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Handwriting

Free Sample Pack

Two real pages from every stage, EYFS to Year 6

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Stages
1 - 4
EYFS to Year 6

Targeted Practice Book

EYFS to Year 6 • Age 4 to 11

Free Sample

Sample pages only, not the full books

FREE SAMPLE

About This Sample

This free sample shows two real pages from each of the four M&W Handwriting books. It is not the full scheme.

This is a sample

Every page in this pack is marked SAMPLE. The full books contain every page shown here plus many more, without the sample marking.

The full M&W Handwriting scheme

STAGE	KEY STAGE	YEAR GROUPS	AGES	FULL BOOK
1	EYFS	Reception	Ages 4 to 5	35 pages
2	KS1	Years 1 to 2	Ages 5 to 7	37 pages
3	Lower KS2	Years 3 to 4	Ages 7 to 9	36 pages
4	Upper KS2	Years 5 to 6	Ages 9 to 11	36 pages

What every book includes

- **One joined style** from Reception to Year 6. Every letter starts with a lead in, so children are ready to join from day one.
- **Trace, then write alone.** Every traced row is followed by space to practise independently.
- **National Curriculum content** for each age group, including the statutory spelling lists.
- **Original passages, poems and sentences** written by teachers for M&W.
- **A contents page, My Check boxes** on every page and a certificate of achievement.

How to use the sample

Print the pages for your child, start at the gold dot and trace slowly, then write on the empty lines. If a stage feels too easy or too hard, try the stage either side.

Get the full books

Available as printable PDFs and printed books at mweducationuk.com. A free How to Use guide for parents and tutors is also available.

STAGE
1
EYFS

Early Years Foundation Stage

Reception · Ages 4 to 5



In the full Stage 1 book (35 pages)

- **Pattern warm ups before letters**
- **Every letter with a lead in, ready to join**
- **Capitals, numbers, first words and sentences**

Inside this sample: a pattern page and a first letters page.

FULL BOOK

WANT THE FULL BOOK?

M&W Handwriting Stage 1 EYFS

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STAGE 1 · EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE · RECEPTION

PATTERN PRACTICE

Curls and Loops

Curls go round like a curly caterpillar, the movement for c, a, d, o, g and q.

1 **TRACE, THEN TRY ON YOUR OWN**
Trace the dotted pattern from the gold dot, then draw it yourself on the line below.

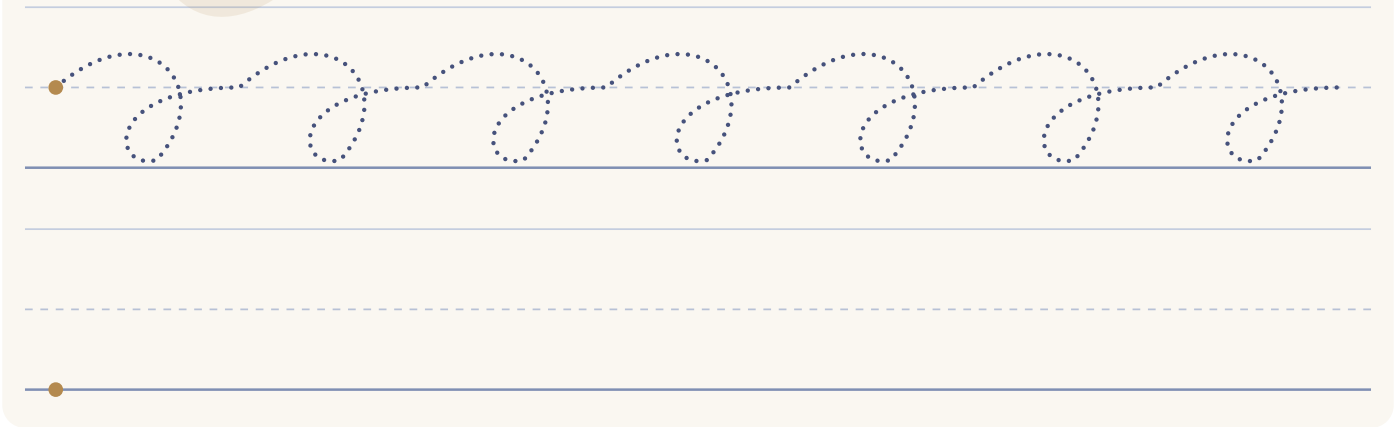
a Caterpillar curls



b Little loops



c Springs



SAMPLE

MY CHECK
Tick when you have done your best.

