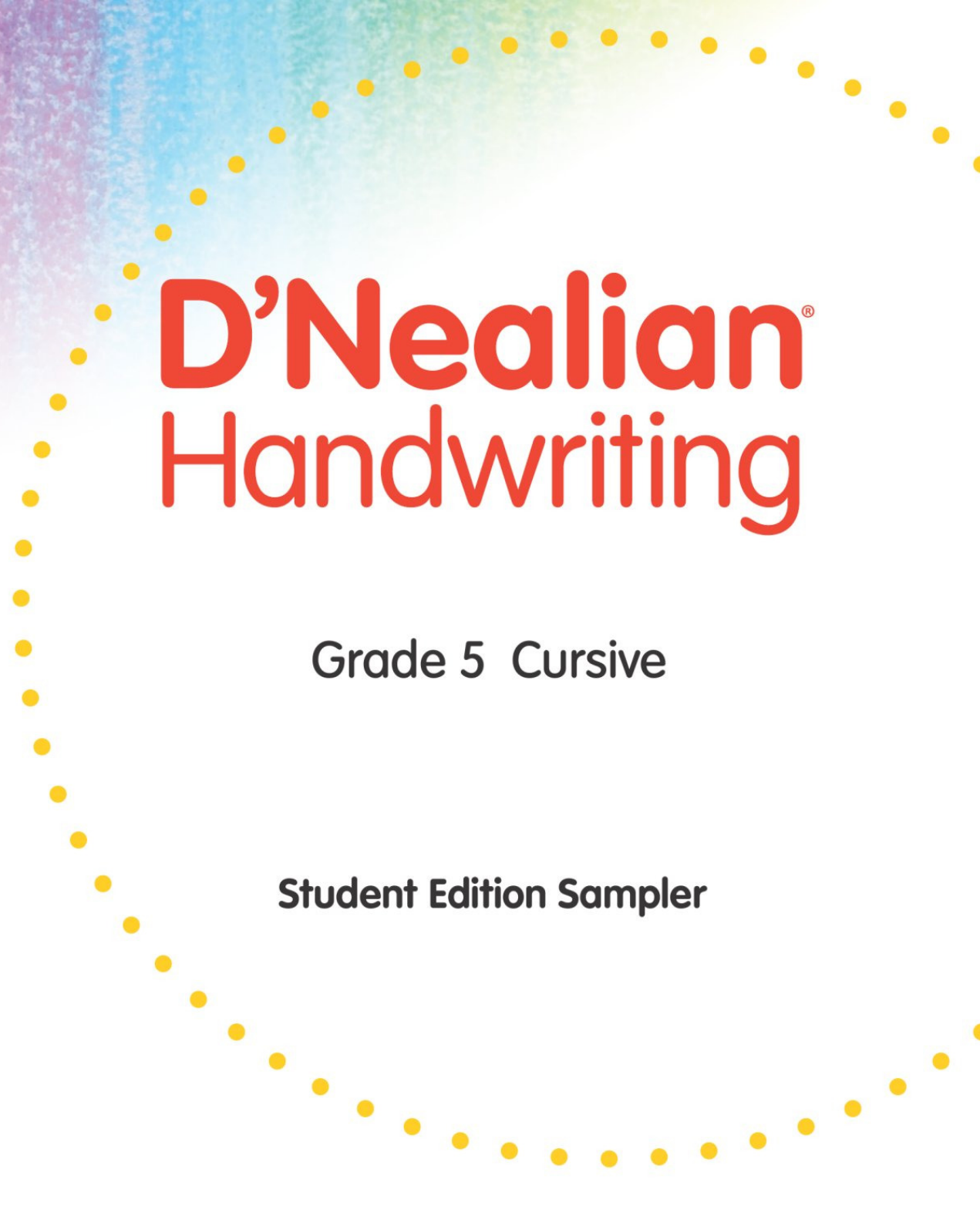


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Reviewing Lowercase Manuscript Letters

Write a row of each lowercase letter.

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

Write the phrases in manuscript.

zebras with wings

jiffy kite

words that move

oxen dancers

purple quarters

Reviewing Capital Manuscript Letters

Write a row of each capital letter.

A	J	S
B	K	T
C	L	U
D	M	V
E	N	W
F	O	X
G	P	Y
H	Q	Z
I	R	

Some famous authors have written books of fantasy.
Write these authors' names in manuscript.

Rumer Godden

Ursula K. Le Guin

Carl Sandburg

James Thurber



Writing Cursive t, i, and u

Write a row of each lowercase letter. Be sure to

- make **u** as tall as **t**.
- cross **t** and dot **i**.



Notice where the capital letters **T**, **I**, and **U** touch the top line. Write a row of each letter.

**Capital Letters Link-ups**

Remember that **I** and **U** join the letters that follow them. Trace the joined letters in the box.

T does not join the letter that follows it. Trace **Tr**.

