



Handwriting 5

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PM Handwriting 5 learning features

Large models to reinforce the skill or join

Student tips

Revision and practice of speed loops

Activities focusing on legibility: slope, spacing and size

Introduction to 9mm regular writing lines

Revision and practice of joins

QR codes on selected pages link to online extension activities

Frequent self-assessments and peer review activities to reinforce skills

Speed loops from clockwise finishers

galaxy

When making a speed loop from a j, y or s, trail your pen from the end of the letter, crossing at the baseline. The loop should be about half the width of the letter.

go jump yonder zero

Copy these letter pairs.

gl ga gu gr gh ge gl ga gu gr

ja ju jo ji je ja ju jo ji je

yl yr yo yu ye yl yr yo

zl za ze zo zu zy zl za ze

Speed loops 6

Practising speed loops in smaller lines

Astronomers are very interested in dwarf planets, which are mostly located in the outer solar system. In 2002, two NASA space probes visited dwarf planets. Dawn reached Ceres and New Horizons reached Pluto. Ceres is located in the asteroid belt. It is so little that it is classified as both a dwarf planet and an asteroid. Because dwarf planets are small, their gravity is not sufficient to attract or push away smaller bodies. Scientists have long been enthralled by the effects of gravity. It is a force great enough to affect the speed of a space shuttle as it lifts off from Earth and zooms into outer space.

Speed loops 13

Slope, spacing and size

Practice maintaining a consistent slope. Copy each word in the slope grid.

exoplanet

universe

terrestrial

atmosphere

habitable

telescope

Circle the statement or statements that apply to you.

- These slope grids were easy to use.
- These slope grids were hard to use.
- These slope grids helped me keep a consistent slope.

Consolidation 49

Self-assessment: Legibility

Copy the text. Remember to be careful with your slope, spacing and size.

Scientists originally believed that Earth was flat, and there are many historical maps representing this. Indeed, sailors used to worry that when they reached the edge of the world, they would fall off! Once astronomers were able to look at photos of Earth taken from outer space, they saw that our planet has a round shape. This is because the force of gravity pulls all of Earth's mass towards its centre, which creates a sphere.

Self-assessment

Rate your slope, spacing and size.

They're inconsistent. They're mostly consistent. They're always consistent.

Consolidation 53

Speed loops from clockwise finishers

galaxy



Using speed loops from the letters g, j, y and z can help you to write faster and with more fluency.



When making a speed loop from g, j, y or z, trail your pen from the end of the letter, crossing at the baseline. The loop should be about half the width of the letter.

go jump yonder zero

loop crosses at the baseline

Copy these letter pairs.

gl ga gu gr gh ge gl ga gu gr

ja ju jo ji je ja ju jo ji

yl yr yo yu ye yi ya yl yr yo

zl za ze zi zo zu zy zl za ze



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mystery



Remember: a speed loop is not needed if g, j, y or z is at the end of a word.

Copy these words with speed loops from 'g'.

gravity age large gust great

grip glisten green grow

grass gory guide gutter

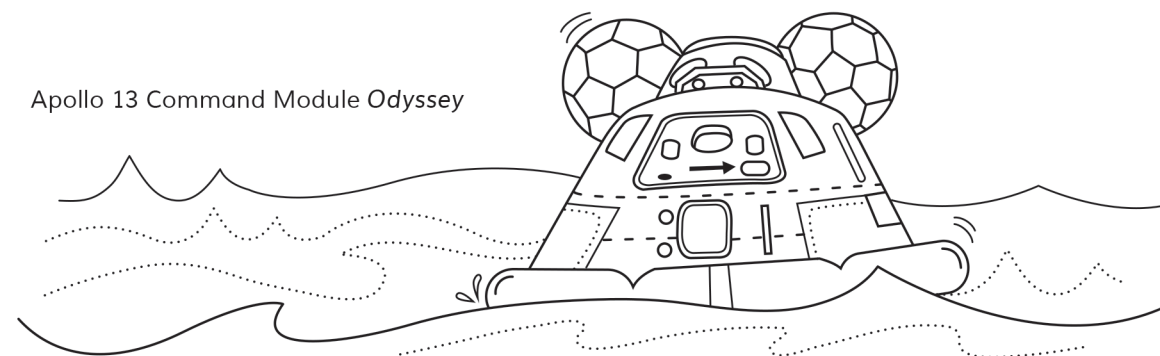
Copy these words with speed loops from 'j'.

jaguar jumped join object

adjust jest jam jig joy

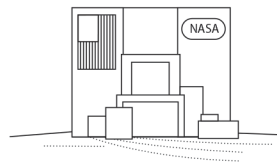
jewels jacket jive justice

Apollo 13 Command Module Odyssey

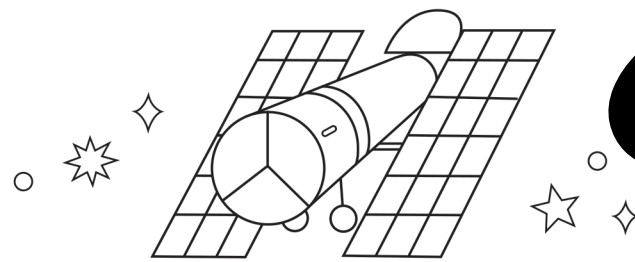


Self-assessment: Touch joins

Copy the text. Remember to be careful with your touch joins.



The Hubble Space Telescope flies above Earth's atmosphere, taking digital photographs that show the position of the clusters of stars in space. It takes photographs of planets, stars and galaxies, and sends them back to Earth through radio waves. NASA launched the telescope from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, USA, in 1990. The Hubble Space Telescope orbits Earth at a speed of over 27 000 kilometres per hour.



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Self-assessment

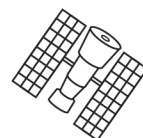
Rate your touch joins.



They're good.



They're very good.



They're excellent!

Slope, spacing and size

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universe

terrestrial

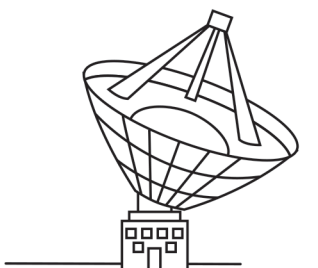
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