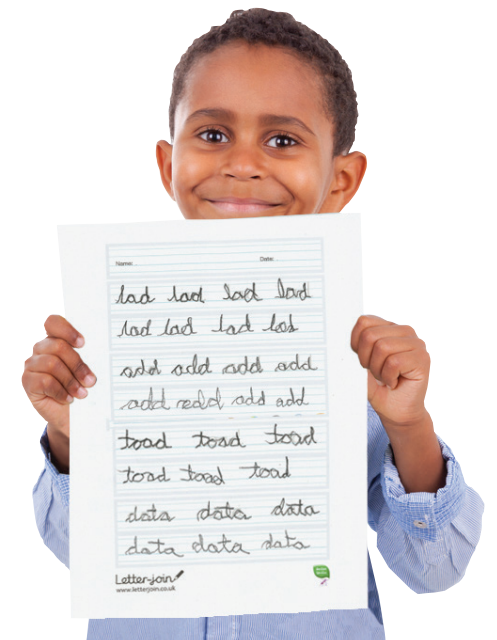


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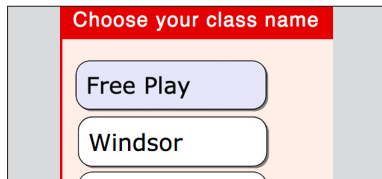
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at home for parents and pupils



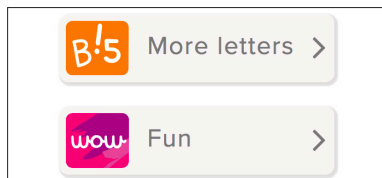
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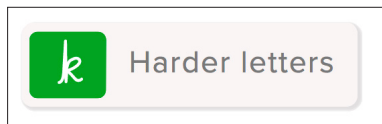
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Logging in on PCs and tablets at home.



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Getting to know your way around Letter-join resources.



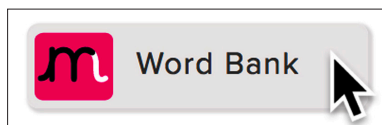
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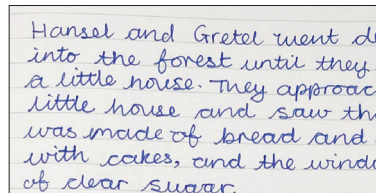
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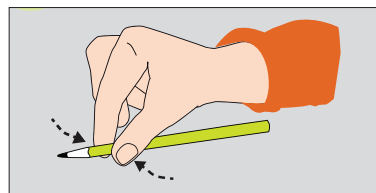
## 10 Key Stage 1

Material to teach other character sets and to practise handwriting.



## 12 Key Stage 2

Exercises and practical methods to help reach National Curriculum expectations.



## 15 Pencil grip and sitting position

Getting comfortable for handwriting.

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# Getting started with Letter-join at home

Ask your class teacher for the Pupil log-in details. These will include how to log in on any computer or tablet. Click the Desktop or Tablet button then choose your class name or Free Play.

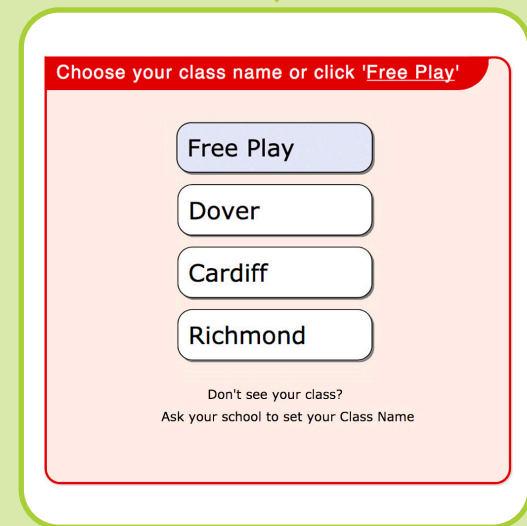
[www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk)

## How to log in

From the Letter-join home page, choose Desktop or Tablet log in.

Enter the Pupil username and swipecode (for tablets) or password (for PCs) issued to you by your child's school.

Select your child's class name from the menu, or if you don't know it, click Free Play.



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Google Chrome

# The Letter-join menu

Explore the Letter-join menu to find handwriting animations and activities.

