriting lines. Three numbered arrows point to different parts of the letter: 1. the approach stroke, 2. the main curve, and 3. the final upward curve.

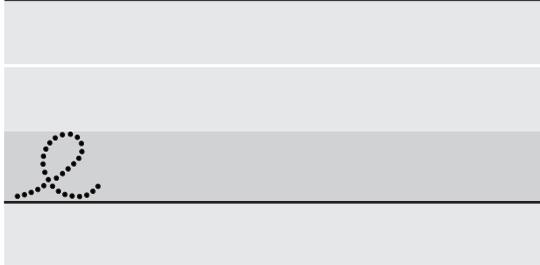
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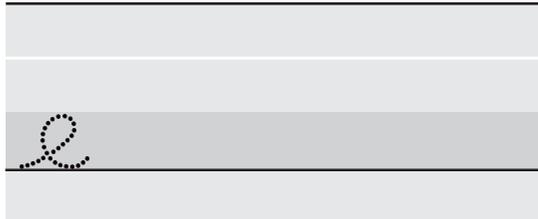
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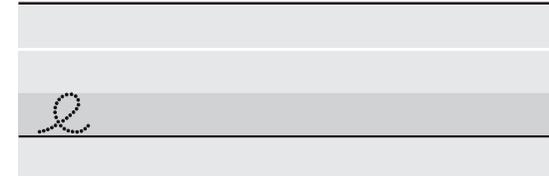
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



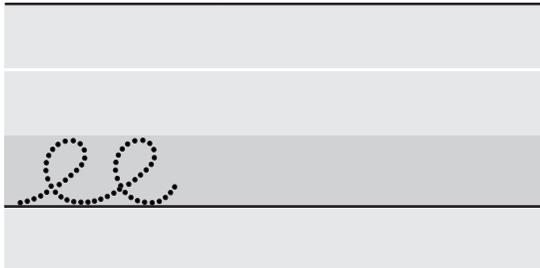
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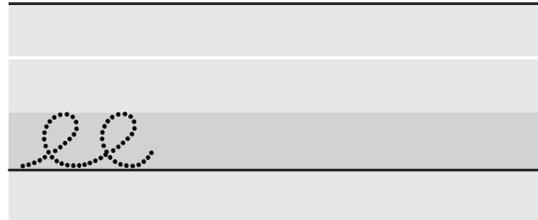
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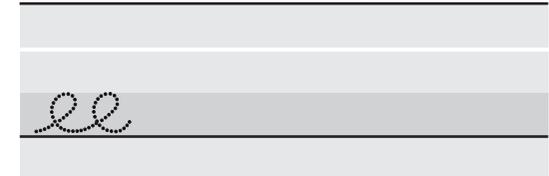
7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



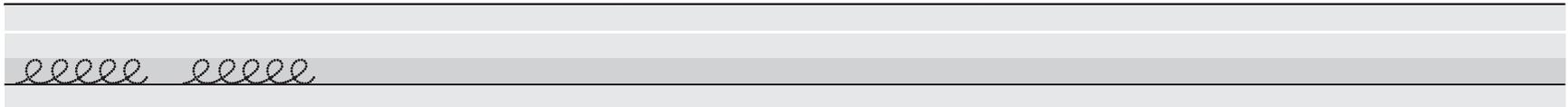
8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

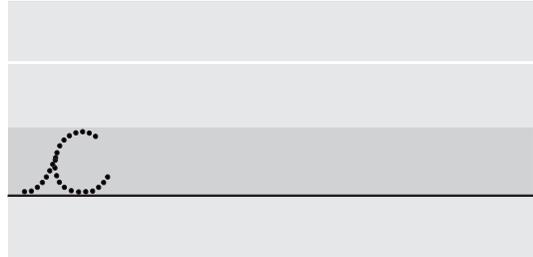


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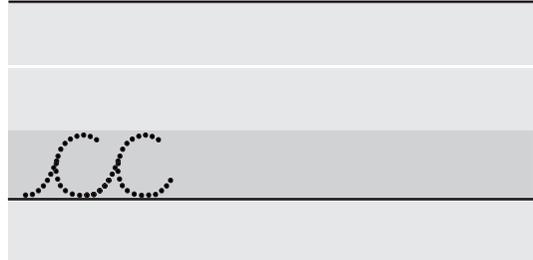
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the three stages.



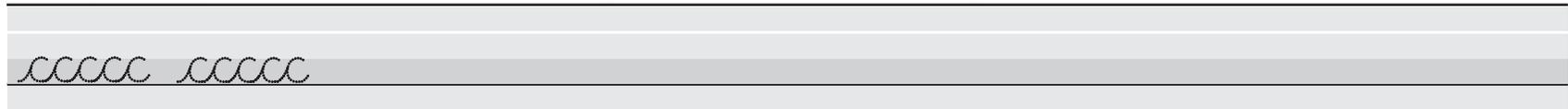
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10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

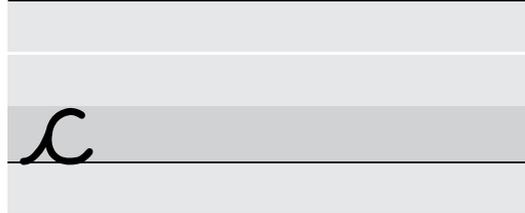


1. Start the approach stroke on the line curving up to the darkest shading, continuing over towards the right and stopping at the white round marker.

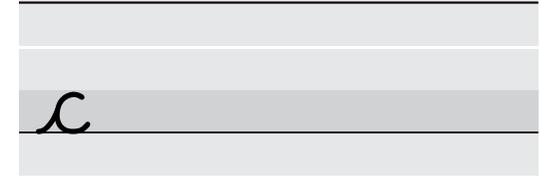
2. Keeping the pen on the paper, curve back round to the left and down to the base line, forming part of an oval.

3. As you reach the base line, make a small curve up towards the right.

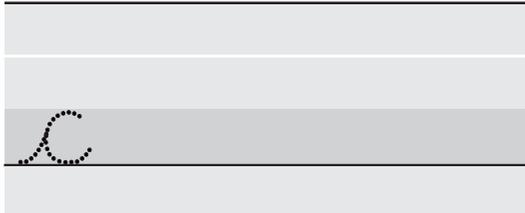
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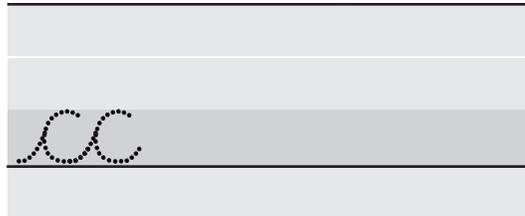
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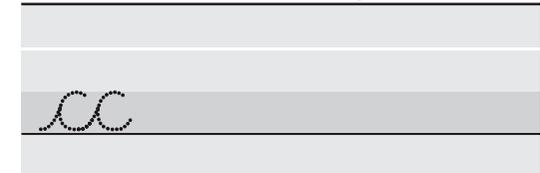
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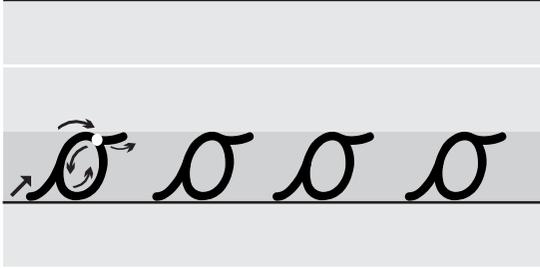


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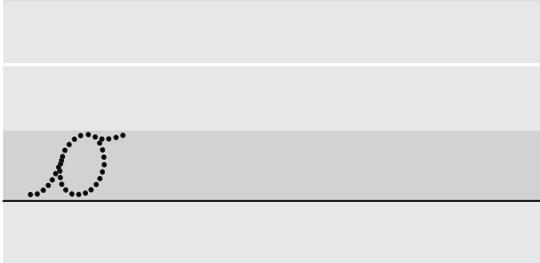


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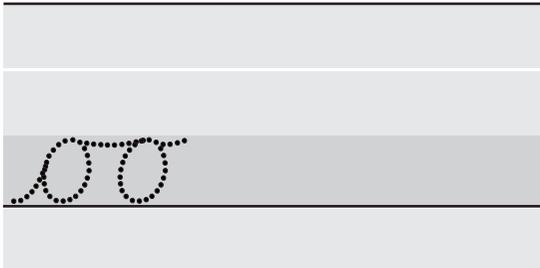
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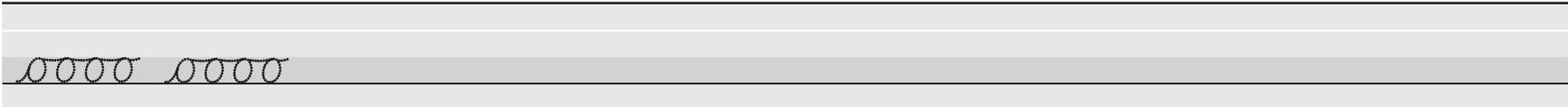
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

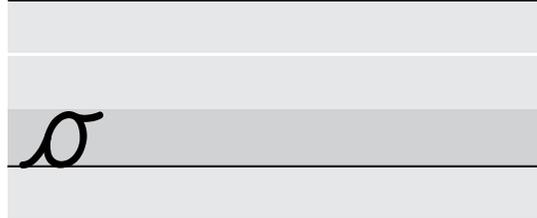


1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up and over to the white marker dot.

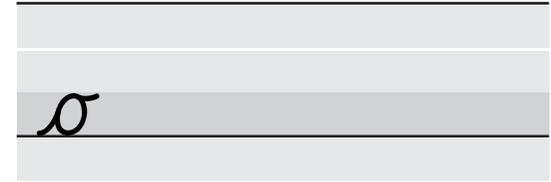
2. Keeping the pen on the paper, curve back to the left and down to the base line forming an oval by going back up to the white dot.

3. Complete the letter by going along the top of the darker shading with a short horizontal stroke to the right.

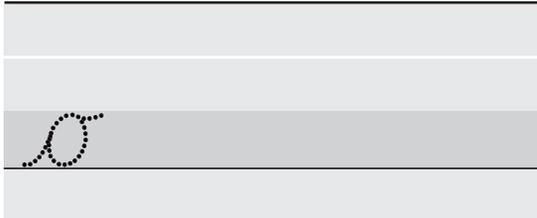
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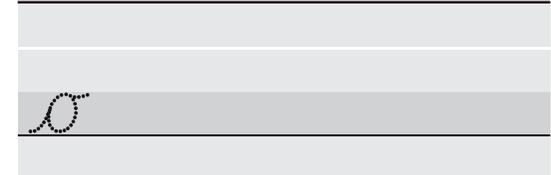
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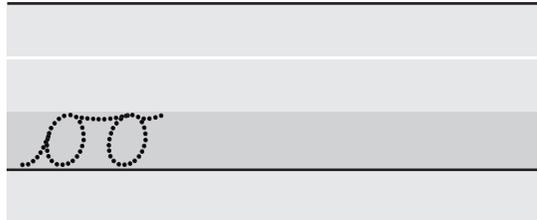
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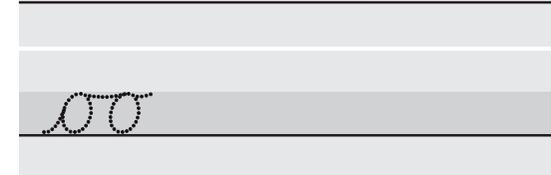
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



iutnmpeco

Link the letters

Remember to dot each *i* and cross each *t* after completing the word.

1. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'jumbo' size cursive writing.

cot top open item tunic etc

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

cot top open item tunic etc cot top

3. Repeat the words on the line below using 'true' size cursive writing.

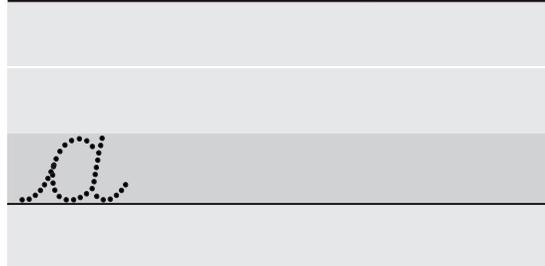
cot top open item tunic etc cot top open item tunic

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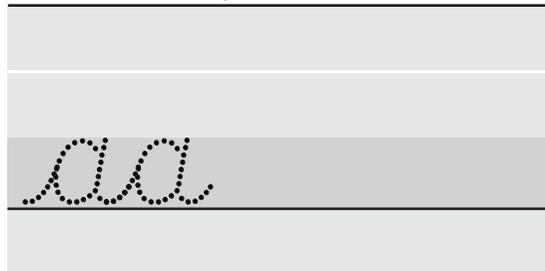
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



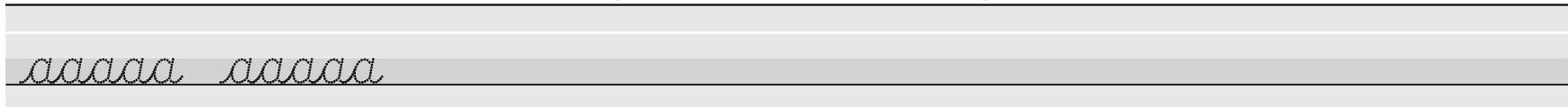
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.