Write the following imaginary signs.



Invisible Truck Users

Investigators of Traveling Ushers

Practice

Some letter combinations appear more often than others.

Write a row of each pair of letters. Be sure to

- make tall letters touch the top line.
- write **h** and **k** with loops.

sh	sh
th	th
ck	ck

Now write the following names and the sentences below.

Be sure to write **h** and **k** correctly.

Jack Frost	Misha Perth
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Jules loaned Lakesha a thick
book on ice fishing.

She said she would bring
it back.

Her brothers Mick and Nishat
thought they should read it too.

Evaluation

Read the hints. Then write the paragraph below.
Make your handwriting easy to read.

Hints for Clear Handwriting

- Make your tall letters touch the top line.
- Make your small letters half the size of your tall letters.

I put on my cape. Filled with hope, I started up
a rough path through the dark forest. The moon
was rising. It was eight o'clock. Near the hilltop,
I waited for Piku. A long journey lay ahead of us.



Check Your Handwriting

Is your handwriting improving? Use the marks below
to check the paragraph you wrote.

In the second sentence, **circle** tall letters that do not
touch the top line.

In the third sentence, **write a check mark above** small
letters that are too tall.

On the lines below, write the number of marks you made.

○ _____ ✓ _____

Low scores mean your handwriting is easy to read!

Is Your Writing Legible?

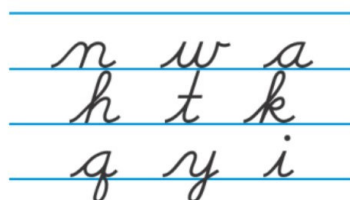
Is your writing easy to read, or is it a mystery? Maybe sometimes even you can't read it. Make sure that every letter you write is clear and legible. Check for the following points in your handwriting.

Letter Size and Proportion

Your writing will be legible if your letters are the correct size. Make your small letters half the size of your tall letters. Make your tall letters touch the top line. Make your descenders go below the bottom line.

Using four or five of the letters on the right, make up a funny name for yourself. Write it below.

Remember to capitalize the first letter. Keep all your letters the correct size and proportion.



Letter Form

Your writing will be easy to read if you form your letters correctly. Can you read the word at the right? The word is **ideas**. What makes it hard to read?

Write the phrase below in cursive. Concentrate on forming your letters correctly.



flights of fancy

Ask a classmate to read the phrase you wrote. Does he or she think it is legible?

Writing a Schedule

Last Friday was a holiday. Rick wrote his schedule for the day. Copy it in cursive. Write small enough to include the times and activities on one line as Rick did. Be sure to make colons half the size of your numbers and tall letters.

8:30 a.m. Ride to the park.
10:10 a.m. Meet Al at the pool.
12:15 p.m. Have a picnic lunch.
1:40 p.m. Go to the library.
4:00 p.m. Return home.
4:50 p.m. Set the table.
6:45 p.m. Help with the dishes.
7:15 p.m. Finish reading Zeely.

Write two times and activities for your own holiday.



Writing Punctuation Marks

Notice the position of the punctuation marks below. Quotation marks are in pairs, facing each other. Copy each mark carefully.

.	?	!	'	,	" "
period	question mark	exclamation mark	apostrophe	comma	quotation marks

When you write contractions in cursive, do not join the letters on either side of the apostrophe. Copy the words below.

can't *here's* *I'll*

Copy each sentence in cursive. Remember to slant all punctuation marks in the same directions as your letters.

Have you ever learned sign language?

Jan's friend taught it to her.

How helpful he was!

Jan said, "This is really hard, but I like it."

Now make up a sentence of your own. Try to use four of the punctuation marks above. Write the sentence in cursive.

Writing Titles and Abbreviations

Like proper nouns, titles also begin with capital letters. Look at the titles and their abbreviations below.

Captain	Senator	Major	Doctor
Capt.	Sen.	Maj.	Dr.

The sentences below tell about important people in the life of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. Write the sentences in cursive. Use abbreviations for the titles. Remember that some capital letters are joined to the lowercase letters that follow them, and some are not joined.

Captain Stephen Barton, Clara's father, taught her to be kind to others.

Clara got help from Senator Henry Wilson in providing food and care for wounded soldiers.

Doctor Clarence Cutter set up a hospital.

Major D. H. Rucker provided supplies, a warehouse, and an ambulance.

Doctor James I. Dunn worked for hours without sleep to help the wounded.

Look at the proper nouns and titles you wrote. Do your capital letters touch the top line? Did you join capital letters correctly?

Writing Titles

In writing, titles are marked in a special way. If the title is a book, underline it. If it is poem, put quotation marks around it. In all titles, capitalize the first, last, and all important words. Quotation marks should slant the same way as your letters. Look at the examples below.

The Pinballs is a book that tells about three children who meet in a foster home.

The best poem I read this year is "Harriet Tubman."