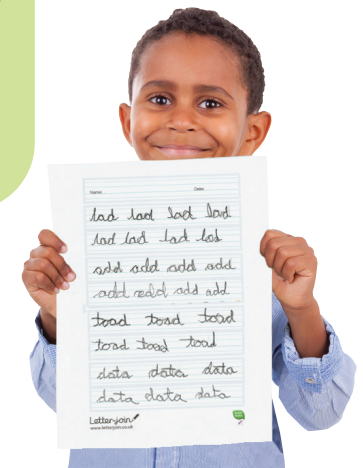
Watch,  
practise,  
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These are your  
essential  
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- Patterns**
  - Easy letters
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Worksheets for  
handwriting  
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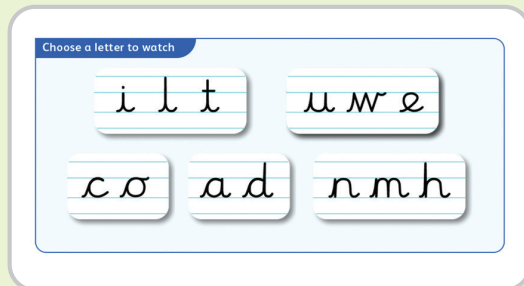
Letter-join includes  
hundreds of  
worksheets that you  
can print out at home,  
all set to the  
letterforms that your  
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# Practise letters and words

Animations for individual letters include spoken instructions with links to practice worksheets.

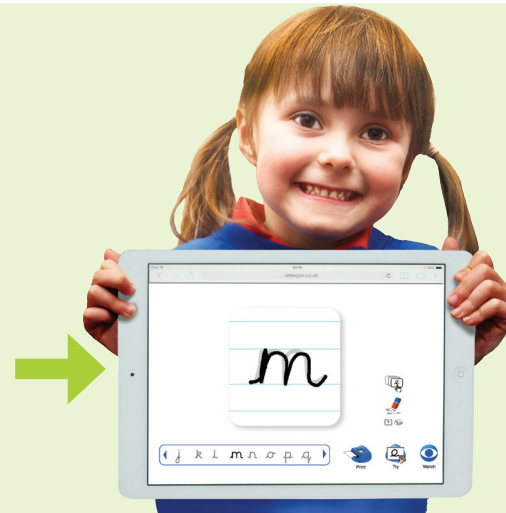
Watch, practise, trace and copy



Choose a letter to watch



Watch animations with spoken instructions



Touch-screen activities for iPads and tablets



Practice worksheets accompany all sections

# Choosing handwriting activities

Practise handwriting through Letter-join games and engaging activities! These are designed to use on tablets and PCs at school and at home.

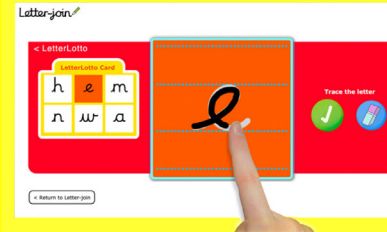
From the Letter-join menu, find the 'Fun' tab to access any of Letter-join's activities, as shown below.



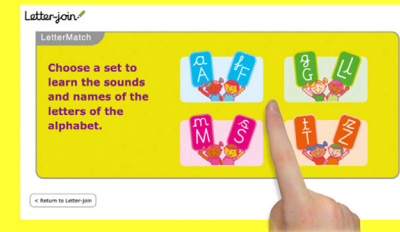
**Magic Patterns**  
A selection of patterns, shapes and mazes for tracing on imaginative backgrounds.



**Magic Words**  
Enter any word and trace on a choice of colourful backgrounds.



**LetterLotto**  
Practise recognition of how to write cursive or printed letters.



**LetterMatch**  
Helps teach the names and sounds of the letters of the alphabet.



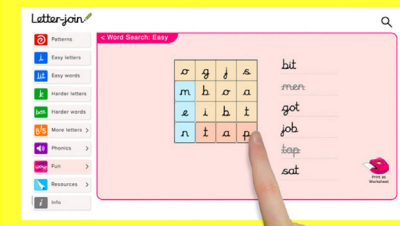
**PhonicsMatch**  
A matching pairs game to beat the clock using cursive or printed letters.



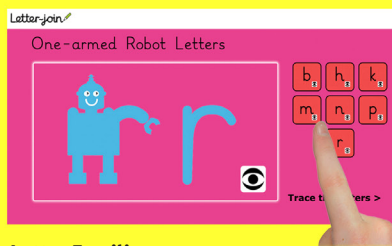
**Phozzle**  
Practise phonic sounds to reveal an exciting picture.



