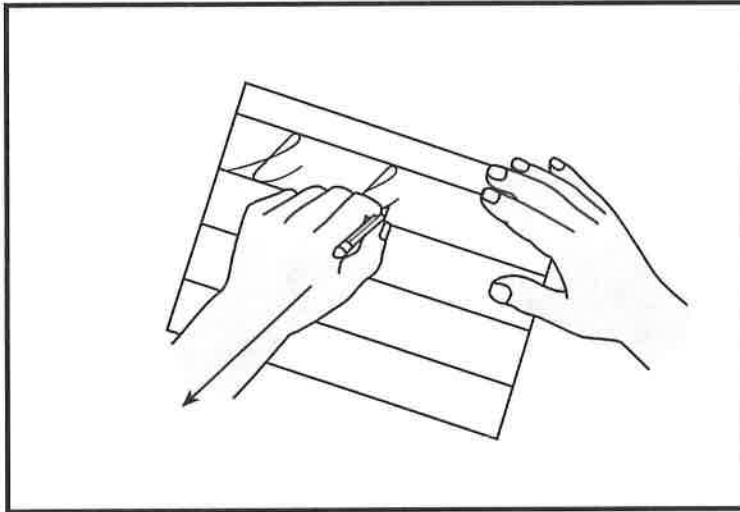


Writing Positions: Cursive

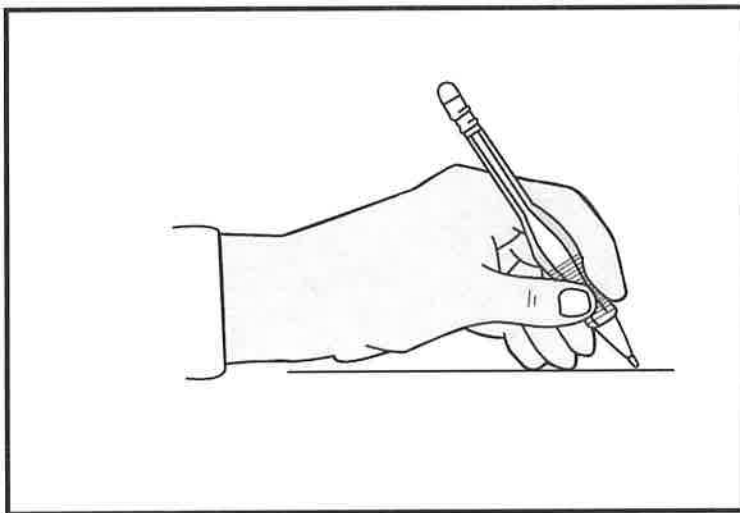
If you write with your left hand . . .



Slant your paper as shown in the picture.

Rest both arms on the desk. Use your right hand to move the paper as you write.

Pull the pencil toward your left elbow when you write.



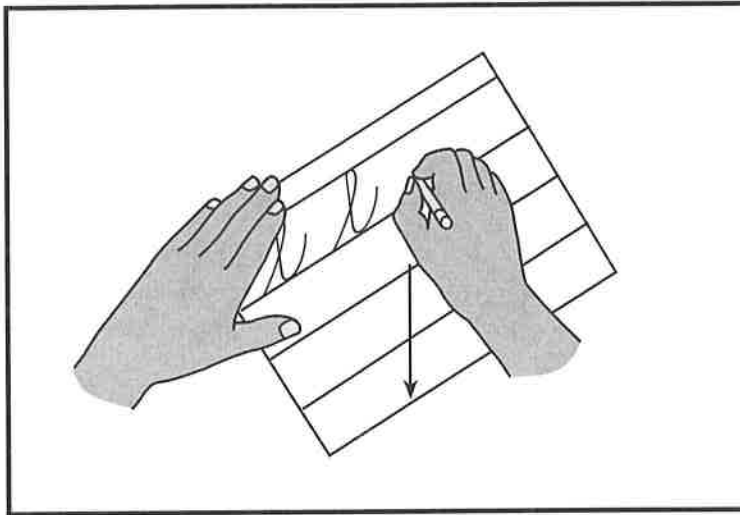
Hold the pencil with your thumb and first two fingers. Keep your first finger on top.

