



Joining letters

Joining letters in your handwriting can improve the look of your writing. Many people want to start by improving the look of their signature. Joining letters can also help with spelling because the practice of moving the pen and joining all the letters in a word can help us to remember the spelling. Use the '**look, cover, write, check**' method for practising spellings at the same time as practising your handwriting.

You'll need to join the letters together and write in lower case (not capital letters).

Tip

Most lower case letters join from the bottom of one letter to the top of the next letter, as in '**glad**'.

The letters that join from the top of one letter to the top of the next are 'b' 'o' 'v' and 'w', as in '**bow**'.

1. Choose a word you want to learn to spell.

Your word:

Check with a friend that you've joined the letters correctly.

2. Cover the word and think about how you will remember the part you find difficult.
3. Write the word, joining all the letters and keeping the pen flowing on the page.

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4. Check the word, including each letter, to see if you have spelt it correctly. If you have missed a letter, added a letter or got letters in the wrong order, write the whole word out again, making sure that you are joining all the letters together. It's good to practise a number of times so your hand gets used to the movement.

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5. Practise writing the same word tomorrow and again in two or three days. Try writing the word in a sentence using joined-up writing for all the words in your sentence.



By joining your letters, your handwriting will improve and you will also be practising your spellings.