**SoundMatch**  
A matching pairs game for Early Years to support Letter-join Phase 1 Phonics.



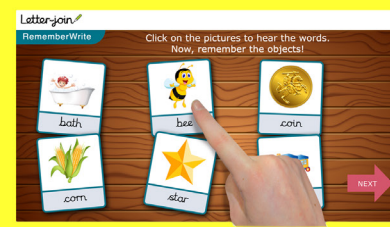
**Word Search**  
Different levels of word searches to strengthen spelling skills.



**Letter Families**  
Reinforces different letter shapes and shows the correct way to write letters.



**Write it Right!**  
An activity that encourages play and practise. Trace words that match the correct picture, build a colourful gallery.



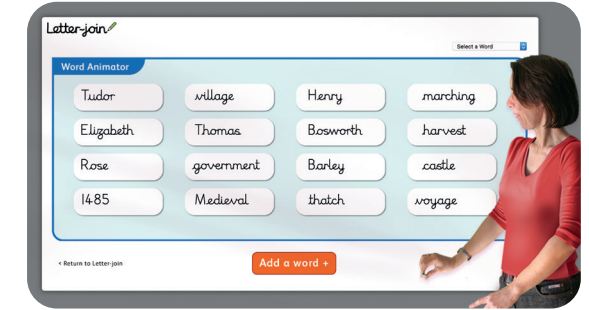
**Remember Write**  
Develop childrens' memory skills along side handwriting and spelling.



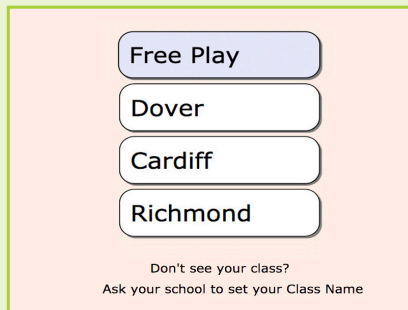
**Write in Time**  
Choose from eight KS2 topics. The more words that are neatly written, the higher the award given.

# Access a Word Bank

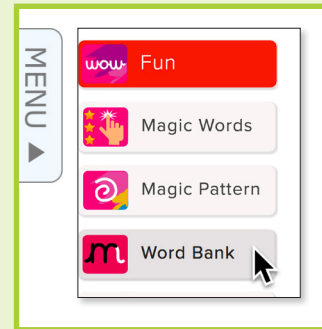
Letter-join Word Banks are collections of word animations your class teacher has created for children to practise at school and at home.



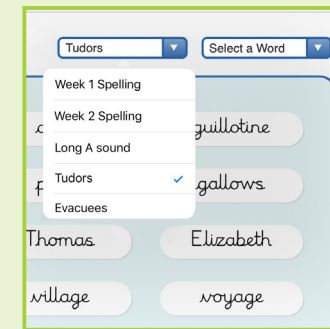
## How to open a classroom Word Bank



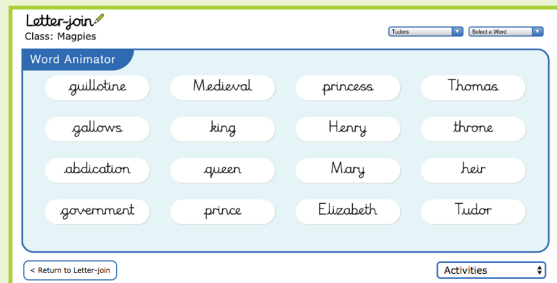
**Log in to Letter-join**  
Use your school's Letter-join Pupil log-in and select your child's class name.



**Choose 'Fun'**  
Select 'Word Bank' from the Letter-join 'Fun' menu.



**Select a Word Bank**  
Use the pull-down menu to select a Word Bank.



**Select a word to watch**  
Select a word either on-screen or from the pull-down menu at the top.



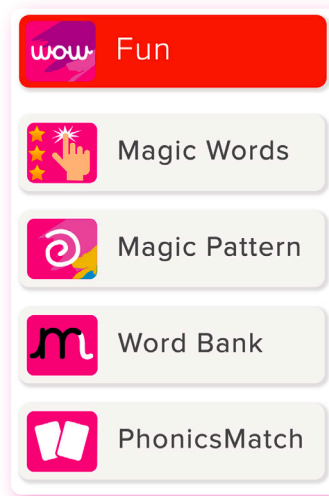
**Watch and Try**  
Select 'Play' to see the word being written, then trace the word on an iPad or tablet by selecting 'Try'.



