



HANDWRITING

BOOK 1 2020

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Fluency joins			

Name:

Copy.

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

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Copy. Remember to include each letter's exit and/or entry flicks.

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.



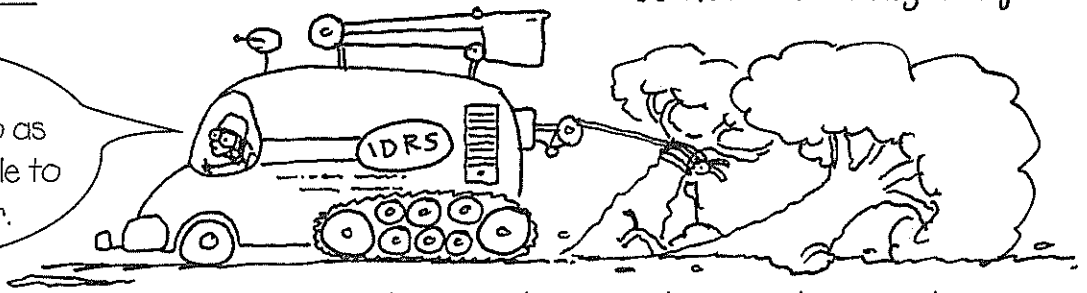
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 20 30 40 50

Make your diagonal joins go as directly as possible to the next letter.



am ap ay ce cr di dr dy he hu

in is le li me ni te ti un zi



deep limp paper ninny mine quiz timpani


Natural disasters affect the shape of the world we

live in. A volcanic explosion can blow the peak off

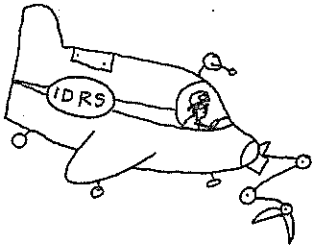
a mountain. Earthquakes can destroy whole cities.

Rate your diagonal joins.

Needs work  Force 5 

 Earth-shaking!

SELF ASSESSMENT



When the diagonal join goes to a head and body letter, go right up to the top of the letter and then retrace.



up ↓ retrace
d

up ↓ retrace
ah

ad ad ch ck cl dl el et id it

kd ke ll lh nk nl th tl ut zd

kidd clip peek skittle thin utter inky

Blizzards are violent windstorms that bring snow. The

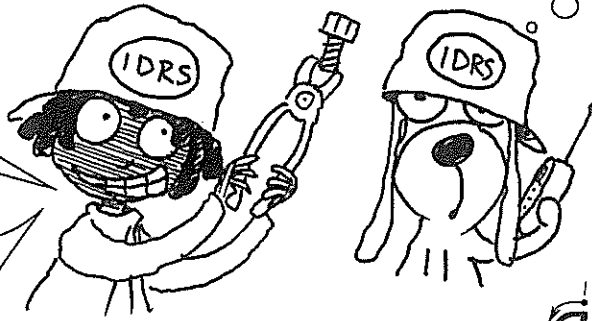
bitterly chilly winds pile the snow into tall drifts.

SELF ASSESSMENT

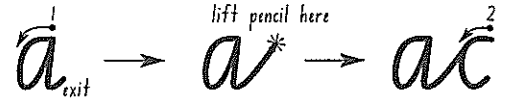
Circle your best diagonal join to a head and body letter.

The letters a, c, d, g, o and q, are dropped into place.

The letter f is also dropped in after an exit flick.



Take the exit flick up high before you lift your pencil.



Copy. For the first line, put a star * to show each place where you lifted your pencil.

ac ca dg eq ha ic lo ma nd ta

zo ig ed ng da af ef if lf uf

mandarin equal half piglet life tangy loud

Avatanches and landslides can occur after an

earthquake distodges loose soil and snow.

SELF ASSESSMENT

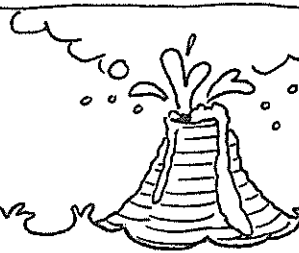
Rate your drop-in joins.



