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1 LEGIBLE HANDWRITING

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. Every English word is made up of one or more of these letters. It is important to form each letter correctly. Why? Sloppy handwriting often looks like careless spelling.

A

Write each capital and lowercase letter as perfectly as you can.

<i>Aa</i> _____	<i>Hh</i> _____	<i>Oo</i> _____	<i>Uu</i> _____
<i>Bb</i> _____	<i>Ii</i> _____	<i>Pp</i> _____	<i>Vv</i> _____
<i>Cc</i> _____	<i>Jj</i> _____	<i>Qq</i> _____	<i>Ww</i> _____
<i>Dd</i> _____	<i>Kk</i> _____	<i>Rr</i> _____	<i>Xx</i> _____
<i>Ee</i> _____	<i>Ll</i> _____	<i>Ss</i> _____	<i>Yy</i> _____
<i>Ff</i> _____	<i>Mm</i> _____	<i>Tt</i> _____	<i>Zz</i> _____
<i>Gg</i> _____	<i>Nn</i> _____		

B

Can you form all the letters clearly and connect them correctly?
Is your usual handwriting too big or too small? Practice writing the words below in your best cursive handwriting.

youth _____	flatter _____
mountain _____	bread _____
friendly _____	kindness _____

C

Practice writing the names of these interesting people and places.
Be sure to space your letters evenly.

1. Michael Jordan

6. Ernest Hemingway

2. Walla Walla, Washington

7. Pike's Peak

3. Barbra Streisand

8. Abigail Adams

4. Albuquerque, New Mexico

9. Niagara Falls

5. Yosemite National Park

10. Tara Lipinsky

D

Read the tongue twister silently. Then write
it out neatly on the lines below.

Betty bought a bit of butter.

But, she said, this butter's bitter.

If I'd bought a bit of better butter

it would have made my batter better.

TRY IT OUT!
Read the tongue
twister aloud as fast
as you can.

2

ALPHABETICAL ORDER

The customary order of letters in any language is alphabetical. Alphabetical order in English begins with **A** and ends with **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

Words in the dictionary are arranged alphabetically. To quickly find the word you want, you must be thoroughly familiar with alphabetical order.

A

Write the letter of the alphabet that comes just before and just after each letter below.

- | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ P ___ | 4. ___ G ___ | 7. ___ Y ___ |
| 2. ___ O ___ | 5. ___ N ___ | 8. ___ E ___ |
| 3. ___ I ___ | 6. ___ D ___ | 9. ___ K ___ |

B

Number the words in each list to show alphabetical order.

- | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. ___ crowd | 2. ___ idle | 3. ___ success |
| ___ friend | ___ false | ___ vicious |
| ___ neighbor | ___ jolly | ___ permanent |

C

First letters do not always show alphabetical order. Read the word lists below. Use the *second* or *third* letter in each word to decide which word comes first. Then write numbers to alphabetize the words in each list.

- | | | |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ___ useful | 2. ___ plentiful | 3. ___ tremendous |
| ___ unhappy | ___ plight | ___ translation |
| ___ usually | ___ plum | ___ tournament |