**Activities**  
Use the Activities pull-down menu to select a Spelling List or Word Search.

# Early Years

## Colourful, touch-screen handwriting activities.



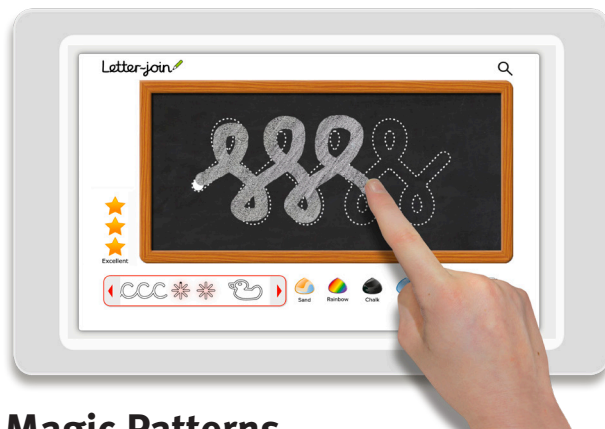
Under the 'Fun' tab you'll find lots of activities designed to offer touch-screen tracing practice for your children at home.

Magic Patterns can be used to trace Letter-join's pre-writing patterns and other shapes in a choice of fun palettes. Magic Words allows any word to be typed onto the screen and then traced over using a finger or a stylus for letter and word practice.

Write it Right! rewards neat handwriting with a picture gallery of children's handwritten words. Children can trace words that match pictures with fun sounds and animations encouraging them to play and practise letter shapes.



Many Letter-join activities have an accompanying printout sheets for real handwriting practice.



**Magic Patterns**



**Magic Words**



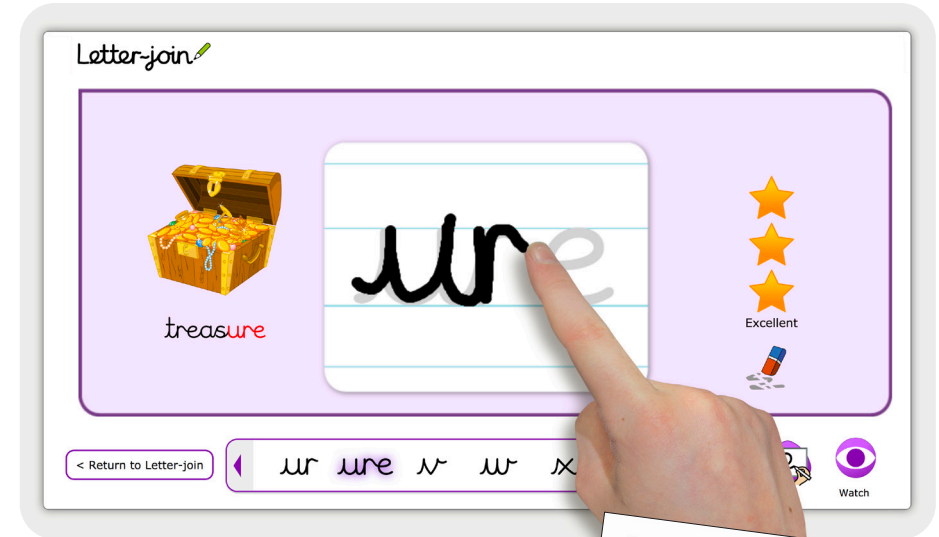
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# Early Years

## Letter-join Phonics

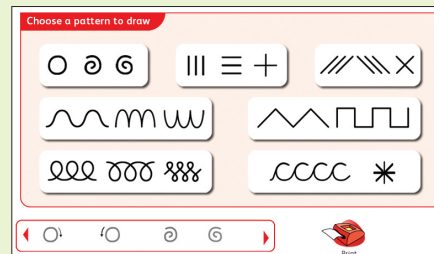
Children can hear the sounds and practise tracing them on iPads or tablets. The Phonics activities will be displayed in the font chosen by your child's class teacher.



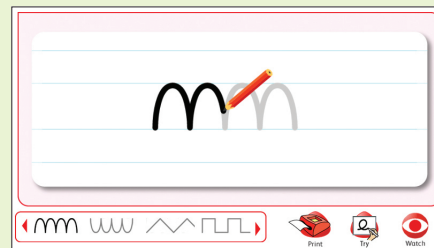
### Touch-screen tracing practice for pupils at home

Letter-join's pre-writing patterns are grouped into logical sets of similar shapes, and each pattern is animated, accompanied by exciting sounds.