Copy the paragraphs below in cursive. Be sure to rewrite titles correctly.

I like to read books and poems about friends and families. In the book the Day Chubby Became Charles, Julia learns that Charles cares about her. She tells him about her sick grandmother. He is a good listener.

Arnold Adoff wrote a book called Eats. It has funny poems. The poem I like best is I Am Learning.

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Writing a Business Letter

Read Max's business letter. Notice that it follows a pattern. It has six parts. Then copy the letter in cursive below. Use correct proportions. Concentrate on your joining strokes. Remember that only capital letters that end at the bottom line are joined to the letters that follow them. Be sure to join all lowercase letters.



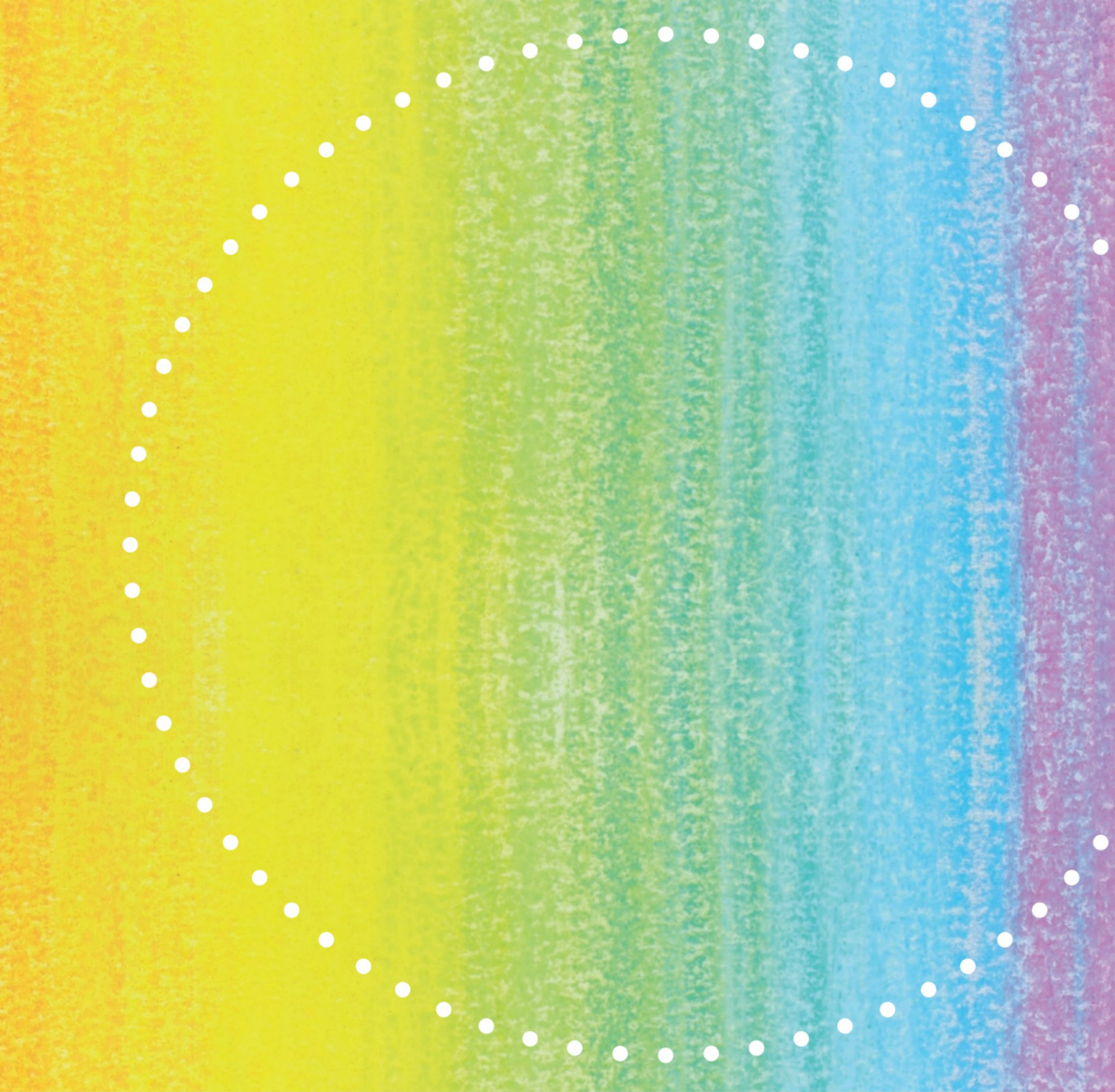
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Addison, IL 60101
March 7, 20__ ← heading

inside address → Hobbytime Company
6 Horseshoe Bend
Carson City, NV 89701

greeting → Dear Sir or Madam:

body → The directions for my kite
kit X754 are missing. Please
send a new set. Thank you.

Sincerely yours, ← closing
Max Studer ← signature



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