Bend your thumb, and keep it on the side.

Do not squeeze the pencil when you write.

Writing Positions: Cursive

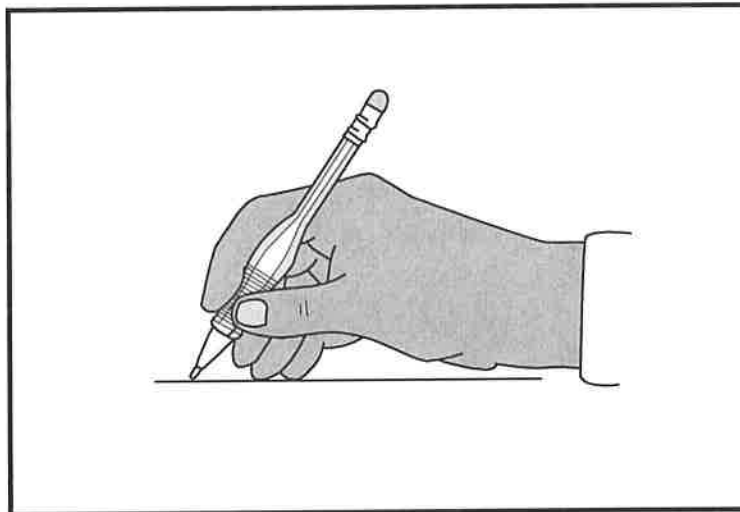
If you write with your right hand . . .



Slant the paper as shown in the picture.

Rest both arms on the desk. Use your left hand to move the paper as you write.

Pull the pencil toward the middle of your body when you write.



Hold the pencil with your thumb and first two fingers. Keep your first finger on top.

Bend your thumb, and keep it on the side.

Do not squeeze the pencil when you write.

Zaner-Bloser Cursive Alphabet

A B C D E F G H I

J K L M N O P Q

R S T U V W X Y Z

a b c d e f g h i

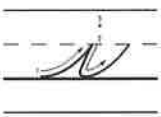
j k l m n o p q r

s t u v w x y z

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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Cursive Stroke Descriptions



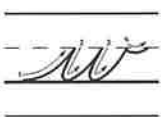
1. Undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve. Lift.
3. Dot.



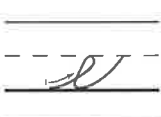
1. Undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve. Lift.
3. Slide right.



1. Undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve.
3. Slant; undercurve.



1. Undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve.
3. Slant; undercurve.
4. Checkstroke.



1. Undercurve; loop back; slant; undercurve.



1. Undercurve; loop back; slant; undercurve.



1. Undercurve; loop back; slant; undercurve.
2. Checkstroke.



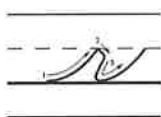
1. Undercurve; loop back; slant.
2. Overcurve; slant; undercurve.



1. Undercurve; loop back; slant; loop forward.
2. Undercurve.



1. Undercurve; loop back; slant.
2. Overcurve; curve forward; curve under.
3. Slant right; undercurve.



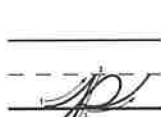
1. Undercurve.
2. Slant right.
3. Slant; undercurve.



1. Undercurve.
2. Curve down and back.
3. Undercurve.



1. Undercurve.
2. Slant; loop back; overcurve. Lift.
3. Dot.



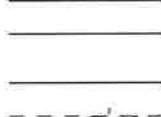
1. Undercurve.
2. Slant; loop back; overcurve; curve back.
3. Undercurve.



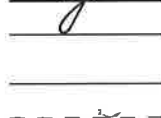
1. Downcurve; undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve.