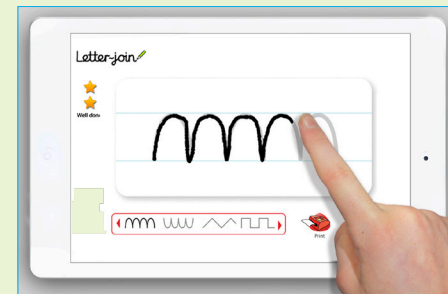
Finer control can be gained by finger writing on tablets or with a pencil using the worksheets. Worksheets consist of lines of patterns for tracing using a pencil or crayon and a simple drawing which can be 'coloured-in' using the patterns of that group.



Pre-writing patterns cover all writing shapes.



Watch patterns, such as jellies, with fun sounds.



Practice tracing patterns on iPads or tablets.

Fun worksheets can be printed for all the pattern sets for handwriting practice using pencils and crayons.



# Key Stage 1

At home, Letter-join is the perfect handwriting companion for KS1. Children have easy access to the same Letter-join resources as at school.

With gentle encouragement children will be aiming to produce neat handwriting with consistent spacing and letter sizes.

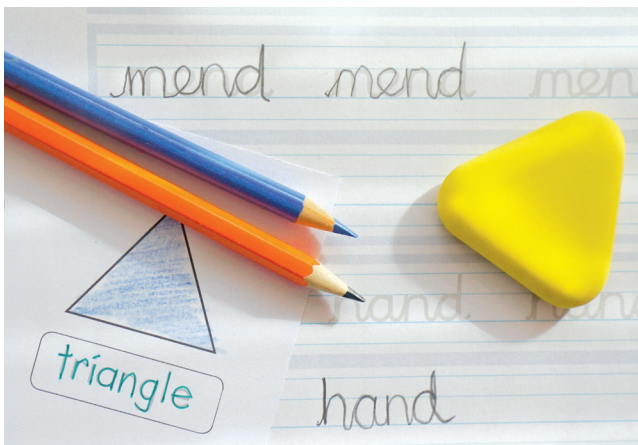
Practising handwriting exercises both on tablets and with pencils on worksheets can be fun, with real improvements achieved surprisingly quickly.

Lets try...

## KS1 SPaG Revision

Letter-join offers a series of fun worksheets to support Key Stage 1 spelling, punctuation and grammar. These provide plenty of handwriting practice and boost your child's confidence too.

Download these worksheets from [Resources > Printouts > Key Stage 1 > KS1 SPaG Support](#)



Lets try...

## More letters

These include capital letters, numbers, printed letters, mathematical symbols and punctuation. Letter-join animates all of these to show the correct formation and provides ready-made worksheets for handwriting practice.



# Key Stage 1 Printouts

Choose from hundreds of downloadable worksheets for real handwriting practice.

The Key Stage 1 Printouts section has lots of fun worksheets for children to practise and improve their handwriting while supporting their learning at school. Children can develop their reading,

spelling and handwriting with High frequency Words, Extra Letters Practice and Sequencing Sentences. All these and much more can be found in Resources > Printouts > Key Stage 1.

- Resources
- Printouts
- Dictation
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- About

The first one hundred High Frequency Words

Extra practice for those tricky letters

Practise handwriting with sequencing sentences

**High Frequency Words**  
Trace and copy all of the words:

the the

of of

and and

to to

in in

is is

you you

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter w practice**  
Trace and copy these letters and words:

wa we wi wo

walk week with word

aw aw ew ew ow

paw law new few snow

Winnie the witch is wicked.

Wesley washed white windows.

Use a dictionary to find more words containing the letter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sequencing Sentences 1: 1**  
Rewrite these sentences in the correct sequence:

Meg gave it to Mum.  
She picked the flower.  
Meg saw a flower.

The sun was warm.  
He fell asleep.  
Grandad sat in a chair.

He got wet and muddy.  
Spot jumped in a puddle.  
It was raining.

Lets try...

## Letter Families

Long ladders, curly caterpillars, one-armed robots and zig-zag letters, Letter-join's Letter Families worksheets can be printed out for tracing and copying. To strengthen letter formation and to learn which letters belong to each family, try the Letter Families touch-screen activity, under the 'Fun' tab.

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**Letter Families**

Choose a letter family and practise writing the letters:

Find out which letters belong to each family with this fun Letter Families activity.