Needs work

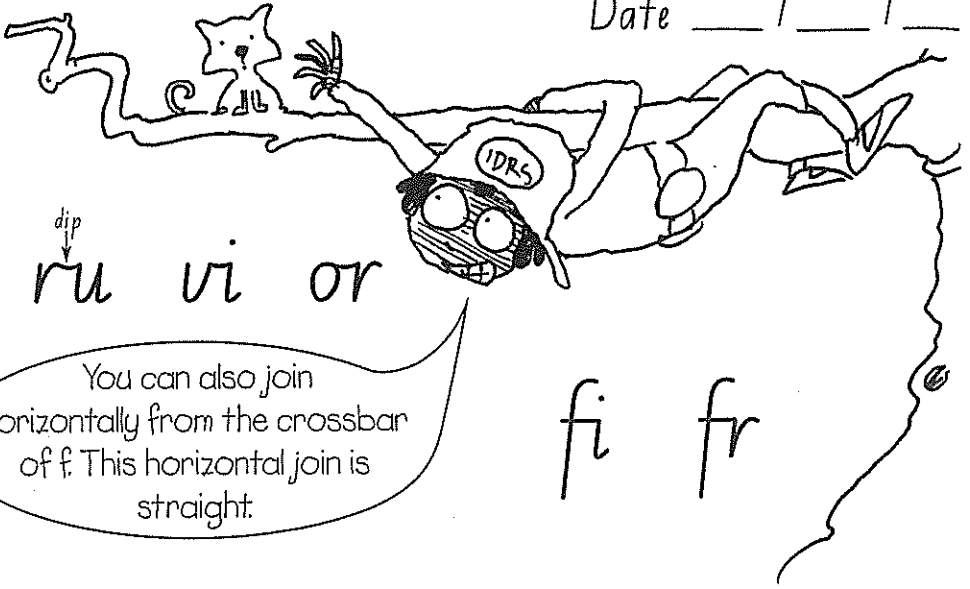


Force 5



Earth-shaking!

Use a horizontal join when joining from o, r, v, w and x. These horizontal joins have a small dip.



You can also join horizontally from the crossbar of f. This horizontal join is straight.

oi om on op or ou ov ow ox ri

rm rn ru rv vi wv wn wr xi xp

action exit loud avid ripple wring storm

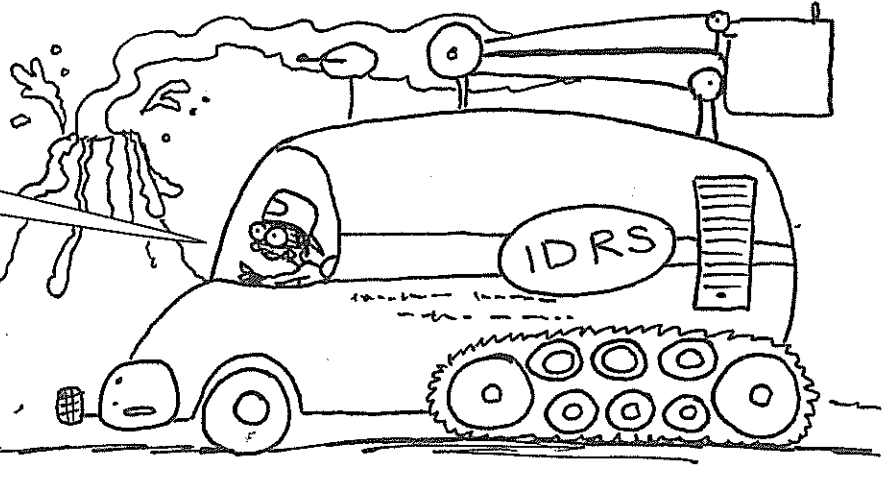
furry frill fuzzy fretful fitness friend fringe

Thunderstorms can be frighteningly loud.

SELF ASSESSMENT

Underline your three best horizontal joins.

When you do a horizontal join to an anti-clockwise letter, remember to retrace the top of the letter.



retrace
 va

oa oc ra rd ro va vo wa wo xa

road exact word ogre vamoose rock volcano


lava wood radar roast dogged loose various

Lava is liquid rock that erupts from a volcano.


If the volcano isn't very violent, the lava oozes.

SELF ASSESSMENT


Rate your horizontal joins to anti-clockwise letters.



