

Handwriting

The Way to Teach Joined Letters

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These join from the base.

acdehiklmntu

These join from the top.

rovw

These join from the crossbar.

ft

All these joins go over the top and back.

cgadoq ss ss

These can join or not join.

gyj gyj bp bp

These usually do not join.

xz

Joining is only going from where you end one letter to where you start

ulu ulu ulu

ulu ll ulu ll

ulu ll ulu ll

the next keeping your pen on the paper. Try it.

il *il il il il il*

il il il il il il il il il il

il

il *il il il il*

il il il il il il il il il il

il

Try the simplest join first. All letters start at the top except **e** and **d**.

ilt *ilt ilt ilt ilt*

ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt

ilt

ilt *ilt ilt ilt ilt*

ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt

ilt

Join the letters first then go back and dot the **i**.

ilt *ilt ilt ilt ilt*

ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt ilt

it ill lit till it ill lit till

it ill lit till

Join the whole word then go back and dot the **is** and cross the **ts**.

lh *lh lh lh lh*

lh th lh th lh th lh th

hit hill hilt hit hill

hit

Join the whole word then go back and dot the **is** and cross the **ts**.

ni ni in ni in

ni in ni in ni in ni in ni in

tin nil

mi mi im mi im

mi im mi im mi im mi im

him mini

All letters must be properly formed before you join them.

ui ui iu ui iu

ui iu ui iu ui iu ui iu ui iu

in nut mini in nut mini

in

thin nut hum unit mint

thin nut hum unit mint

Join the whole word then go back and dot the is and cross the ts.

ci ci cl ci cl ci

ci cl ci cl ci cl ci cl ci cl ci

ci cl

ei ei eel ei eel

ei eel

ei el

Look how the **ees** loop together.

le le he le he

Look how the **l** joins half way up the letter **e**. Just make a loop.

le he le he le he le he le he

let the tell let the tell let the

let

chill them letter either city

chill

Look how the **l** joins half way up the letter **e** and loops.

ai ai al ai al

all at am aim ate all am

di di du di du

din dull dim din dull dim

ki ki kn ki kn

ki kn ki kn ki kn ki kn ki

kit kill knit kit kill knit

kit

ankle alley chunk dinner

ankle alley chunk dinner

oo oo oo oo oo

oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo

oi oi oi oi oi

oi oi oi oi oi oi oi oi oi

Top joins are very simple and they save a lot of time.

on on oh on oh

on oh on oh on oh on oh

on oh or om oil one out

on oh or om oil one out

on

on

vi vi vo vi vo

vi vo vi vo vi vo vi vo vi

vi

wi wi wo wi wo

wi wo wi wo wi wo wi wo

wi

The top joins have to dip before some letters.

ri ri ro ri ro ri

ri ro ri ro ri ro ri ro ri ro

ri

rim rot iron rim rot iron

rim

ooh row vow room wool

ooh

Top joins let you zoom along the top of some words.

fi fi fu fo fi fu

fi fu fo fi fu fo fi fu fo fi fu

ti ti to ta ti to

ti to ta ti to ta ti to ta ti to

You can use a crossbar join from the letter **t** if you want.

if if of if of if

if of if of if of if of if of if

fit the for tool fun tin fit

fit the for tool fun tin fit

Crossbar joins often occur automatically at speed. Try them.

ic *ic ac ec uc*

ic ac ec uc ic ac ec uc ic ac

ic

la *la na ma ha*

la na ma ha la na ma ha

la

Joins to round letters go over the top and back.

id *id ed ad ud*

id ed ad ud id ed ad ud

id

ig *ig ag eg ug*

ig ag eg ug ig ag eg ug

ig

They work better with narrow writing than with rounder writing.

lo lo to no mo

lo to no mo lo to no mo

lo

lot top love not town lot

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qu qu qu qu qu

qu qu qu qu qu qu qu qu

qu

quit quill quote quit quill

quit quill quote quit quill

quit

q and u always come together. You can join them or not. Try it.

bi *bi bi bu bu*

bin bun bat bin bun bat

bin

pi *pi pi pu pu*

pat pin put pot pen pat

pat

You can try **bi** and **pi** joined and unjoined. Which do you like best?

When **b** and **p** are doubled they sometimes look even more muddled.
Maybe it would be good for your hand to have a rest and lift the pen.

bubble bubble happy happy

puppy puppy babble babble

What did this all feel like in your own handwriting?

gi gi gl gi gl gi

go get age give gun get

yi yi ye ya yo

you yet yam yell yolk

Looped descenders work well at the beginning of words.

ji ji jo ju ji jo ju

jig job jab jug joy jig jet

toy toy leg leg jug jug

Do not loop the final letter.

egg giggle giggle

When you write **gg** it can look muddled.

SS

so is so is

so is so is so is so is so is

s has two forms. The whole s is often used at the beginning of a word. It can join or not. ss in the middle of words can be unjoined. Try it.

his sister songs sits shirts

passes classes passes classes

izo

Do not join to or from z and x. It makes an ugly join. Try it.

ixo

Do not join from capital letters.

London Monday April Jim

Paris Thursday March Jane

ent *sent went enter*

lent sent

ing *sing ring wing*

finger sing

end *lend tend depend*

trend lend

ang *hang sang rang*

anger hang

The following pages let you practise common letter sequences.

ice *sent sliced prices*

choice sent

ire *fire entire hires*

admire fire

ace *face race grace*

places face

ore *more shores before*

forest more

ase chase phrase laser

please chase

ence licence presence

sentence licence

ank ankle sank thanks

banker ankle

ense dense nonsense

immense dense

You need not join every letter all the time.

Join when it is comfortable for you.

age page cage engage

garage page

dge edge judge badge

fridge edge

Take a pen lift in the middle of long words.

ight light might rights

flight light

ough rough bought

tough rough

Joining is meant to help, not to make more problems for you.