Zig-zag Letters

Long Ladder Letters >

Curly Caterpillar Letters >

One-armed Robot Letters >

Zig-zag Letters >

One armed robot letters

Up to the head, down to the feet and back up to the arm.

b b b b b b b b

h h h h h h h h

k k k k

m m

p p p

r r r

# Key Stage 2

Longer passages of text, written speedily and neatly are the handwriting targets of Key Stage 2. Letter-join resources, from printable worksheets to digital activities, include dictation exercises and games and puzzles, which help develop handwriting to this higher level.

The Key Stage 2 Printouts tab in Letter-join's Resources section has many practice worksheets. They cover a selection of curriculum topics and are perfect for real handwriting practice at home.

## Handwriting fluency

The Nice and Neat section provides the opportunity to develop better fluency and neat, speedy handwriting through copying longer passages of text.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Alliteration Sentences

Alliteration is when most of the words in a sentence start with the same sound.  
Copy these alliteration sentences neatly.

Five furious fairies flew forwards in fog.

Jolly jellyfish jiggle and jump in juice.

Queasy queens quarrel quite quickly but quietly.

Villainous vets vow to visit violent volcanoes.

Windy winter weather worries wizards.

Yellow yams and yoghurt are yummy.

Zany zebras zoom and zig zag in zoos.


Try making up some of your own alliteration sentences.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Aboriginal Tale

The tale of Tiddalik the Frog is a legend from Australian Aboriginal mythology.  
Copy this extract from the story in your best handwriting:



In the beginning of the time, there was a great frog named Tiddalik. He lived in the Southern New South Wales. He was bigger than any other frog and wandered around the plains of Ruwenna.

One very hot day, Tiddalik was very thirsty so he began to drink and drink and drink until the whole billabong was all dried up. When all the other animals came to the billabong to drink there was no water. They knew it was the greedy frog who had drunk all the water. They were very angry at him. If the animals wanted to get all the water out of Tiddalik and back into the billabong, they would have to make Tiddalik laugh until all the water came out.

Try and find out how the story ends and write it in brief bullet points.

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Lets try...

## Tricky Spellings

Children can practise those tricky Statutory Words at home! Choose from look, trace and copy spelling lists and cloze (missing words) exercises to practise using the words in sentences.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Missing Word Sentences 1: 1

Fill in the missing words so that each sentence makes sense.

address accidentally arrive

My Mum \_\_\_\_\_ wrote the wrong \_\_\_\_\_ so her letter did not \_\_\_\_\_

actually appear believe

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ ghost will \_\_\_\_\_?

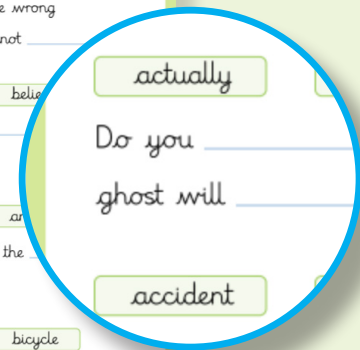
accident actual ar

Jack managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ question by \_\_\_\_\_.

accident believe bicycle

I \_\_\_\_\_ that you may have an \_\_\_\_\_ if you are not careful on your \_\_\_\_\_.

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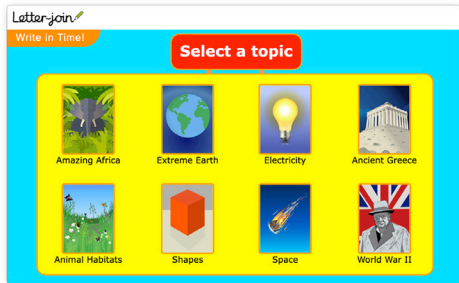


Select the words relevant to your child's year group: year 3/4 or year 5/6.

# Key Stage 2

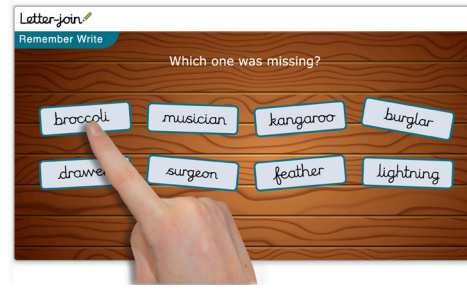
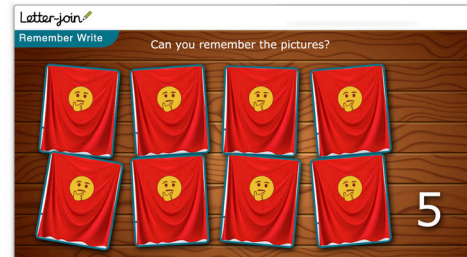
## Write in Time!