Needs work



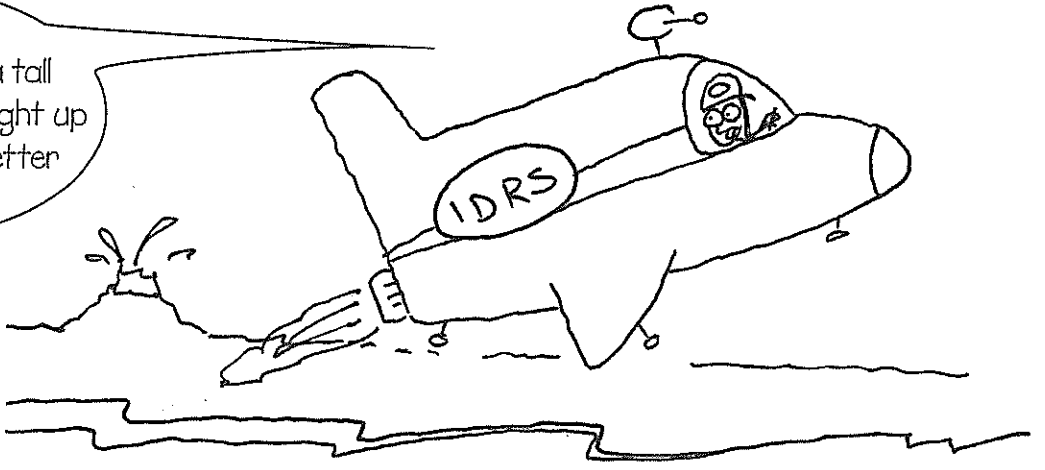
Force 5



Earth-shaking!

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When you do a horizontal join to a tall letter, take the join right up to the top of the letter and retrace.



up ↓ retrace
wl

up ↓ retrace
of

of wl rt ok rf xt wh fl ot ot

scowl book scarf extend foolish roof when

fleecy party owl whisker orbit extreme robot

Earthquake survivors are often blindfolded when they

emerge, which protects their eyes from the sun.

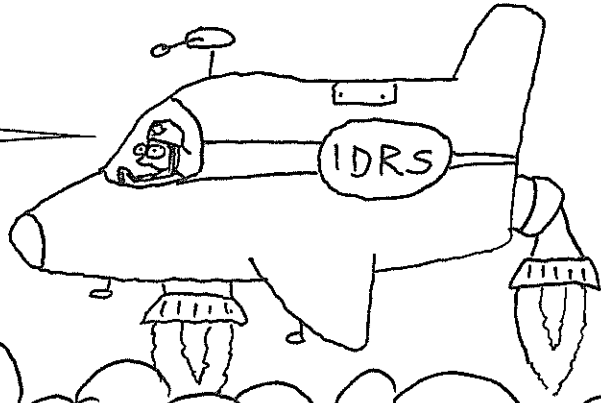
SELF ASSESSMENT

Circle your two best horizontal joins to a tall letter.

Date ___ / ___ / ___

★ Revision - Horizontal joins to e

The horizontal join to e from o, r, v, w and x has a bigger dip than a normal horizontal join.



bigger dip

ve re oe

oe re ve we xe oe re ve we xe

canoe flower active oxen amoeba west pixel

relaxed awed vixen weird poetry velvet oboe

Tornadoes are very powerful, and have been known

to wrap heavy vehicles around power poles.

SELF ASSESSMENT

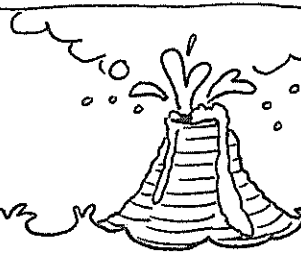
Rate your horizontal joins to e.



Needs work



Force 5



Earth-shaking!

When joining horizontally to s, go right across the top of the s, then retrace the top before heading down.