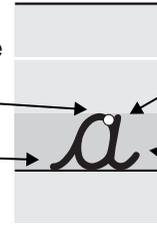


10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



2. Keeping the pen on the paper, curve back to the left and down to the base line forming an oval by going back up to just beyond the white dot.

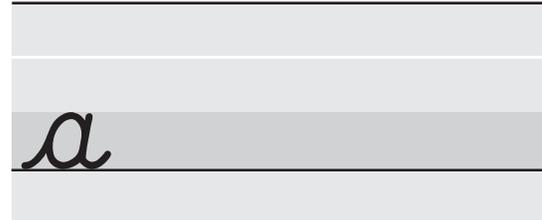
1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up and over to the white marker dot.



3. Change direction and continue with a vertical stroke down to the base line.

4. Complete the letter by curving up from the base line, ready to make another join.

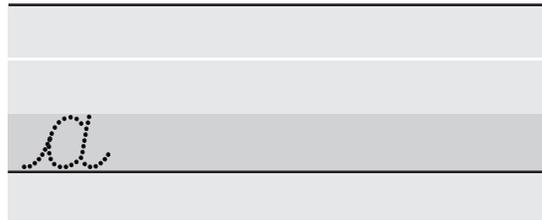
2. Four more smaller repeats.



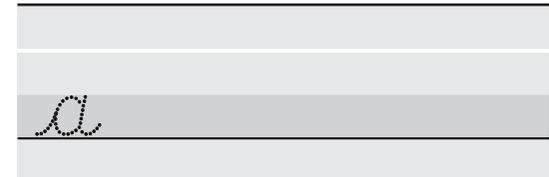
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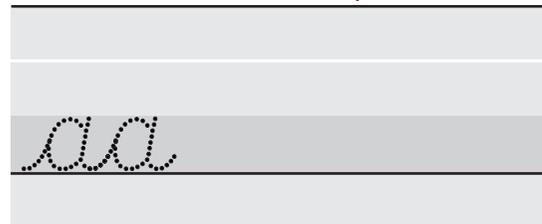
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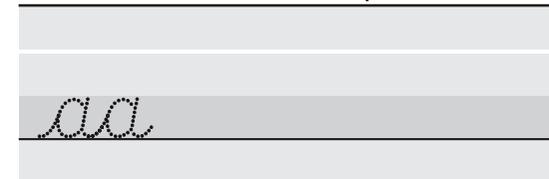
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.

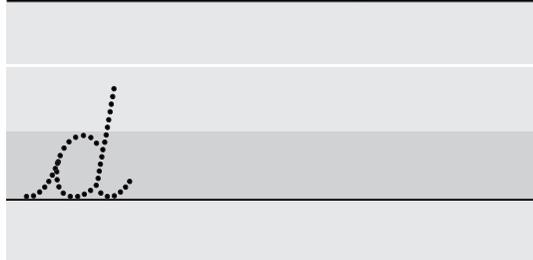


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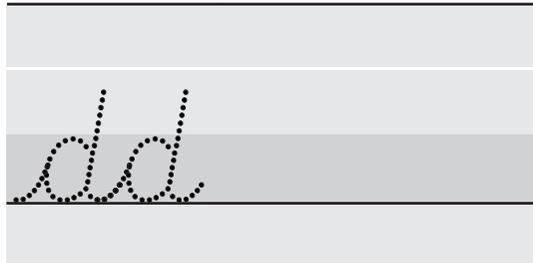
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



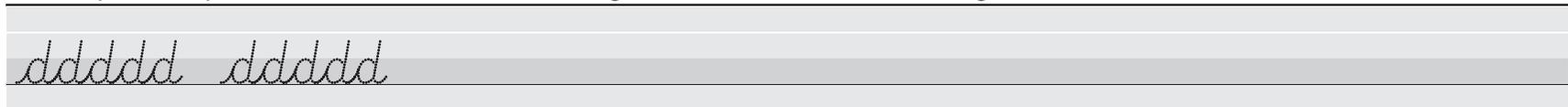
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



2. Keeping the pen on the paper, curve back to the left and down to the base line.

3. Continue in the same direction, with a vertical stroke up to the second white marker dot.

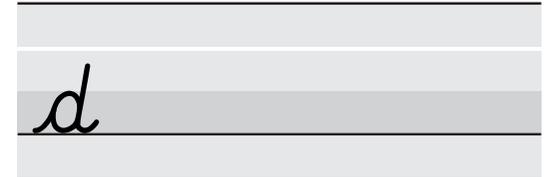
4. Complete the letter by returning down the vertical stroke to the base line, finishing with a small curve to the right.

1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up and over to the white marker dot on the edge of the darker shading.

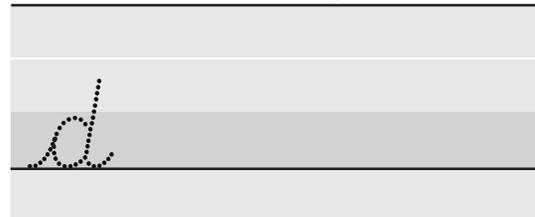
2. Four more smaller repeats.



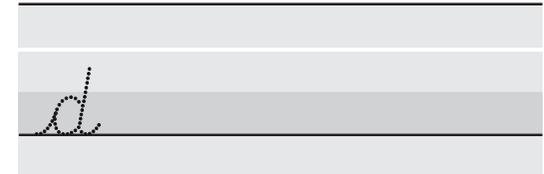
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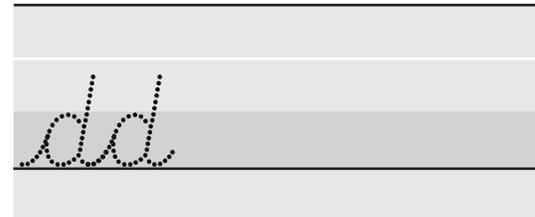
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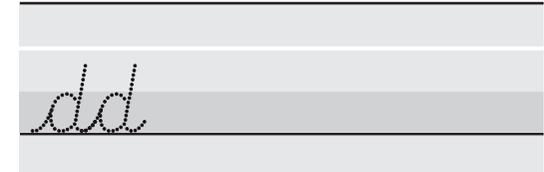
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.

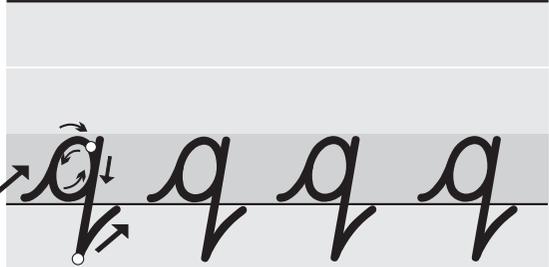


9. Three more smaller repeats.

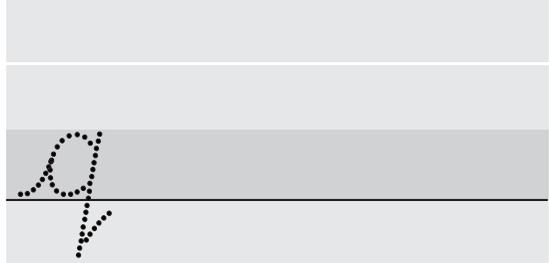


Q q q Learn the cursive shape

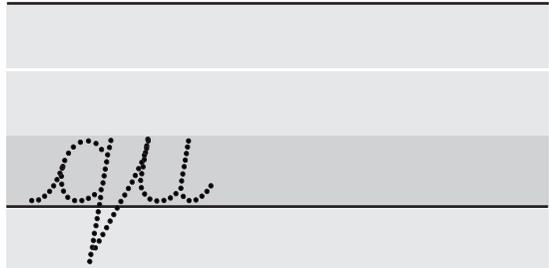
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



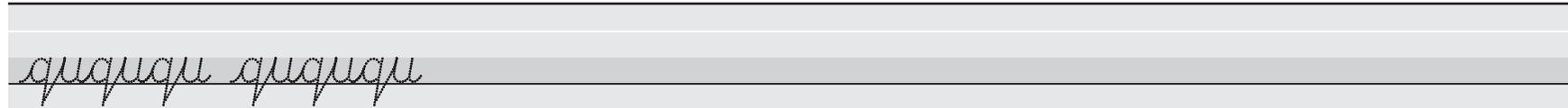
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline of *qu* joined and repeat one more. (*q* is always used with *u*)



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



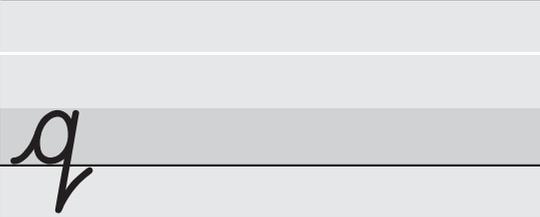
2. Keeping the pen on the paper, curve back to the left and down to the base line forming an oval by going back up to just beyond the white dot.

3. Change direction and continue vertically down, below the base line to the second white dot.

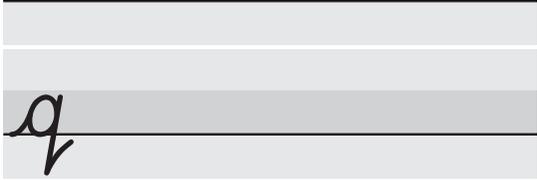
4. Complete the letter by curving up to the base line ready to join to the letter 'u'.

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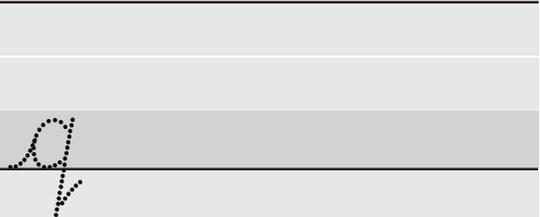
2. Four more smaller repeats.



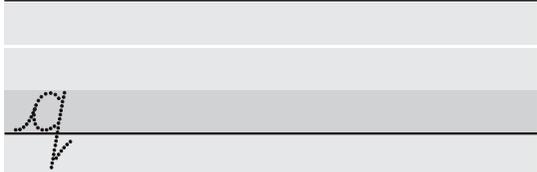
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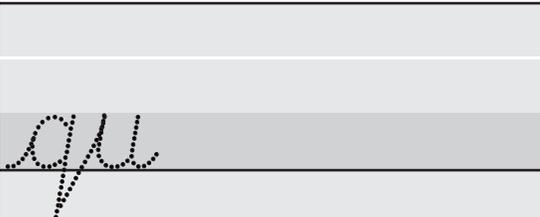
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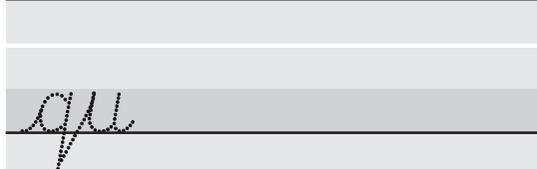
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



iutnmpesoadqu

Link the letters

Remember to dot each *i* and cross each *t* after completing the word.

1. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'jumbo' size cursive writing.

dad made quite queen quad

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

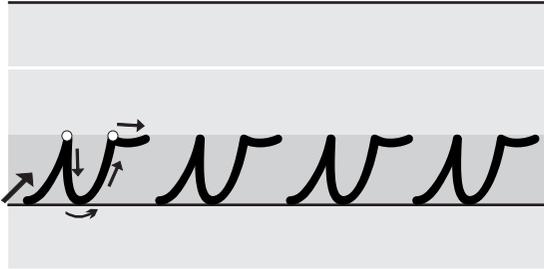
dad made quite queen quad quaint

3. Repeat the words on the line below using 'true' size cursive writing.

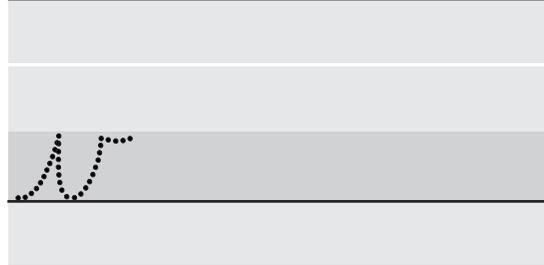
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V v w Learn the cursive shape

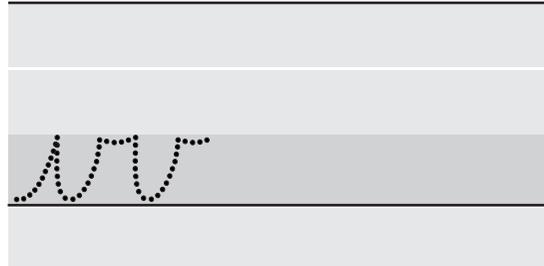
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the three stages.