A Key Stage 2 activity to practise speedy and fluent handwriting. Choose from eight KS2 topics. The more words that are neatly written, the higher the award given.



## Remember Write

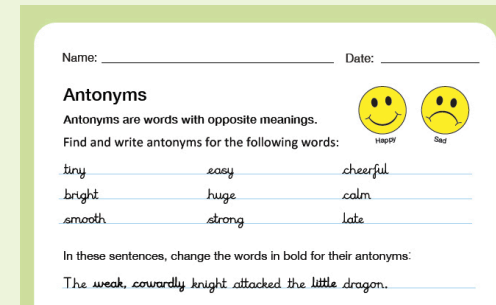
Develop memory skills and practice spelling and handwriting. Children can choose from five different levels ranging from KS1 phonics to KS2 statutory spellings.



## Lets try...

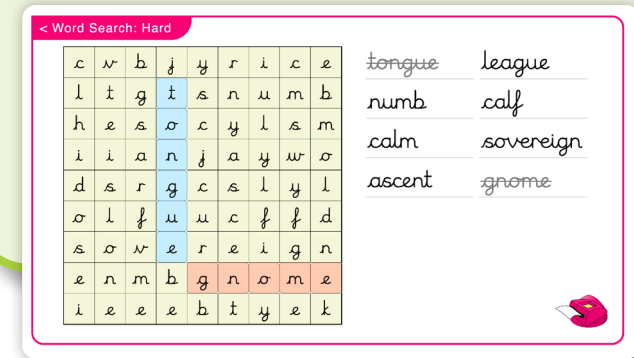
### SATs Practice

A series of worksheets to help with SATs revision as well as reinforcing handwriting. These cover all aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar topics that will have been taught at school. They can be found in Resources > Printouts > KS2.



### Word Search

Letter-join's Word Searches are designed for iPads and tablets. They are both fun and practical, reinforcing spellings and are easily printed for handwriting practice.



# Key Stage 2


## Handwriting for different subjects


A selection of curriculum topics can be found in the KS2 Printouts section for practising fluent handwriting. These include Geography, History, Science, French and Spanish.


Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_


### French Prepositions


Copy the sentences in French and underline the prepositions.


 The doll is under the bed.  
La poupée est sous le lit.

 The bike is in front of the window.  
Le vélo est devant la fenêtre.

 The cake is on the table.  
Le gâteau est sur la table.

 The donkey is behind the tree.  
L'âne est derrière l'arbre.

 The castle is in the forest.  
Le château est dans la forêt.

 The swing is next to the gate.  
La balançoire est à côté de la barrière.

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## Lets try...

## Dictation exercises

Build up handwriting speed and stamina with Dictation Exercises which will help with learning to write longer passages of text.

### KS2 Dictation Exercises

|   |  |  |  |   |   |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| <b>1. My Shadow</b><br><br>Dictation 1 >                    | <b>2. There was an Old Man</b><br><br>Dictation 2 >                 | <b>3. What is Pink?</b><br><br>Dictation 3 >              | <b>4. Custard the Dragon</b><br><br>Dictation 4 >     | <b>5a. Jack climbs the Beanstalk</b><br><br>Dictation 5a > | <b>5b. The Giant chases Jack</b><br><br>Dictation 5b > |
| <b>6a. Hansel and Gretel eat Cake</b><br><br>Dictation 6a > | <b>6b. Hansel &amp; Gretel Meet the Witch</b><br><br>Dictation 6b > | <b>7a. The Tale of Peter Rabbit</b><br><br>Dictation 7a > | <b>7b. Naughty Peter Rabbit</b><br><br>Dictation 7b > | <b>8a. Tom Thumb's Parents</b><br><br>Dictation 8a >       | <b>8b. Tom Thumb</b><br><br>Dictation 8b >             |

### KS2 Dictation Exercises

**LISTEN**  
▶ 0:00 / 0:43 🔊

**WRITE**  
▶ 0:00 / 1:20 🔊

**EDIT**  
▶ 0:00 / 0:43 🔊

SEE TEXT AND WRITE OUT AGAIN >



Key Stage 2 Dictation Exercises have longer passages of text for children to listen to and write down what they hear.