- ☐ I started at the dot
- ☐ I kept my pencil moving
- ☐ I stayed between the lines

STAGE 1 · EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE · RECEPTION

FIRST LETTERS

Letters c and a

Every letter starts on the line with a lead in and finishes with a flick, ready to join.

c

CURLY CATERPILLAR LETTER

Lead in, over the top and curl round like a caterpillar.

c c c c c c

c is for cat cat

a

CURLY CATERPILLAR LETTER

Lead in, curl round, up and down the side.

a a a a a a

a is for ant ant

MY CHECK

Tick when you have done your best.

- [ ] I started at the dot
- [ ] I finished with a flick
- [ ] My letters sat on the line

SAMPLE

STAGE
2
KS1

Key Stage 1

Years 1 to 2 · Ages 5 to 7



In the full Stage 2 book (37 pages)

- **The six joins, taught one at a time**
- **Year 1 and 2 tricky words in Look, Trace, Copy**
- **Sentences, punctuation and a rhyme**

Inside this sample: the first join and a Year 1 tricky words page.

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STAGE 2 · KEY STAGE 1 · YEARS 1 TO 2

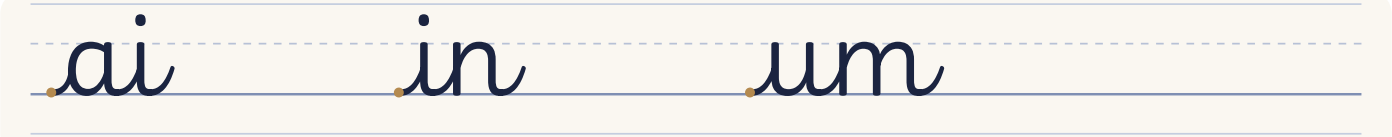
JOINING

The First Join

A diagonal join from the line up to a short letter.

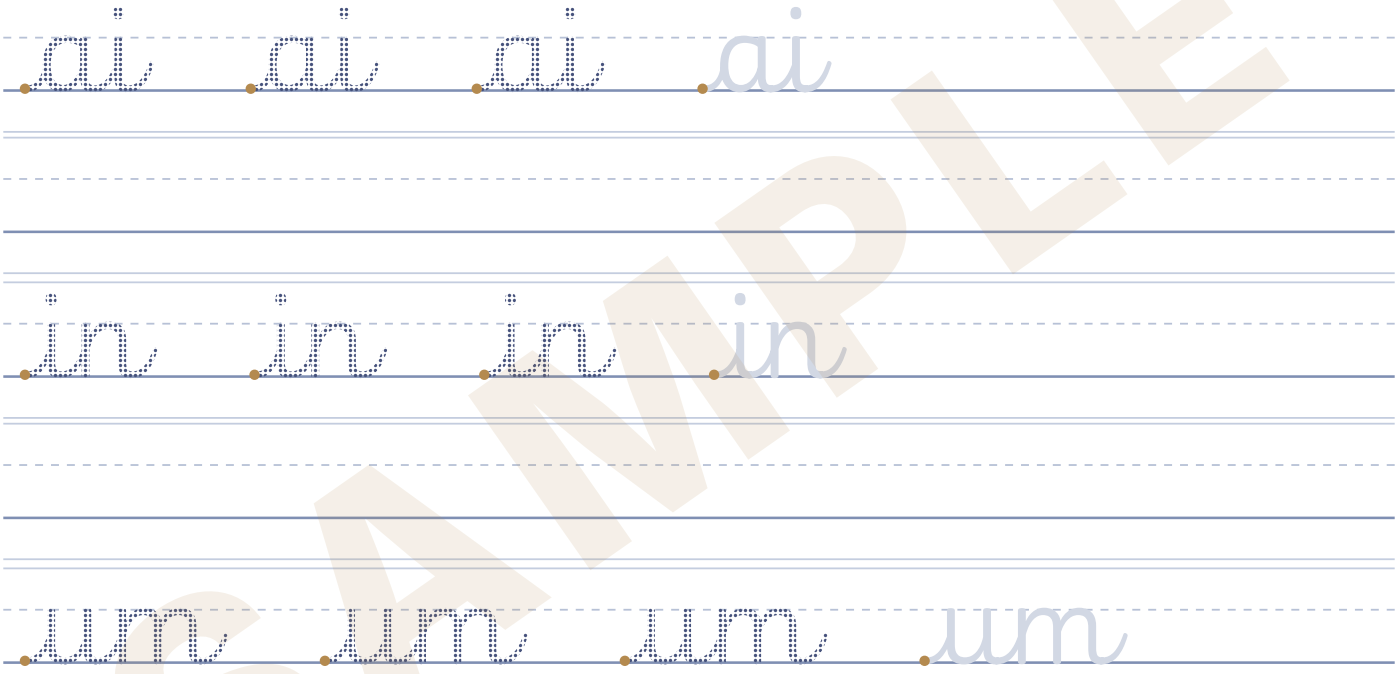
1 WATCH THE JOIN

Flick up from the line to the dashed line, then into the letter.