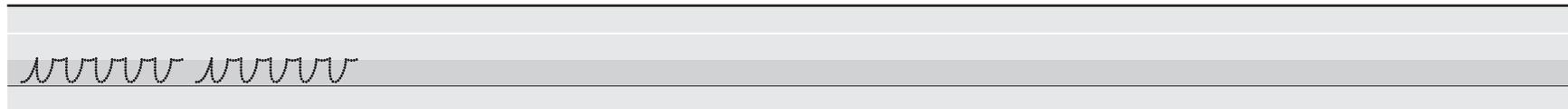
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

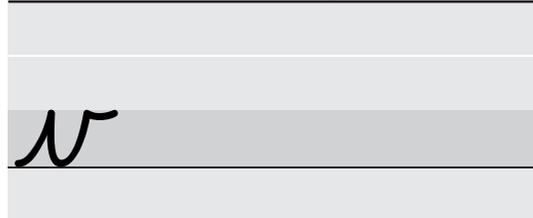


2. Curve down to the base line, making half an oval shape as you continue up to the second white dot.

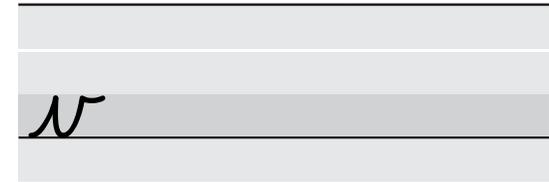
1. Start the approach stroke on the line curving up to the first white marker dot.

3. Finish by going along the top of the darker shading with a short horizontal stroke to the right.

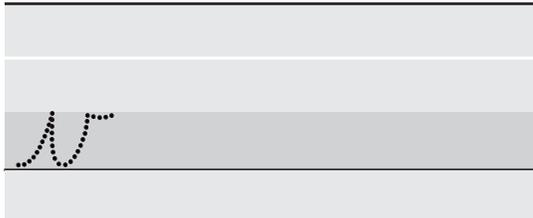
2. Four more smaller repeats.



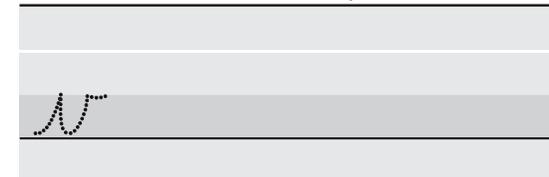
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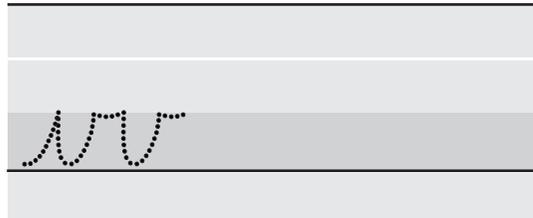
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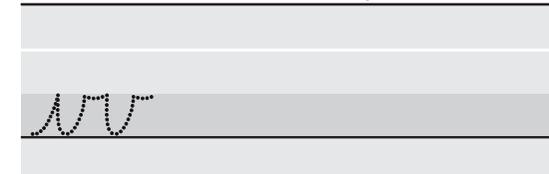
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.

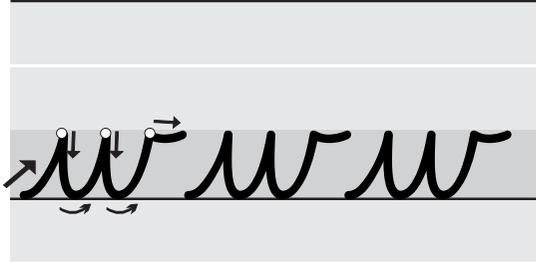


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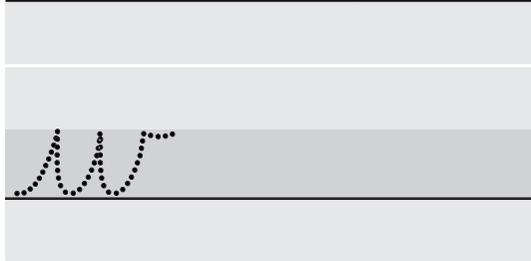


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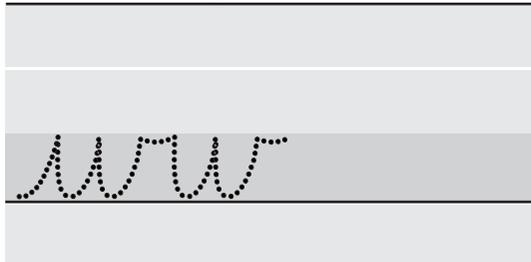
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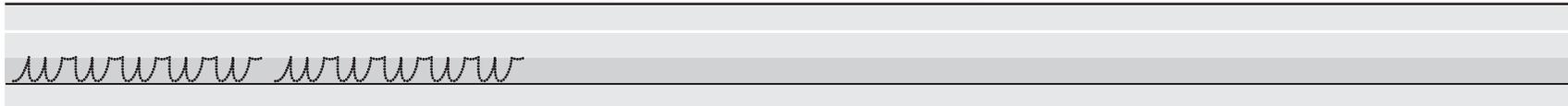
4. Trace the outline and repeat two more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat one more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

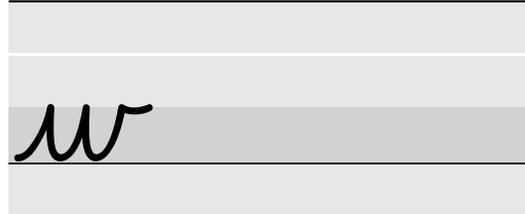


2. Curve down to the base line, making half an oval shape as you continue up to the second white dot.

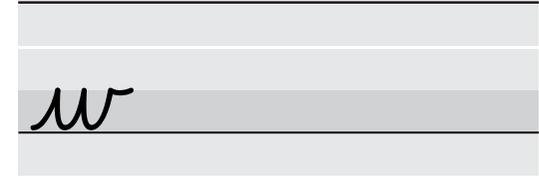
3. Repeat the procedure by curving down to the base line and up again to the third white marker dot.

4. Complete the letter by going along the top of the darker shading with a short horizontal stroke to the right.

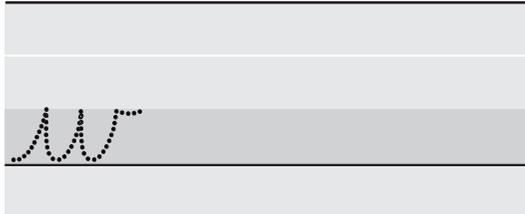
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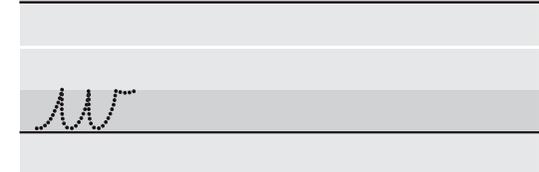
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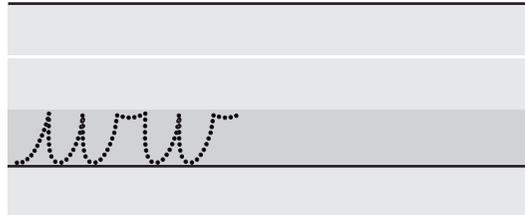
5. Four more smaller repeats.



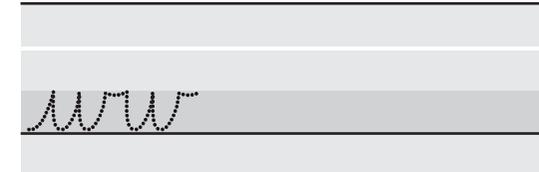
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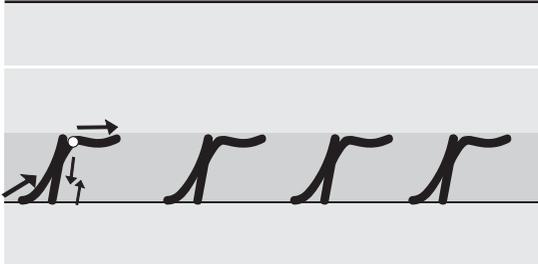


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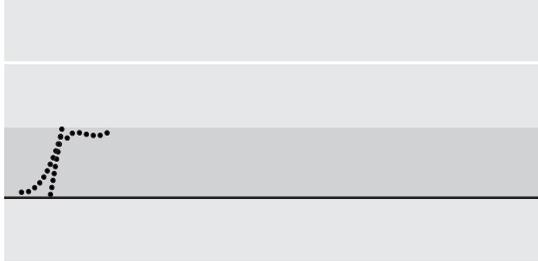


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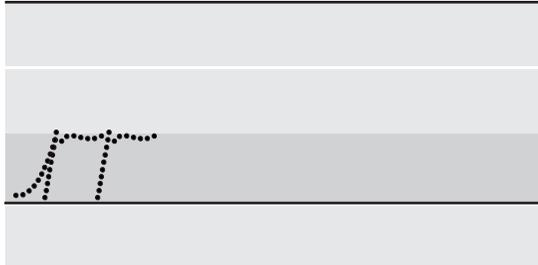
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



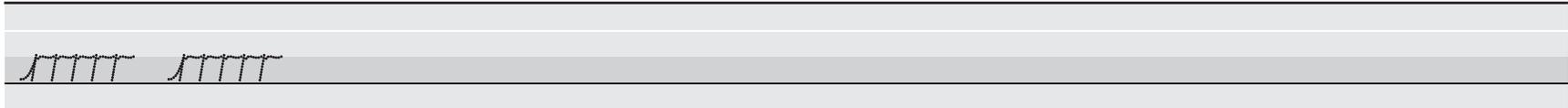
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



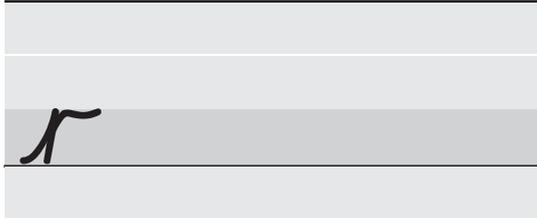
2. Change direction and make a vertical stroke down to the base line.

4. Finish with a horizontal stroke to the right along the top of the darker shading.

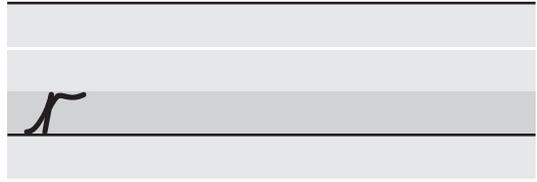
1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up to the edge of the darker shading.

3. Keeping the pen on the paper go back up to the white marker dot.

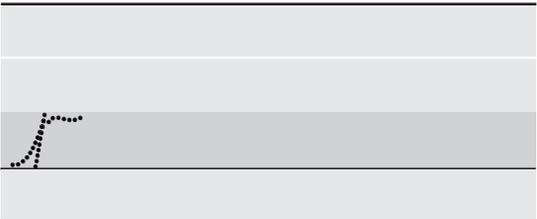
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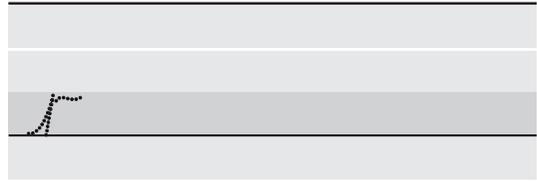
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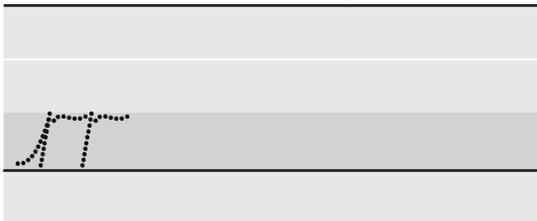
5. Four more smaller repeats.



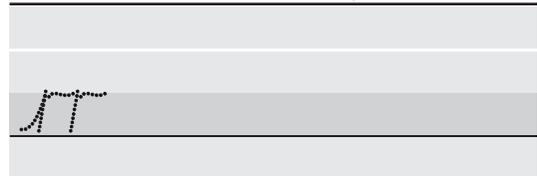
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



utnmpecoadquvwr

Link the letters

Remember to dot each *i* and cross each *t* after completing the word.

1. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'jumbo' size cursive writing.

write wrap view drive draw

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

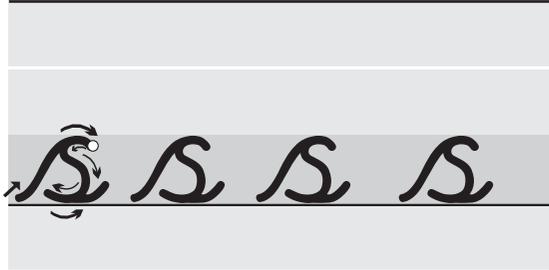
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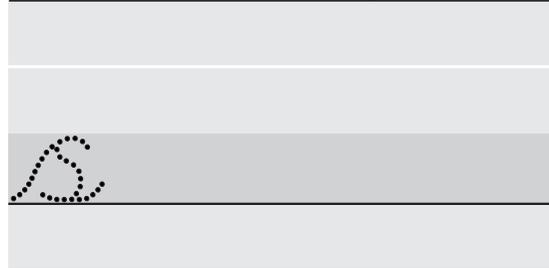
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S s s Learn the cursive shape

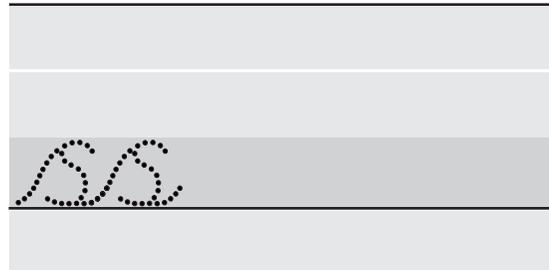
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



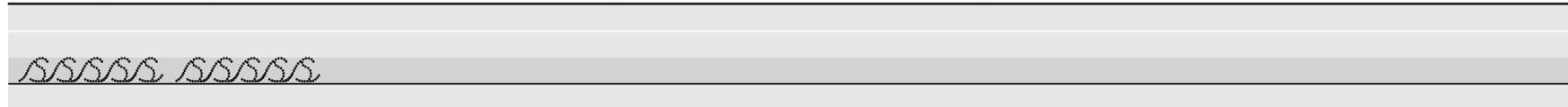
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



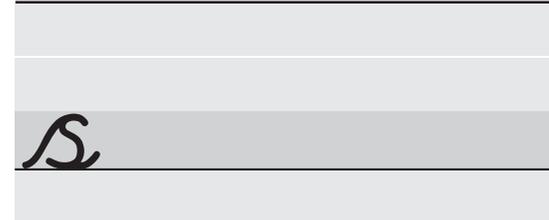
2. Keeping the pen on the paper, curve back in an oval to the left and forward.

3. Curving round and back to the left.

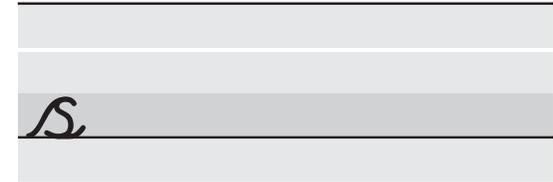
4. Complete the letter by curving up from the base line ready to make another join.

1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up and over to the white marker dot.

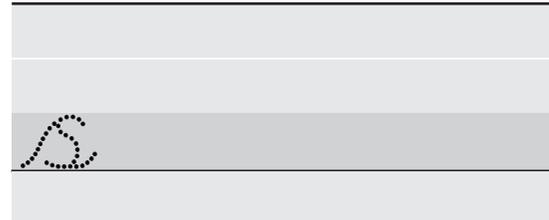
2. Four more smaller repeats.



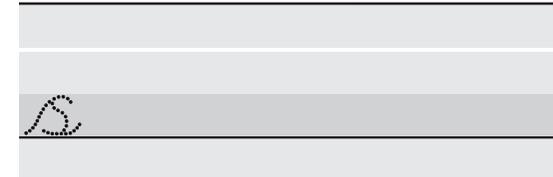
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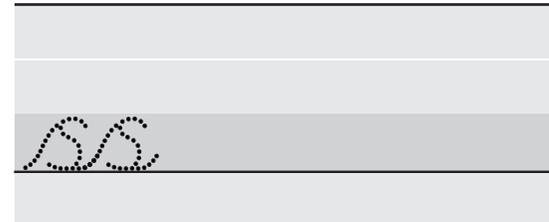
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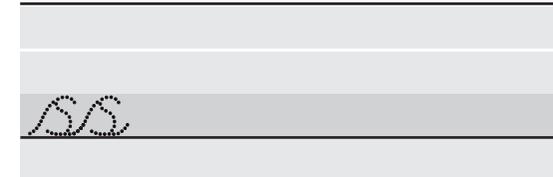
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



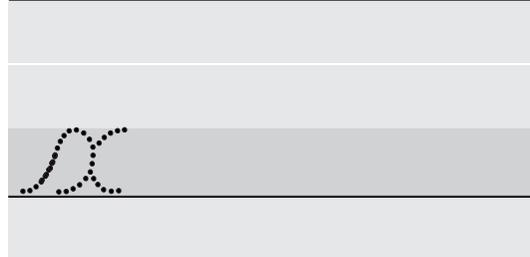
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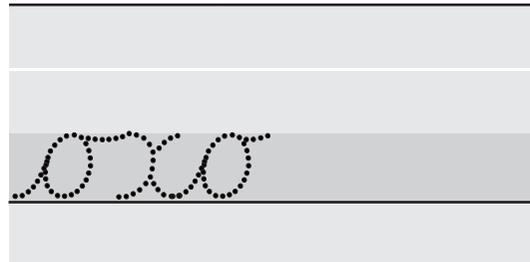
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



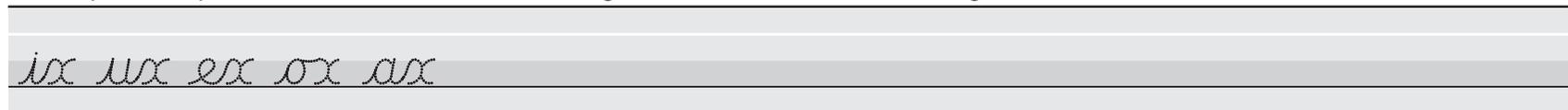
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat one more.

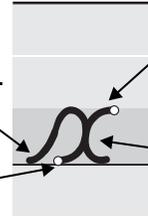


10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up to the edge of the darker shading, curving to the right.

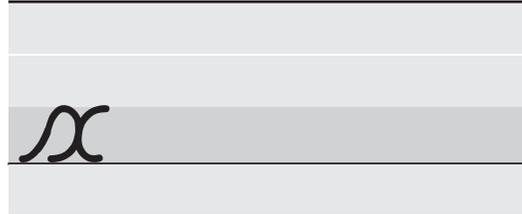
2. Continue down to the base line with a small curve to the left, stopping at the white marker dot.



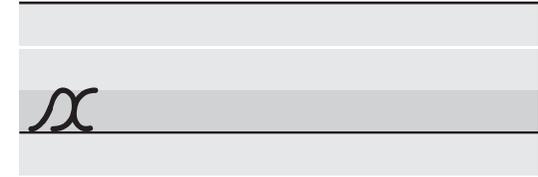
3. Keeping the pen on the paper, change direction and start to retrace the curve. At the half-way point curve up towards the right, stopping at the second white marker dot.

4. Complete the letter by curving back round to the left and down to the base line with a small curve up towards the right.

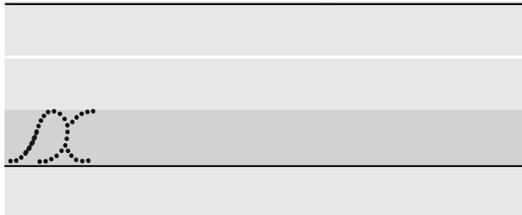
2. Four more smaller repeats.



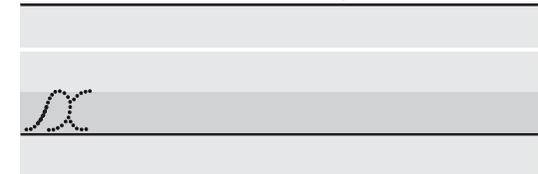
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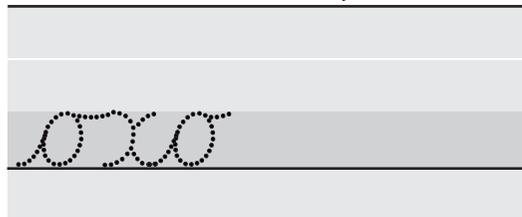
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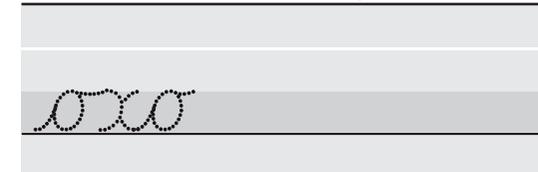
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



iutnmpcoadquvwrsx

Link the letters

Remember to dot each *i* and cross each *t* after completing the word.

1. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'jumbo' size cursive writing.

six tax express Sussex

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

six tax express Sussex next context

3. Repeat the words on the line below using 'true' size cursive writing.

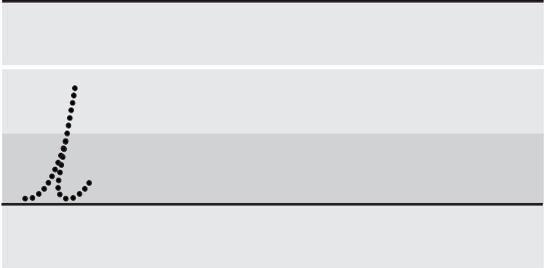
six tax express Sussex next context exist express

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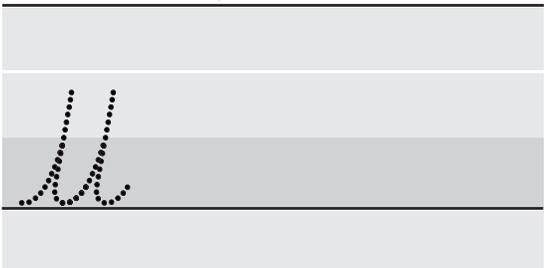
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the two stages.



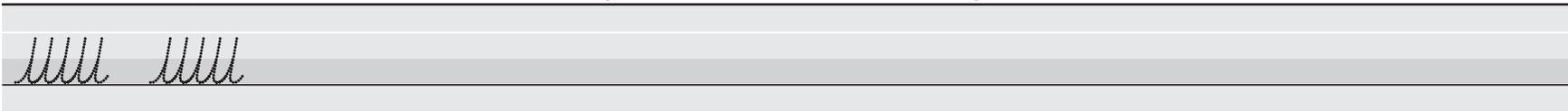
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



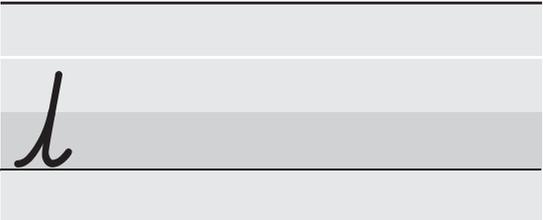
10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



1. Start the approach stroke on the line, going straight up to the white marker dot.

2. Without lifting the pen return vertically down to the base line finishing with a small curve to the right

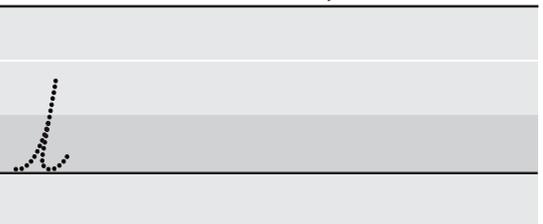
2. Four more smaller repeats.



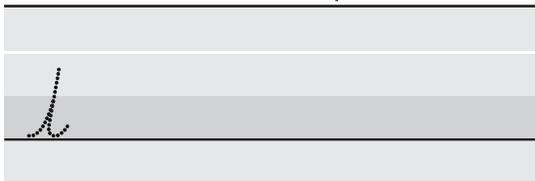
3. Four more smaller repeats.



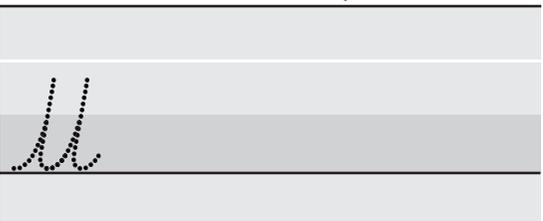
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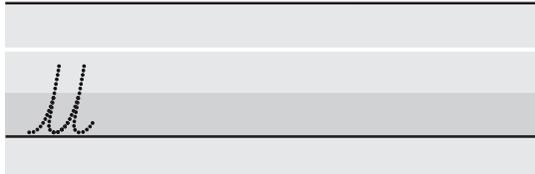
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



H h h *Learn the cursive shape*

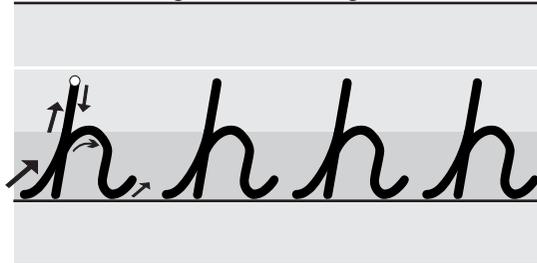
1. Start the approach stroke on the line, going up to the white marker dot.