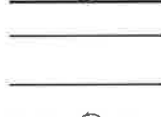
1. Downcurve; undercurve.
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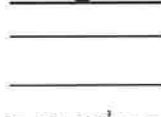
1. Downcurve; undercurve.
2. Slant; loop back; overcurve.



1. Downcurve; undercurve.
2. Checkstroke.




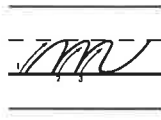
1. Downcurve; undercurve.

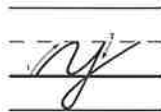


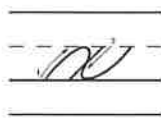
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2. Slant; loop forward.
3. Undercurve.

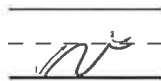
Cursive Stroke Descriptions

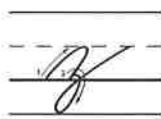
 1. Overcurve; slant.
2. Overcurve; slant; undercurve.


 1. Overcurve; slant.
2. Overcurve; slant.
3. Overcurve; slant; undercurve.

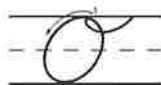
 1. Overcurve; slant; undercurve.
2. Slant; loop back; overcurve.

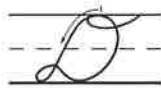
 1. Overcurve; slant; undercurve. Lift.
2. Slant.


 1. Overcurve; slant; undercurve.
2. Checkstroke.

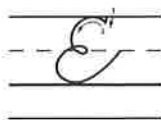
 1. Overcurve; slant.
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 1. Downcurve; undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve.

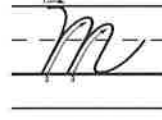
 1. Downcurve; undercurve; loop; curve right.

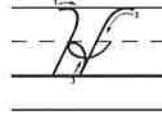
 1. Downcurve; loop; curve down and up; loop; curve right.

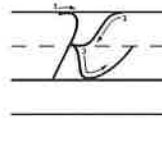
 1. Slant.
2. Downcurve; undercurve.

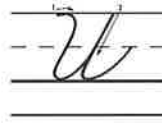
 1. Slant.
2. Downcurve; loop; downcurve; undercurve.


 1. Curve forward; slant.
2. Overcurve; slant; undercurve.

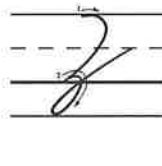
 1. Curve forward; slant.
2. Overcurve; slant.
3. Overcurve; slant; undercurve.

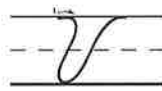
 1. Curve forward; slant. Lift.
2. Curve back; slant.
3. Retrace; loop; curve right.

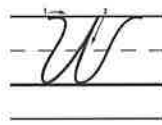
 1. Curve forward; slant. Lift.
2. Doublecurve.
3. Curve forward and down; undercurve.

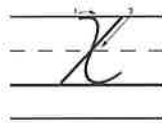
 1. Curve forward; slant; undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve.

 1. Curve forward; slant; undercurve.
2. Slant; loop back; overcurve.

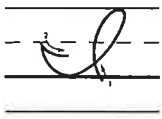
 1. Curve forward and down; slant.
2. Overcurve; curve down; loop; overcurve.

 1. Curve forward; slant; undercurve; overcurve.

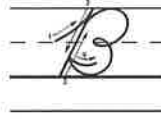
 1. Curve forward; slant; undercurve.
2. Slant; undercurve; overcurve.

 1. Curve forward; slant; undercurve. Lift.
2. Slant.

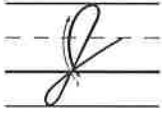
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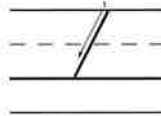
1. Overcurve; curve down and up.
2. Retrace; curve right.



