

Handwriting formation

We group the letters together into 'families' that are formed using the same handwriting actions. The first group are based around the letter 'i' - begin on the line, sweep up, sweep down and exit.

i h t u y j b

The second group are based around the letter 'c' - begin on the line, sweep up and over on top, curl it round and exit.

c o a d g q f s

The third group are based around the letter 'r' - begin on the line, sweep up, straight down, up and over on top, curl out.

r n m h k p

The fourth group of letters require formation based on the previous groups.

e N W X z

The actions for letters like 'y', 'j', etc under the line are described as loops. The aim is to keep the pencil on the paper until all the letters in a word have been formed, then to dot and cross letters like 'j' and 'y'. Only lower case letters are joined up.