2. Keeping the pen on the paper, return vertically down to the base line.

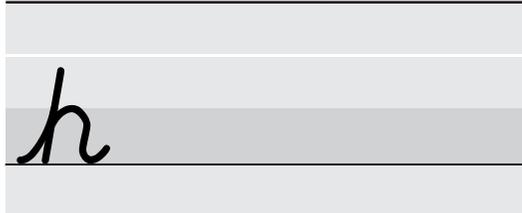
3. Retrace the vertical line up to the edge of the darkest shading and then curve to the right before going down to the base line.

4. Complete the letter with a small curve to the right.

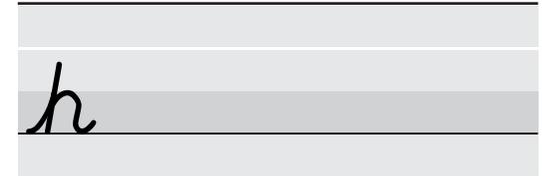
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



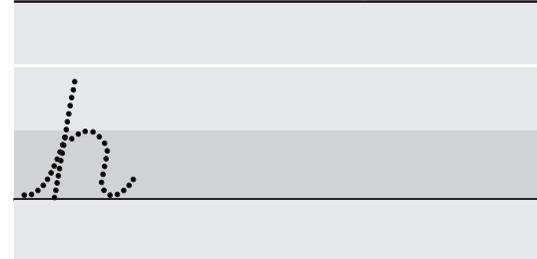
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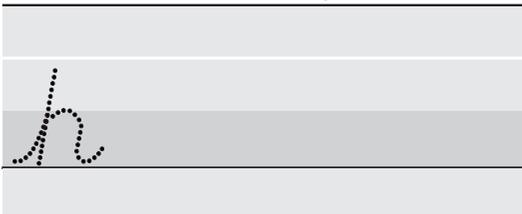
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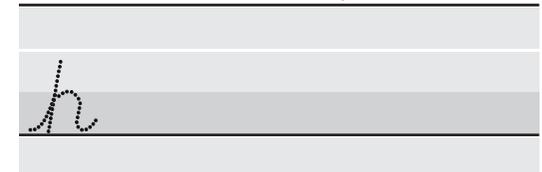
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



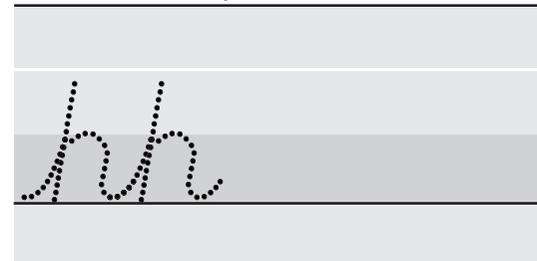
5. Four more smaller repeats.



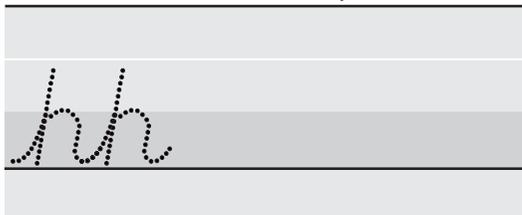
6. Four more smaller repeats.



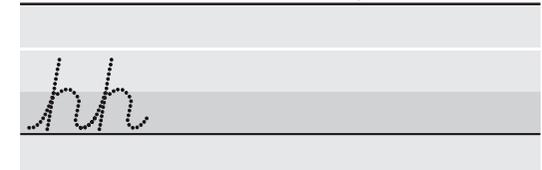
7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



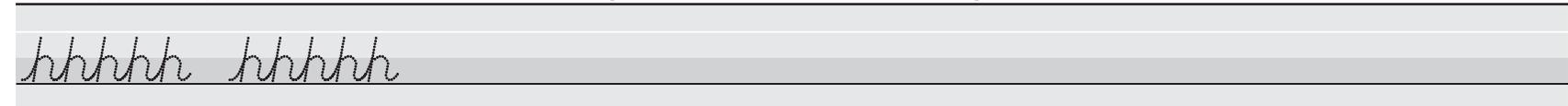
8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

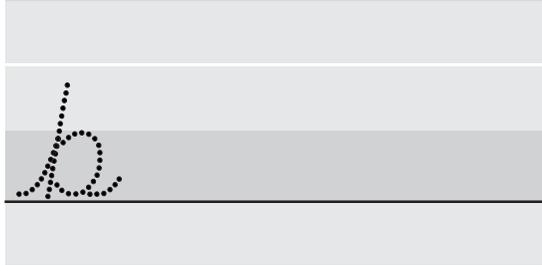


B b b Learn the cursive shape

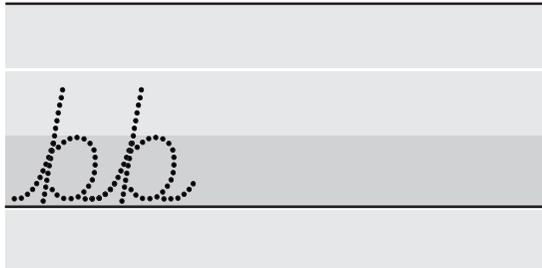
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



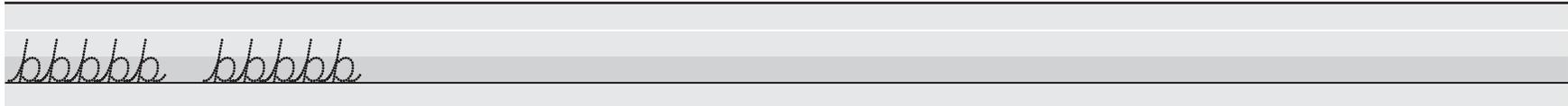
4. Trace the outline and repeat three more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

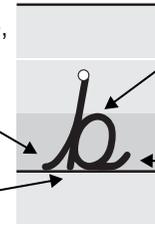


1. Start the approach stroke on the line, going up to the white marker dot.

2. Keeping the pen on the paper, return vertically down to the base line.

3. Form an oval to the right by returning halfway back up the vertical line. Curve to the right and flow round towards the left as you meet the base line and rejoin the vertical stroke.

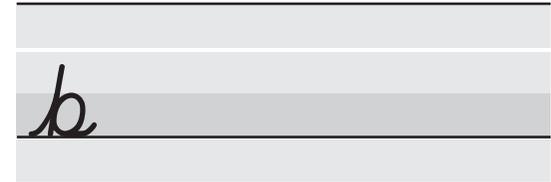
4. Make a small curve back to the right to complete the letter with a joining stroke.



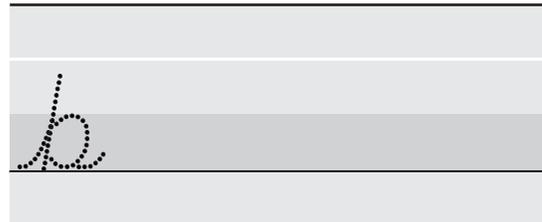
2. Four more smaller repeats.



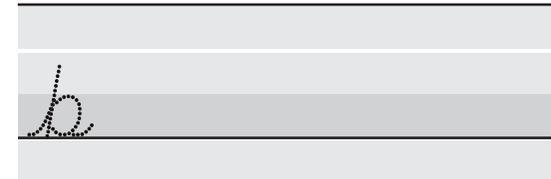
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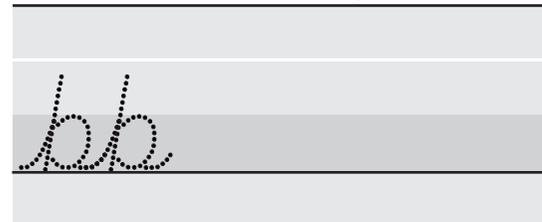
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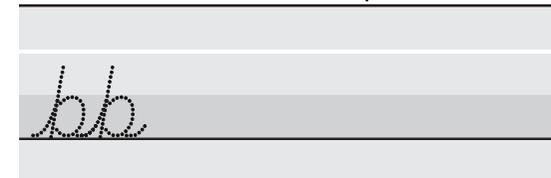
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



iutnmppecoadquwvrsxhbb

Link the letters

Remember to dot each *i* and cross each *t* after completing the word.

1. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'jumbo' size cursive writing.

bet best but bulb hubble

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

bet best but bulb hubble bubble

3. Repeat the words on the line below using 'true' size cursive writing.

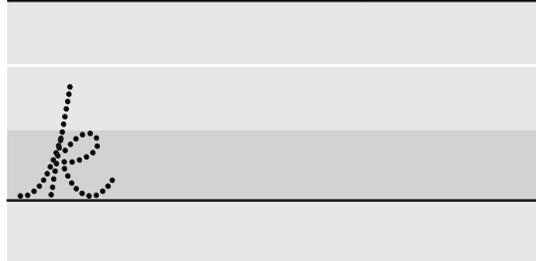
bet best but bulb hubble bubble bump limbo lamb

K k k Learn the cursive shape

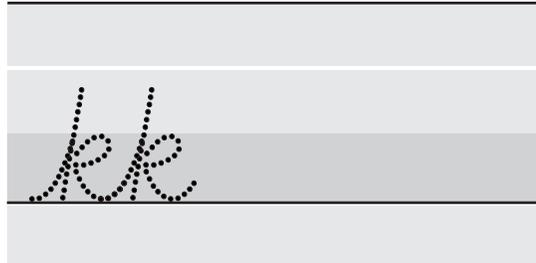
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



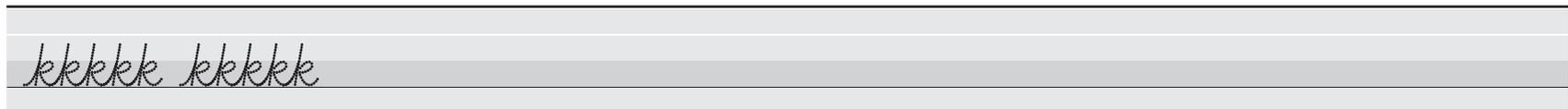
4. Trace the outline and repeat two more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.

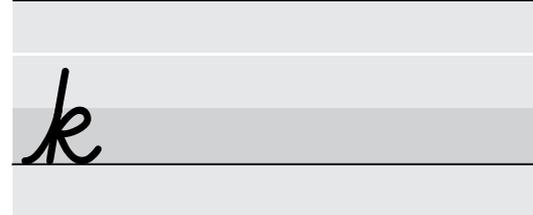


10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

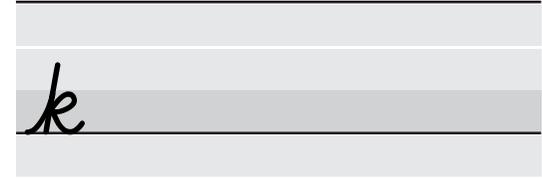


1. Start the approach stroke on the line, going up to the white marker dot.
 2. Keeping the pen on the paper, return vertically down to the base line.
 3. Return halfway back up the vertical line and then make a loop, curving to the right and round.
 4. Complete the letter by going down to the base line with a rounded curve to the right.

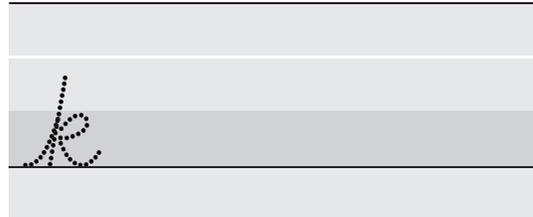
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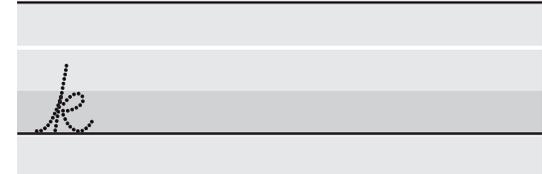
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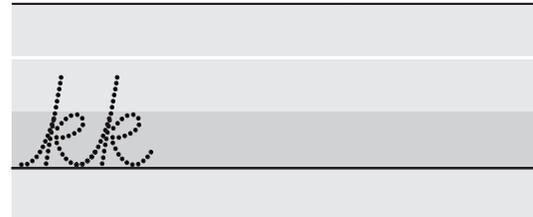
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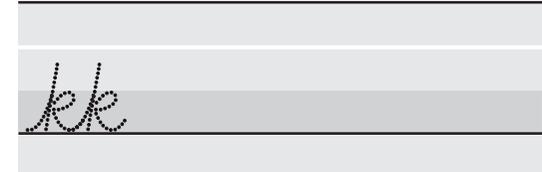
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.