Hansel and Gretel went deeper into the forest until they reached a little house. They approached the little house and saw that it was made of bread and covered with cakes, and the windows were of clear sugar.  
"We will set to work on that," said Hansel, "and..."

# Pencil grip and sitting position

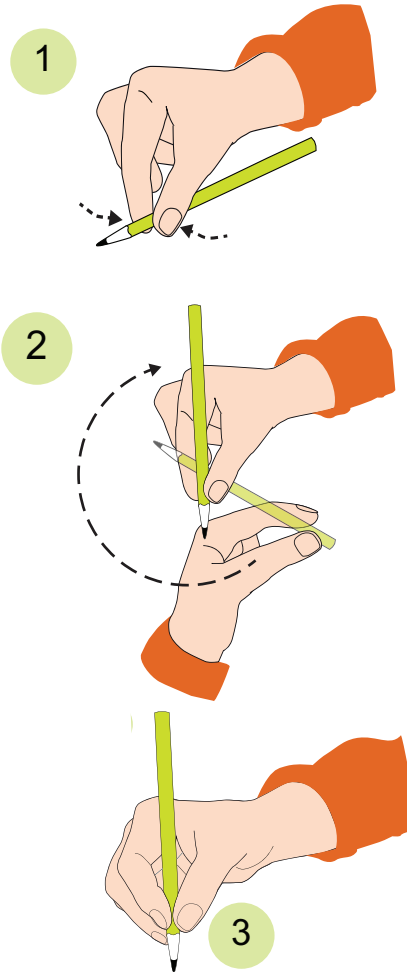
**Holding a pencil correctly can help handwriting be more controlled and comfortable**

Both right and left handed children should be encouraged to use the tripod grip which allows the pen/pencil to be held securely whilst allowing controlled movements of the pen/pencil nib.

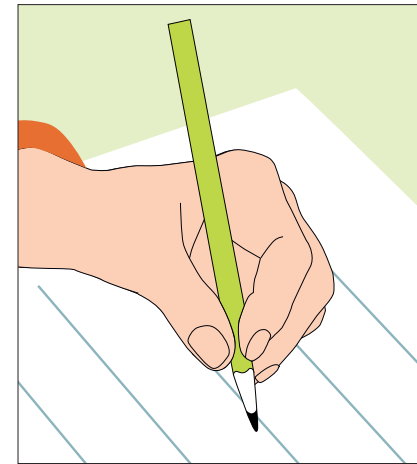
1 Grip the pencil with your index finger and thumb with the nib pointing away.

2 With your free hand, spin the pencil from underneath.

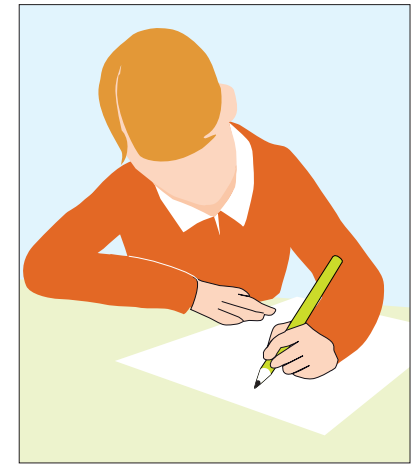
3 Use your middle finger to support the underside of the pencil.



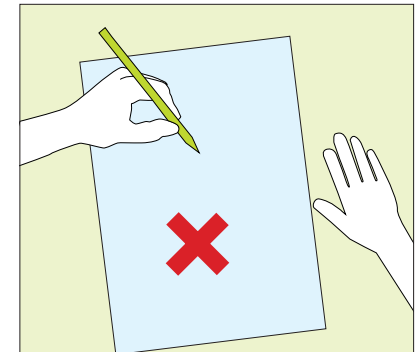
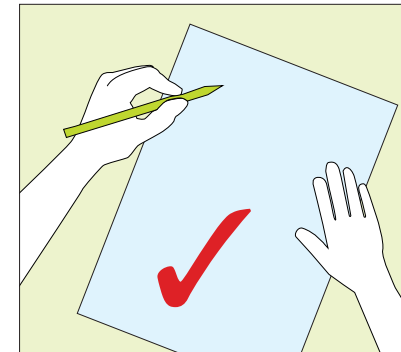
## Positioning for left-handed children



Tripod grip for left-handed children.



Paper positioning for left-handed children



**Sit with a straight back, not leaning over the page**



**Sit right back in the seat**

**Pull the chair close in to the table**

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