1. Undercurve.
2. Slant.
3. Retrace; curve forward; loop; curve forward and back.
4. Retrace; curve right.



1. Overcurve; slant; loop back; overcurve.



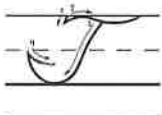
1. Slant.



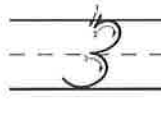
1. Curve back; overcurve; curve down; retrace; curve forward; curve under.



1. Slant.
2. Curve forward; slant.
3. Curve right.



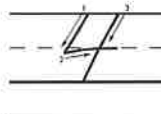
1. Slant.
2. Curve forward and right. Lift.
3. Doublecurve; curve up.
4. Retrace; curve right.



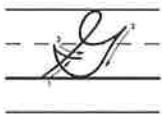
1. Slant.
2. Curve forward and back.
3. Curve forward and back.



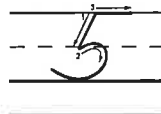
1. Slant.
2. Curve forward and right. Lift.
3. Doublecurve; curve up.
4. Retrace; curve right. Lift.
5. Slide right.



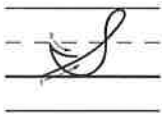
1. Slant.
2. Slide right. Lift.
3. Slant.



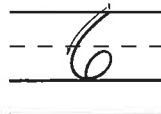
1. Undercurve; loop; curve forward.
2. Doublecurve; curve up.
3. Retrace; curve right.



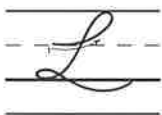
1. Slant.
2. Curve forward and back. Lift.
3. Slide right.



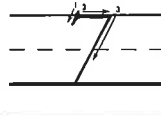
1. Undercurve; loop; curve down and up.
2. Retrace; curve right.



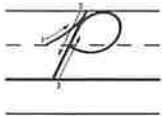
1. Curve down and forward; loop.



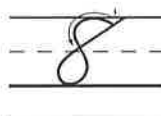
1. Undercurve; loop; curve down; loop; curve under.



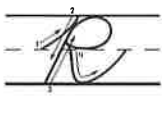
1. Slant.
2. Doublecurve.
3. Slant.



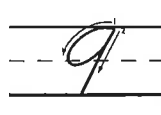
1. Undercurve.
2. Slant.
3. Retrace; curve forward and back.



1. Curve back and down; curve back; slant up.



1. Undercurve.
2. Slant.
3. Retrace; curve forward and back.
4. Curve forward; undercurve.



1. Downcurve; undercurve.
2. Slant.



1. Slant. Lift.
2. Downcurve; undercurve.

The size is correct when all letters of the same size are even in height and rest on the baseline.

tall letters



short letters



Shape

The cursive letters are made up of four basic strokes.



slant

undercurve

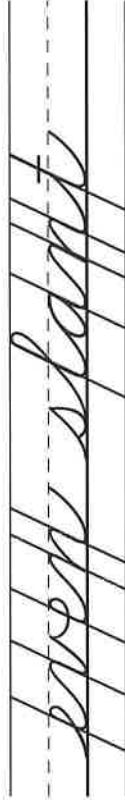


downcurve

overcurve

Slant

Cursive letters should have a forward slant. Correct slant is achieved by **positioning the paper correctly, pulling the downstrokes in the proper direction, and shifting the paper as the writing line fills.**

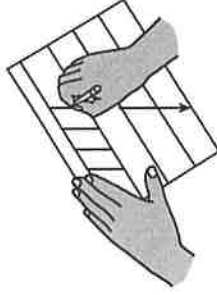


Paper Position

left hand



right hand



Spacing

Spacing between letters, words, and sentences should be even. Between letters in a word there should be just enough space for a minimum-sized oval. For uniform spacing between words, the beginning stroke should start near the ending stroke of the preceding word. A slanted line (45°) drawn from the endpoint of the last stroke to the baseline should touch both words. Allow enough space for an uppercase **O** between sentences and two uppercase **O**'s for the indentation of a paragraph.