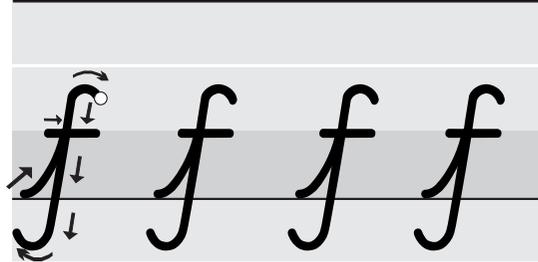


9. Three more smaller repeats.



F f f *Learn the cursive shape*

1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



2. Change direction by retracing the curve and then continue vertically down to below the base line, to the edge of the next guide line.

1. Start the joining stroke on the line going up and over towards the right stopping at the white marker dot.

3. End the stroke by curving round towards the left.

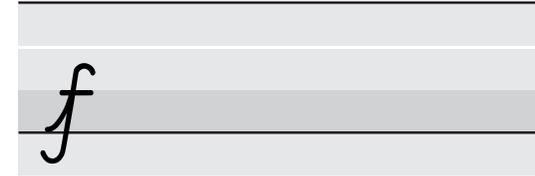
4. Complete the letter by lifting the pen before drawing the horizontal bar from left to right.

A diagram of a cursive 'f' on a four-line grid. Arrows and numbers 1-4 show the stroke order: 1. vertical down, 2. curve up and right, 3. curve down and left, 4. horizontal bar. A white dot is at the top of the curve.

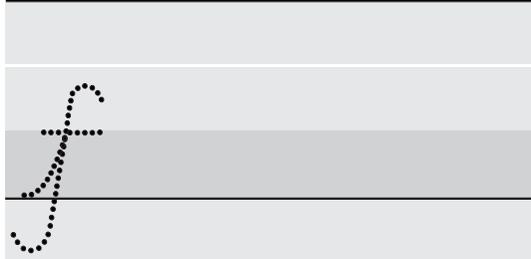
2. Four more smaller repeats.



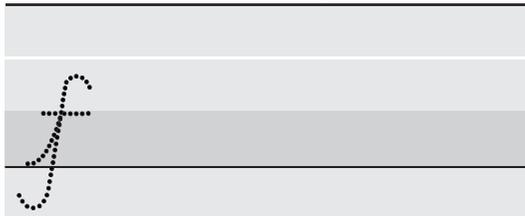
3. Four more smaller repeats.



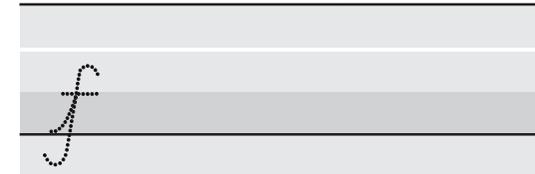
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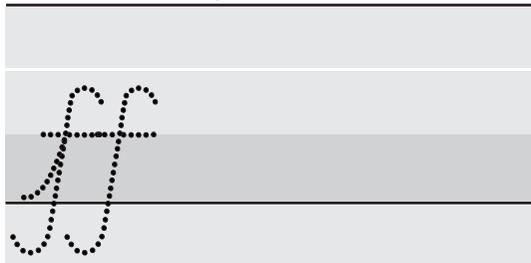
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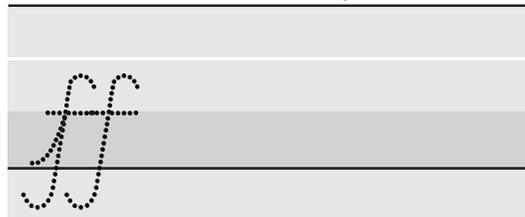
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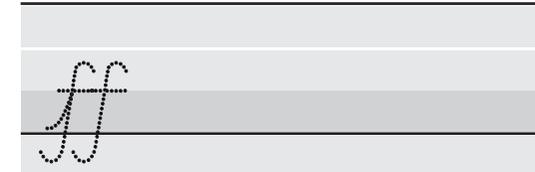
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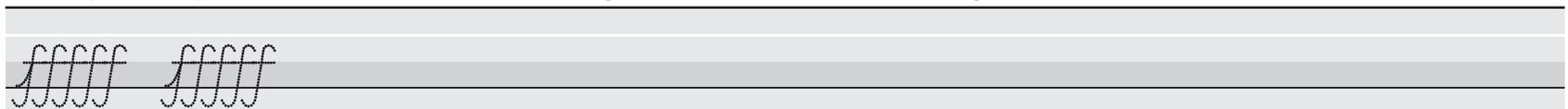
8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.

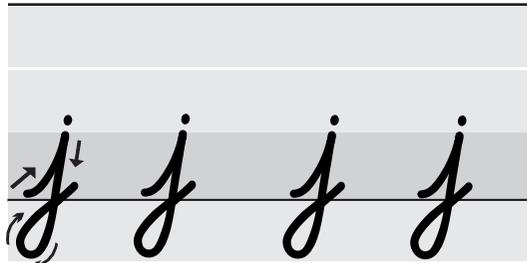


10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

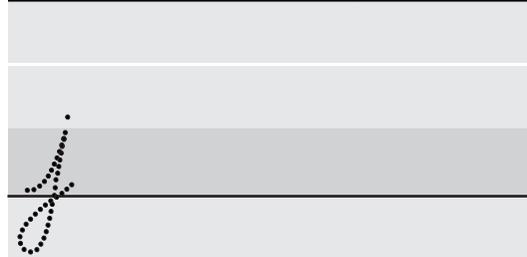


J j j Learn the cursive shape

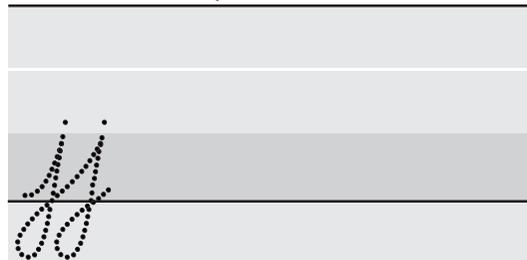
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



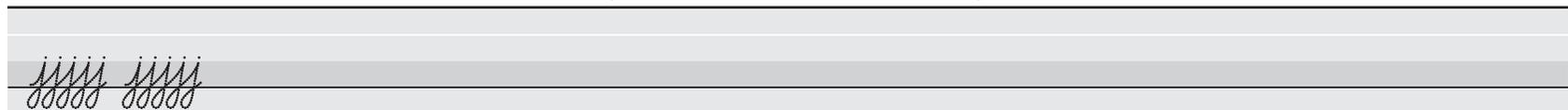
4. Trace the outline and repeat two more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



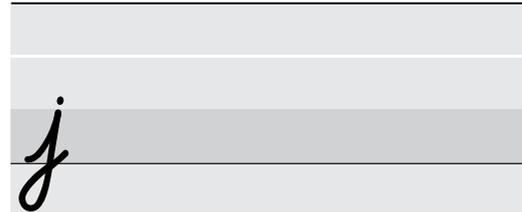
1. Start the approach stroke on the line, curving up to the edge of the darkest shading.

2. Change direction by making a vertical stroke down below the base line to the edge of the next guide line.

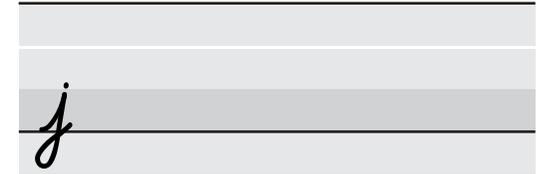
3. Curve to the left and then loop back up to the base line.

4. Finally, remember to dot the letter 'j'.

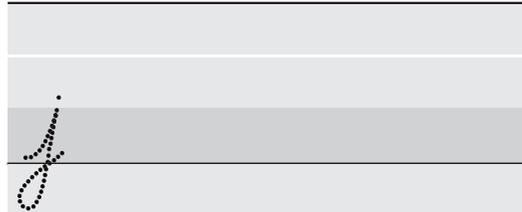
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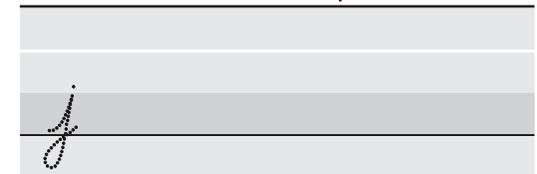
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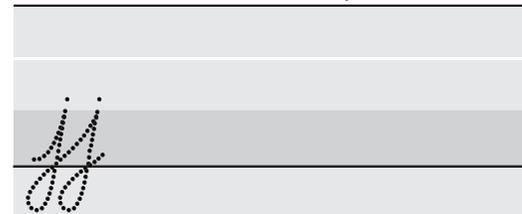
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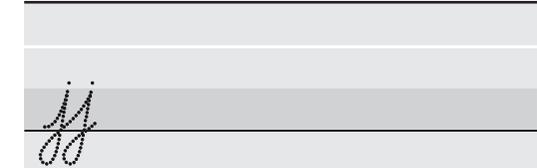
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



iutnmpecoadquvwrsxlhbkfj

Link the letters

Remember to dot each *i* and *j* and cross each *t* after completing the word.

1. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'jumbo' size cursive writing.

fix flame soft jaw jacket

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

flame brick before jaw jacket object

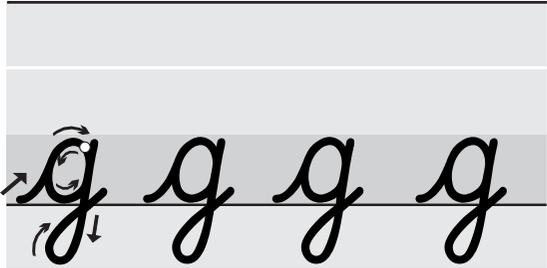
3. Repeat the words on the line below using 'standard' size cursive writing.

flame brick before soft frisk jaw jacket object jump

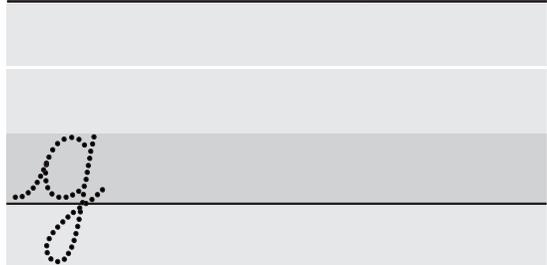
G g *g*

Learn the
cursive shape

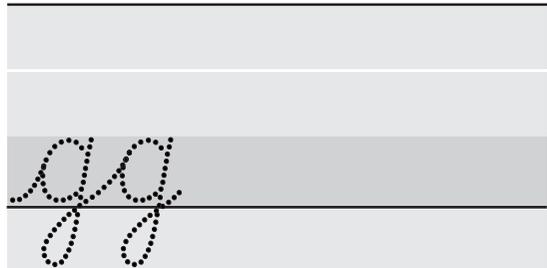
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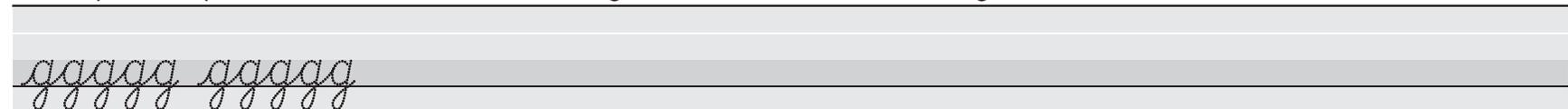
4. Trace the outline and repeat two more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



2. Curve back to the left, round and down to the base line, right and up to the edge of the darkest shading.

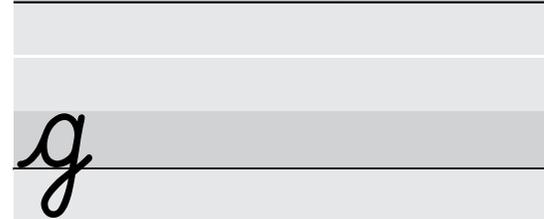
1. Start the approach stroke on the line going up and over towards the right, stopping at the white marker.



3. Change direction by making a vertical stroke down below the base line to the edge of the next guide line.

4. Curve to the left and then loop back up to the base line.

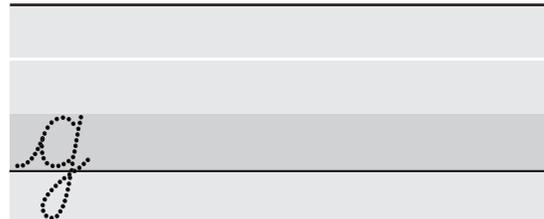
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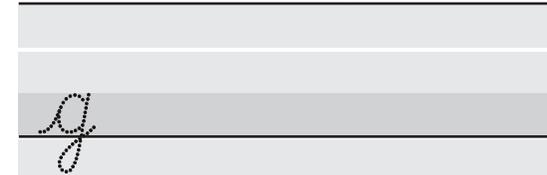
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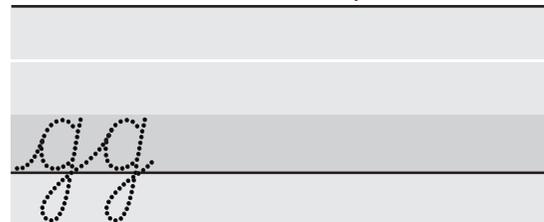
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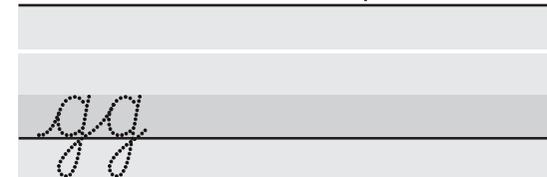
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.