2 TRACE, THEN WRITE

Trace each join from the gold dot, then write it on your own on the line below.



3 USE THEM IN WORDS

Trace each word once, then write it on your own.



MY CHECK

Tick when you have done your best.

- ☐ I started at the dot
- ☐ My letters joined
- ☐ My letters sat on the line

SAMPLE

STAGE 2 · KEY STAGE 1 · YEARS 1 TO 2

YEAR 1 TRICKY WORDS

Year 1 Tricky Words

Common exception words. Learn them by writing them.

1 **LOOK, TRACE, COPY**
Look at the word and say it. Trace the faint word. Then copy it in the last column.

Look	Trace	Copy
the	the	
said	said	
says	says	
are	are	
were	were	
was	was	
here	here	
there	there	
where	where	
love	love	
come	come	
some	some	

SAMPLE

MY CHECK
Tick when you have done your best.

- ☐ I joined every letter
- ☐ My tall letters were tall
- ☐ I copied it correctly

STAGE
3
Lower KS2

Lower Key Stage 2

Years 3 to 4 · Ages 7 to 9

because answer believe

In the full Stage 3 book (36 pages)

- **All 100 Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings**
- **Prefixes, suffixes, speech and fronted adverbials**
- **Writing tasks and writing without guidelines**

Inside this sample: a suffix story and a statutory spellings page.

FULL BOOK

WANT THE FULL BOOK?

M&W Handwriting Stage 3 Lower KS2

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STAGE 3 · LOWER KEY STAGE 2 · YEARS 3 TO 4

SUFFIXES

A Suffix Story

Spot the suffixes as you write.

1 TRACE THE PASSAGE

Read it aloud first. Then trace it carefully.

The careful explorer walked slowly through the darkness. Suddenly, she heard a playful noise. It was a hopeful little puppy wagging its tail with happiness.

2 COPY IT YOURSELF

Copy the passage on the lines. Keep your letters even and your joins smooth.

EXTRA PRACTICE

MY CHECK

Tick when you have done your best.

- [ ] I joined every word
- [ ] My spacing was even
- [ ] My writing was neat

SAMPLE

STAGE 3 · LOWER KEY STAGE 2 · YEARS 3 TO 4

STATUTORY SPELLINGS

Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

The full Year 3 and 4 statutory word list, A to Z.

1 LOOK, TRACE, COPY

Look at the word and say it. Trace the faint word. Then copy it in the last column.

Look	Trace	Copy
accidentally	accidentally	
actually	actually	
address	address	
answer	answer	
appear	appear	
arrive	arrive	
believe	believe	
bicycle	bicycle	
breath	breath	
breathe	breathe	
build	build	
busy	busy	
business	business	
calendar	calendar	
caught	caught	
centre	centre	
century	century	
certain	certain	

SAMPLE

MY CHECK

Tick when you have done your best.

- ☐ I joined every letter
- ☐ My tall letters were tall
- ☐ I copied it correctly

STAGE
4
Upper KS2

Upper Key Stage 2

Years 5 to 6 · Ages 9 to 11



In the full Stage 4 book (36 pages)

- **All 100 Year 5 and 6 statutory spellings**
- **Figurative language, parenthesis and formal writing**
- **Passages, poems, dictation and speed**

Inside this sample: similes and metaphors and a formal letter.

FULL BOOK

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STAGE 4 · UPPER KEY STAGE 2 · YEARS 5 TO 6

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Similes and Metaphors

A simile compares using like or as. A metaphor says something is something else.

1 **TRACE AND COPY**
Trace it first, then write it yourself underneath.

The moon shone like a silver coin.

Her smile was as bright as the sun.

The classroom was a busy zoo.

The snow was a white blanket.

EXTRA PRACTICE

MY CHECK
Tick when you have done your best.

- [ ] I used a capital letter
- [ ] I left finger spaces
- [ ] I joined my letters

SAMPLE

STAGE 4 · UPPER KEY STAGE 2 · YEARS 5 TO 6

FORMAL WRITING

A Formal Letter

Formal letters use polite, careful language.

1 TRACE THE PASSAGE

Read it aloud first. Then trace it carefully.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to ask whether our class could visit the museum next month. We are studying the Ancient Egyptians, and would be grateful for the opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

Ava Patel

2 COPY IT YOURSELF

Copy the passage on the lines. Keep your letters even and your joins smooth.

EXTRA PRACTICE

MY CHECK

Tick when you have done your best.

- ☐ I joined every word
- ☐ My spacing was even
- ☐ My writing was neat

SAMPLE

Enjoyed the sample?

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