


# Handwriting Without Tears®



Copy capital P.

P P P

Copy lowercase p.

p p p

Copy the sentences.

Pat picks. Pat pays.

Pat gets a popsicle.

Check Sentence

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My Printing Book 49

My Printing Book workbook, p.49

Dear Family,

We are excited about the first grade handwriting program we are using this school year.

Handwriting Without Tears is a simple, developmentally based curriculum. The program uses music and multisensory materials to engage children of all learning styles. The unique materials and appealing workbooks will help your child avoid problems with letter formation, reversals, and sentence spacing.

Your child will be using the workbook *My Printing Book* at school. The lessons focus on good habits for numbers, letters, words, and sentences. We'll also teach punctuation, poem and paragraph skills, and review number formations. We're building the good handwriting habits that will help your child succeed in school.

We're sending letter and number formation charts home so you'll know what to say when you help your child. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

P.S. For more information about the first grade program, visit the Handwriting Without Tears website: [hwttears.com](http://hwttears.com)

# Capital Formation Chart

Big Line  
Big Line  
Little Line

Big Line  
Little Curve  
Little Curve

Big Curve

Big Line  
Big Curve

Big Line  
Little Line  
Little Line  
Little Line

Big Line  
Little Line  
Little Line

Big Curve  
Little Line  
Little Line

Big Line  
Big Line  
Little Line

Big Line  
Little Line  
Little Line

Big Line  
Turn  
Little Line

Big Line  
Little Line  
Little Line

Big Line  
Little Line

Big Line  
Big Line  
Big Line  
Big Line

Big Line  
Big Line  
Big Line

Big Curve  
Go around

Big Line  
Little Curve

Big Curve  
Go around  
Little Line

Big Line  
Little Curve  
Little Line

Little Curve  
Turn  
Little Curve

Big Line  
Turn  
Big Line

Big Line  
Big Line


Big Line  
Big Line  
Big Line  
Big Line

Big Line  
Big Line

Little Line  
Big Line


Little Line  
Big Line  
Little Line

# Lowercase Formation Chart




Magic c      up like a      bump      back down bump

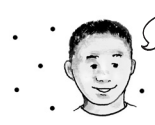
*(Illustrations: a rabbit, a person jumping, and two shoes bumping)*



dive down      swim up and over      down




dive down      swim up and over      around bump




Dots for you!

• dot

down bump



Magic c




Dots for you!

• dot


down

turn





Magic c      up like a      up higher      back down bump


*(Illustrations: a rabbit, a person jumping, and two shoes bumping)*



down bump the line      kick!      slide away


start      hit the ball      run the bases      stop



Start at the top!

down bump the line


*(Illustration: two shoes bumping)*




At first, curve up. Then go straight down.

up

down bump the line      cross




start with n      swim up and over      down (n has two humps)



Magic c      up like a      bump      back down bump

turn

*(Illustration: a rabbit)*



dive down      swim up and over      down (n has one hump)


# Lowercase Formation Chart











Magic c      keep on going      stop







bump



down, travel, up      back down bump










dive down      swim up and over      around bump









slide down      slide up












Magic c      bump      up like a      back down      U turn









slide down and up      slide down and up








dive down      swim up and over









slide down      slide down








little Magic c      little Magic c      turn down      curve around







slide down      slide down



Start at the top!

down bump the line      cross

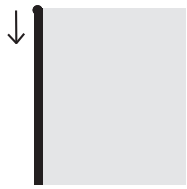
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 Left-handed       Right-handed 



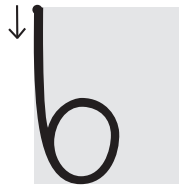



go across      slide down      go across

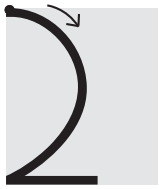
# Number Formation Chart



**1 starts in the Starting Corner.**  
 1 makes a Big Line down.  
 1 stops in the corner.



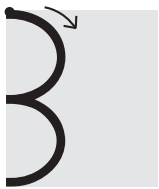
**6 starts in the Starting Corner.**  
 6 is a baby bear.  
 6 goes down to curl up in the corner.  
 6 is hibernating.



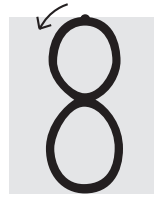
**2 starts in the Starting Corner.**  
 2 makes a Big Curve.  
 2 stops in the corner.  
 2 walks away on the bottom.



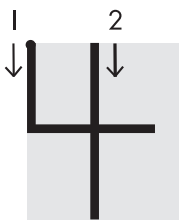
**7 starts in the Starting Corner.**  
 7 makes a Little Line across the top.  
 7 says, "I better slide down."



**3 starts in the Starting Corner.**  
 3 makes a Little Curve to the middle.  
 3 makes another Little Curve to the bottom corner.



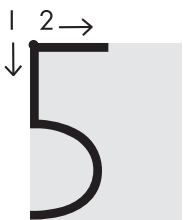
**8 is different.**  
 8 doesn't like corners.  
 8 starts at the top center.  
 8 begins with S and then goes home.



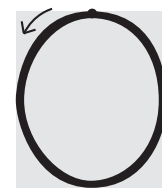
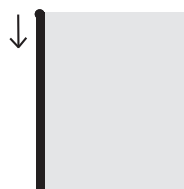
**4 starts in the Starting Corner.**  
 4 makes a Little Line down to the middle.  
 4 walks across the dark night.  
 4 jumps to the top and says, "I did it." (Big Line down)



**9 is so special.**  
 9 has its own corner.  
 9 makes a Little Curve and goes up to the corner.  
 9 makes a Big Line down.



**5 starts in the Starting Corner.**  
 5 makes a Little Line down to the middle. It starts to rain.  
 5 makes a Little Curve around.  
 5 puts a Little Line on top to stop the rain.



**10 uses two places.**  
 1 comes first.  
 0 is next.  
 0 starts at the top center.  
 10 is finished.