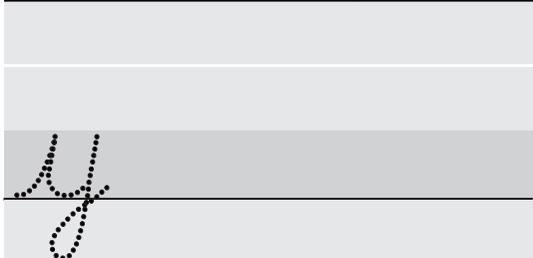


Y y *Learn the cursive shape*

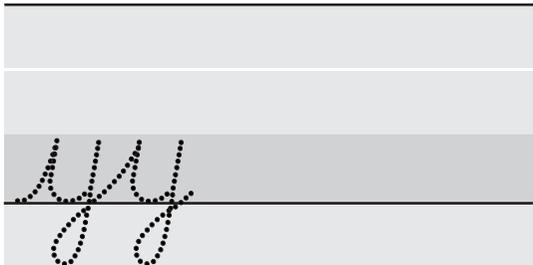
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



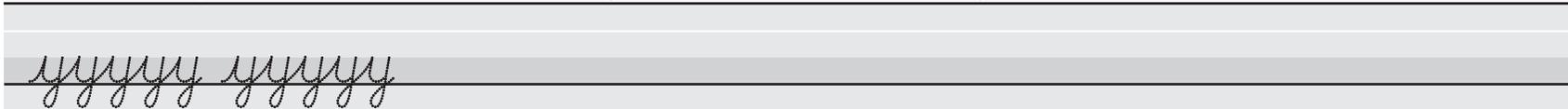
4. Trace the outline and repeat two more



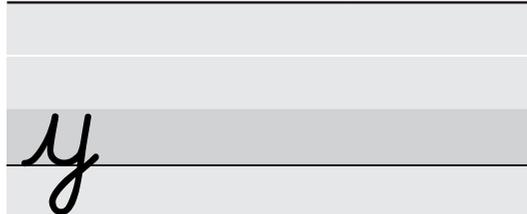
7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



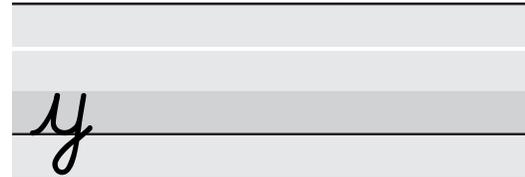
10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



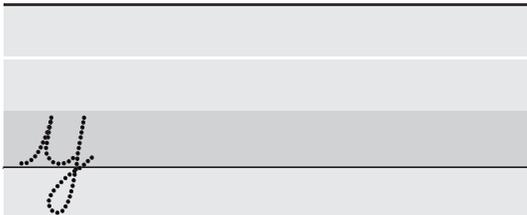
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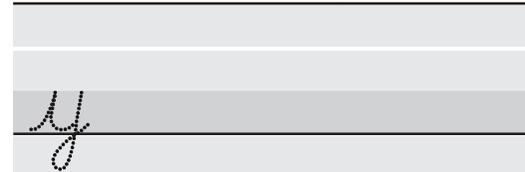
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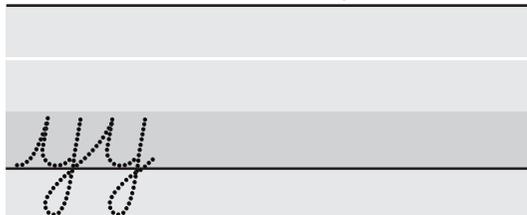
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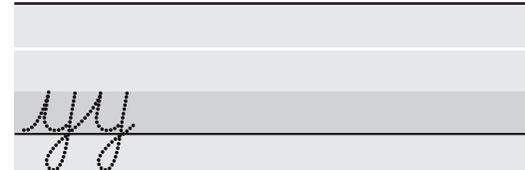
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.

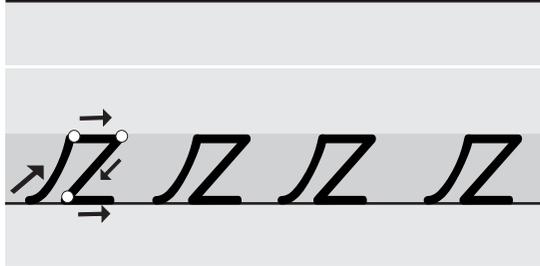


9. Three more smaller repeats.

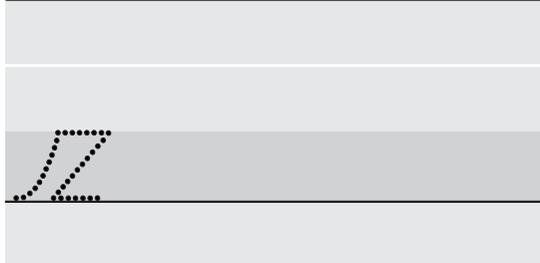


Z z *Learn the cursive shape*

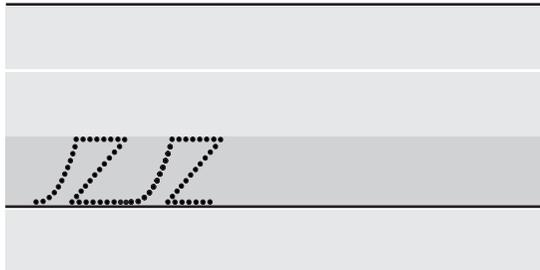
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



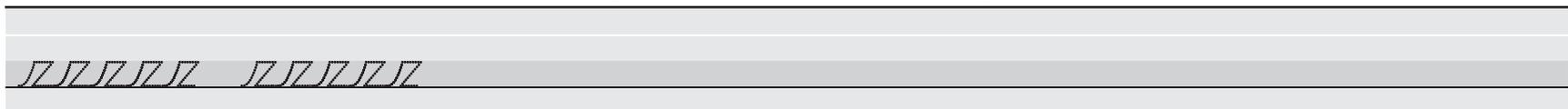
4. Trace the outline and repeat two more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



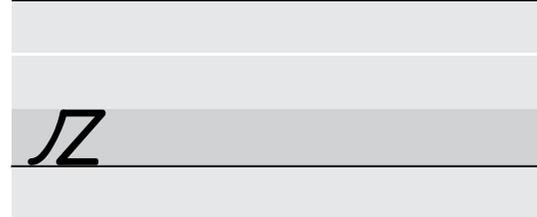
2. Make a horizontal stroke to the right stopping at the next white marker dot.

3. Create a zigzag with a diagonal stroke to the left, stopping on the base line at the third white marker dot.

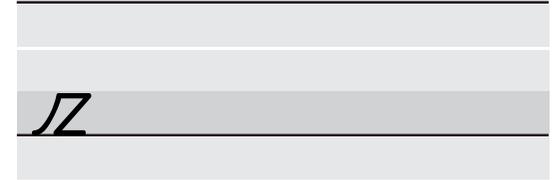
4. Complete the letter with a horizontal stroke along the base line to the right. (Curve up from the line to make another join.)

1. Start the approach stroke on the line curving up towards the white marker dot on the edge of the darkest shading.

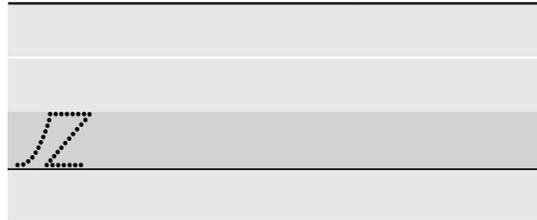
2. Three more smaller repeats.



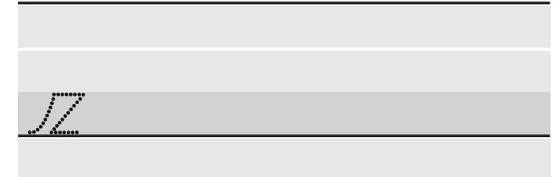
3. Four more smaller repeats.



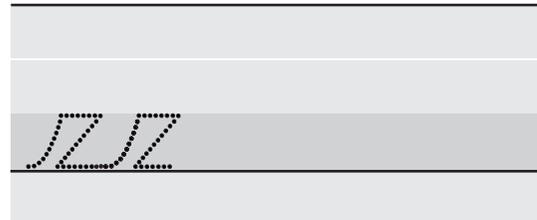
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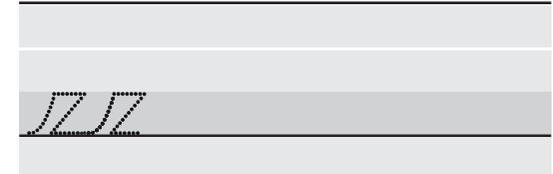
6. Four more smaller repeats.



8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



i u t n m p e c o a d q u v w r s x l h b k f i j g y z

Link the letters

Remember to dot each *i* and *j* and cross each *t* after completing the word.

1. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'jumbo' size cursive writing.

yoga strong grab busy agony

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

yoga strong grab busy agony jazz

3. Repeat the words on the line below using 'true' size cursive writing.

yoga strong grab busy agony jazz dizzy zebra

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

st

stamp stable step stop nest must past test insist

sp

span spent spin spot spine inspect sport spoon

sn

snip snail snack snore snake sneeze snuggle

sc

scan scoop scare score scale scene school disco

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

sk

sky skin sketch skull desk ask mask basket

nk

ink pink sink stink tank sank rank bunk link

ck

back pack sack stack deck neck chick stick stuck

ck

beckon bucket cricket packet ticket quickly wicked

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

tr

trade trap trend trial trick trip trot trunk petrol

pr

pram prank prawn print pretend prune apron

dr

drama dragon draw dress drink drive drop dry

cr

cram cramp crest crept crime crisp crop cross

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

br

brain brake brand breed brew bride brisk brother

str

strap strand stretch stress strict strong struck

spr

sprain sprawl spray spread spring sprinkle sprint

scr

scram scrap scratch screech scribble scripture

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

sm

small smart smash smell smile smooth smuggle

mp

lamp limp lump bump stump pump skimp jump

gr

grab grand grid grip grit grub grunt progress

ng

bang rang sang cling ring sting gong long rung

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

ing

going holding hopping standing jumping rocking

ing

amazing joking improving snoring caring daring

ll

tell bell yell hill bill mill doll hello pull sell

oo

book look hook shook good spoon shampoo

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

ss

pass grass stress bliss miss cross glass across

all

all ball hall calling gall small stall tall wall

tw

two twenty twelve twice twin twist twinkle

sw

swan swap swallow sweet swell swim swing

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

wa

warn ward warp warm award reward towards

ve

have give live love above dove glove valve

ex

exam exact exit example expect express extent

qu

quack quest quick conquest queen request equip

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

sh

she shall shed shell ship shop shy wish splash

shr

shred shrew shrill shrimp shrink shrub shrug

th

thank thing think bath width thumb them sixth

thr

thrash three thrill thrush throng thread throat

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

ch

chat check chess chip chin choose bench lunch

tch

watch catch snatch pitch stitch hitch hutch clutch

ed

asked ticked stamped tinned opened warmed

ed

tinted sanded dusted mended reminded objected

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

wh

whip whim wham whisk whisky whisper whisker

or

port sort sport born corner story glory transport

ay

pay say day stay way holiday runaway always

le

ramble middle bangle tickle simple little puzzle

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

age

page stage wage average bandage cottage manage

dge

fridge bridge badge edge lodge smudge judge

ou

out shout about amount sound you soup young

ow

low glow snow grow narrow tomorrow how now

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

oi

coin join boil soil spoil point choice noise avoid

oy

toy joy boy annoy enjoy destroy employ loyalty

au

haunt pause laundry author sauce automatic

aw

law paw saw straw lawn yawn awkward

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

ea

tea eat seat speak meal dream team please

ea

bread spread ready steady head wealth heather

ear

earn learn early heard earth search rehearse

ear

ear hear dear near year weary appear beard

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

oa

road goal roam moan soap oats boat coat toast

ie

lie pie tie believe relieve thieve piece priest field

igh

sigh high thigh night right sight light might

igh

fight tonight midnight delight daylight upright

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

ai

aid paid nail sail aim main chain praise daily

air

air chair hair pair stairs repair airport despair

ir

sir stir bird third girl thirst birthday circle

ur

hurt nurse urgent burger church purse surprise

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

ew

new steward newspaper brew blew chew grew

ure

cure secure endure conjure injure failure figure

ture

picture structure capture mixture nature future

sure

measure pleasure treasure closure exposure pressure

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

a-e

made cake sale game crane date shave blaze

i-e

hide like time wipe dive size invite provide

o-e

code globe joke stone hope close vote stove

u-e

tube rule plume tune cute brute exclude

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

ph

phone photograph trophy physics dolphin nephew

our

labour rumour humour glamour harbour hour

ous

famous nervous dangerous ridiculous obvious serious

ough

dough through enough cough bought plough

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

tion

action collection section mention question station

tion

education relaxation invitation situation competition

sion

vision revision division television occasion tension

cian

optician musician magician politician electrician

APPENDIX

Alternative Letter Formations

with

Letter Links

and

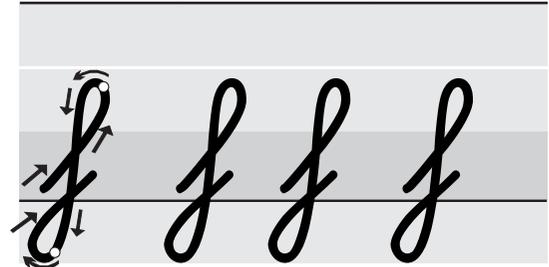
Useful Spelling Links To Practise

f and z

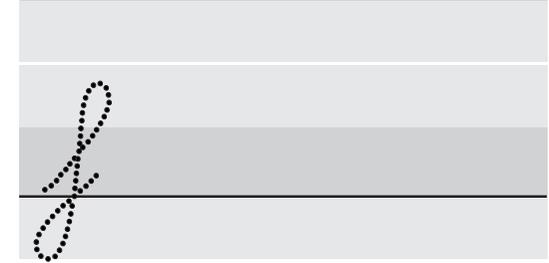
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F f *Learn the cursive shape*

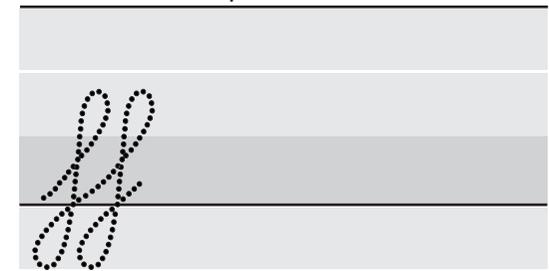
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the three stages.



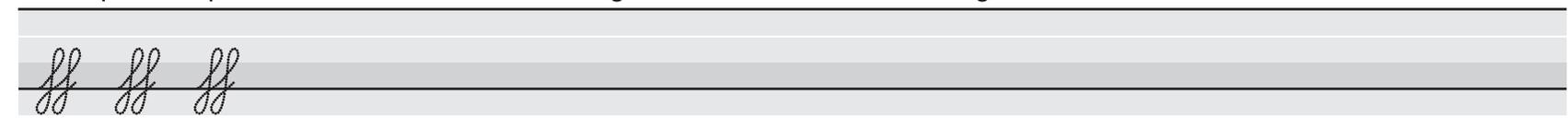
4. Trace the outline and repeat two more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.

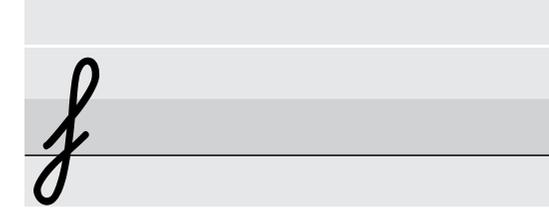


2. Change direction by continuing up and over, curving to the left, and then continue vertically down to below the base line, to the edge of the next guide line.

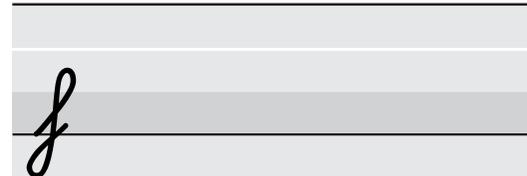
3. End the stroke by curving round towards the left, looping up to the line ready for the next join.

A diagram of a cursive 'f' stroke on a set of four horizontal lines. A white dot is placed on the middle line. Three numbered arrows indicate the stroke path: 1. From the dot, up and over to the right, then down to the baseline. 2. From the baseline, down to the bottom line, then up to the baseline. 3. From the baseline, curving left and looping up to the middle line.

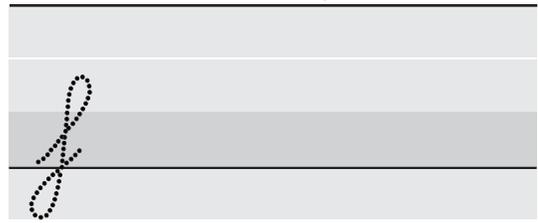
2. Four more smaller repeats.



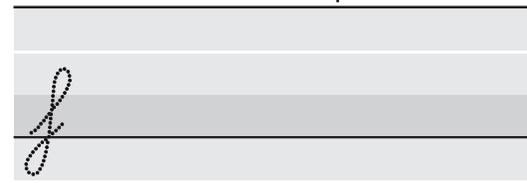
3. Four more smaller repeats.



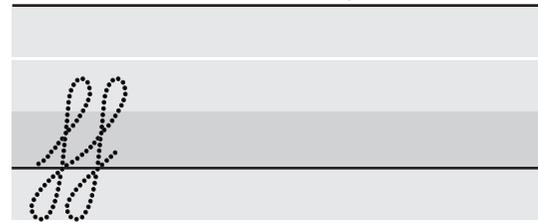
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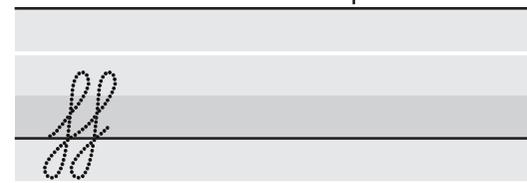
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8. Three more smaller repeats.



9. Three more smaller repeats.



i u t n m p e c o a d q u v w r s x l h b k f j

Link the letters

Remember to dot each *i* and *j* and cross each *t* after completing the word.

1. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'jumbo' size cursive writing.

fix flame soft jaw jacket

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

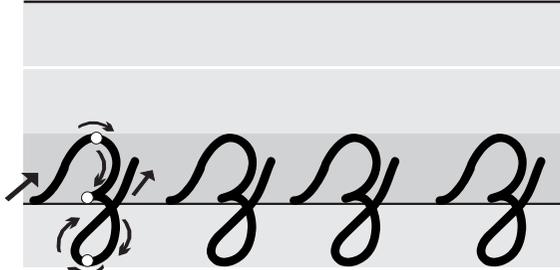
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3. Repeat the words on the line below using 'standard' size cursive writing.

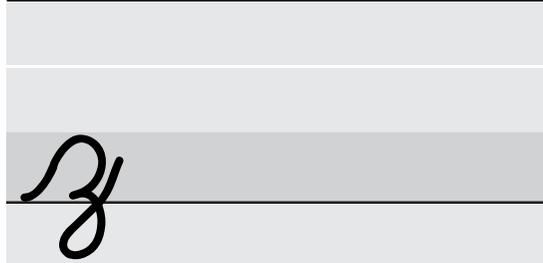
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Z z z Learn the cursive shape

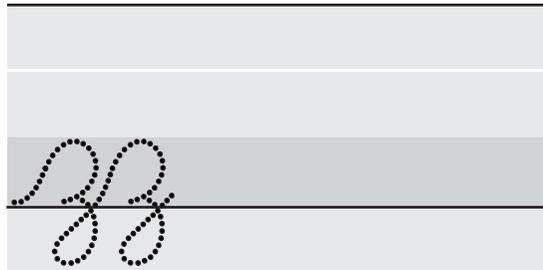
1. Trace over each letter, remembering the four stages.



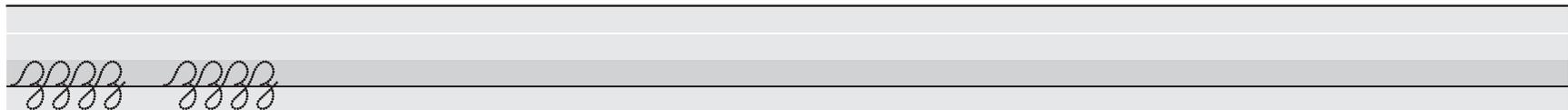
4. Trace the outline and repeat two more



7. Trace the outline to join the two letters and repeat two more.



10. Repeat the pattern to the end of the line using 'standard' size cursive writing.



2. Continue in a curve over to the right and down to the next white marker dot on the line.

3. Repeat the curve down to the next white marker dot to the edge of the shading below the line.

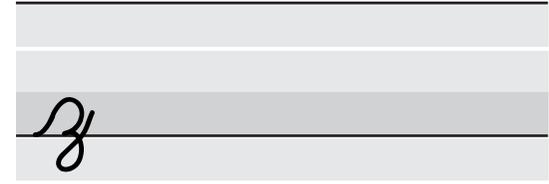
4. Finally, complete the letter with a loop up to the right, ready to make another join.

The diagram shows a cursive 'z' on a set of four horizontal lines with a shaded band between the middle and baseline. White dots mark the start of each stroke: a dot on the middle line for the approach stroke, a dot on the baseline for the first curve down, and another dot on the baseline for the second curve down. Arrows indicate the direction of each stroke.

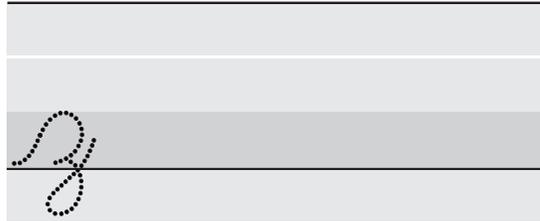
2. Three more smaller repeats.



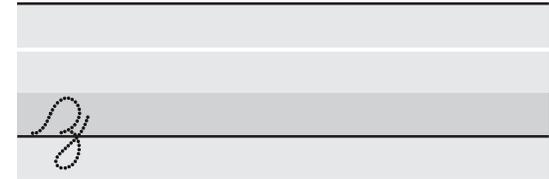
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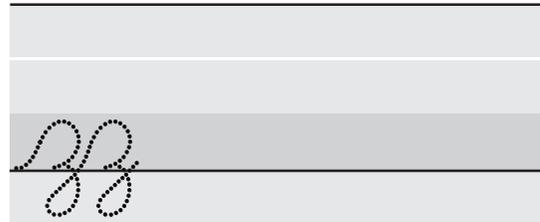
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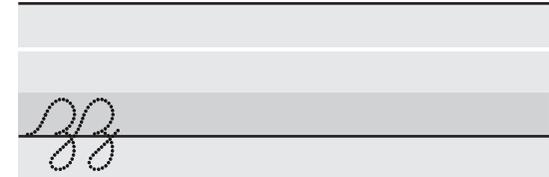
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i u t n m p e c o a d q u v w r s x l h b k f i j g y z

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yoga strong grab busy agony

2. Repeat the words on the line below using this 'large' size cursive writing.

yoga strong grab busy agony jazz

3. Repeat the words on the line below using 'true' size cursive writing.

yoga strong grab busy agony jazz dizzy zebra

Use the guidelines to repeat the words on the line below.
Try to **look, say, cover** and **write from memory** several words at a time, as you concentrate on the flow of your cursive handwriting.

Useful Links to Practise

ing

going holding hopping standing jumping rocking

ing

amazing fishing blazing filling buzzing fizzing

ll

tell fell yell fill bill mill doll hello fully filly

oo

buffoon food proof spool zoom snooze shampoo

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Useful Links to Practise

wh

whim whiff whisk whiz whisky whisper whisker

or

for fork sport platform forbid story transform razor

ay

say day stay way fray holiday runway always

le

puzzle little frazzle fizzle fumble people middle

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Useful Links to Practise

oa

road goal foal moan soap oats boat coat toast

ie

lie pie tie believe relieve thief piece priest field

igh

sigh high night right sight light might tight fight

igh

flight tonight midnight delight daylight upright

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Useful Links to Practise

ew

new few flew newspaper brew blew chew grew

ure

cure secure endure conjure injure failure figure azure

ture

picture structure capture mixture nature future

sure

measure pleasure treasure closure exposure pressure

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Useful Links to Practise

a-e

made cake sale fame crane date shave blaze

i-e

hide like time wipe dive size invite provide

o-e

code globe joke stone hope close vote stove

u-e

tube rule plume flute tune cute useful exclude

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Useful Links to Practise

ph

phone photograph trophy physics dolphin nephew

our

labour rumour humour glamour harbour hour

ous

famous nervous dangerous ridiculous obvious serious

ough

dough through enough cough bought plough

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