When joining to s with a diagonal join, make the top of the s shorter.

os ^{retrace} fs ^{retrace}



ls ^{top shorter} as

os rs ws fs ns ds ls is ts es

post verse allows reefs moose horse bouser

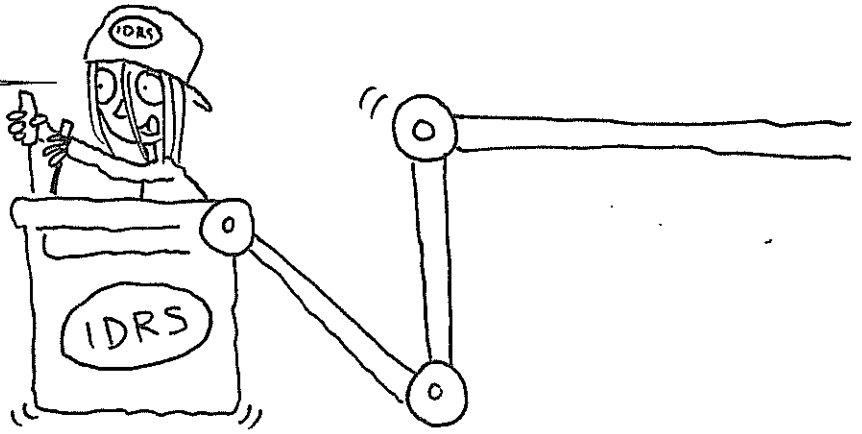
volcanoes blizzards typhoons avalanches

Most firestorms can hurl flaming slivers of wood and other kinds of burning debris for kilometres.

SELF ASSESSMENT

Circle your best horizontal join to s. Draw a wiggly line under your best diagonal join to s.

When you join double f with one crossbar, the crossbar can go on to make a horizontal join to the next letter. Just like it would with a single f.



traffic muffle

ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff

puff diff scuffle afford affect difficult effective

affirm different fluffy truffle effect baffling

In 1977, Buffalo, New York, was buffeted by a

huge blizzard. Staff were trapped in city offices.

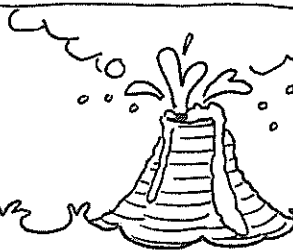
Rate your joined double f's.



Needs work



Force 5



Earth-shaking!

SELF ASSESSMENT

f and t can be joined using a common crossbar.

If the ft is in the middle of the word, you can go on to join diagonally from t, just like you would with a normal t. Then go back and do the crossbar last.



left ← add crossbar last

of → oflen → often ← add crossbar last

ft ft ft ft ft ft ft ft ft ft

adrift softly twelfth waft nifty deft aloft

often crafty aircraft swiftly after lift-off

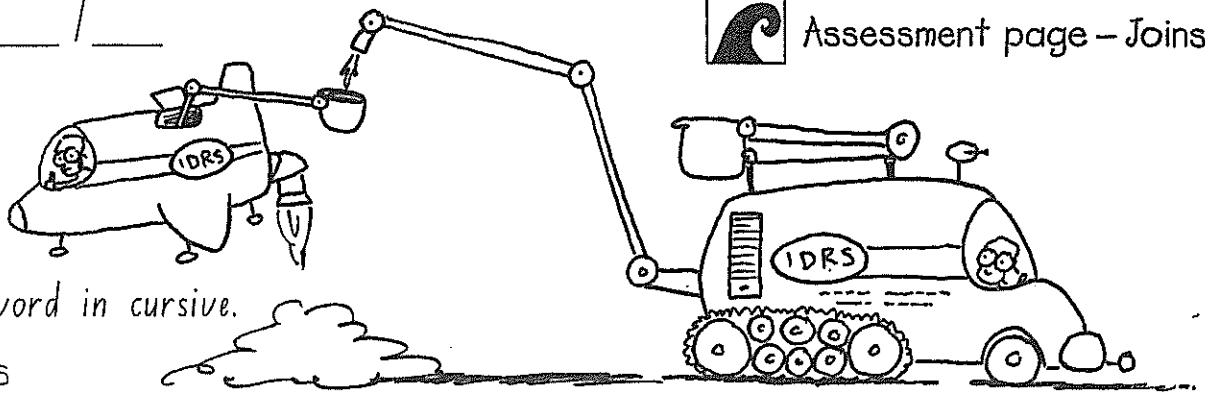
Floodwaters can swiftly turn streets into rivers. People

sheltering on rooftops are often airlifted to safety.

SELF ASSESSMENT

Circle your two best joined ft's.

Date ___ / ___ / ___



Write each word in cursive.

Diagonal joins

minty element sizzle ukulele think chunky little

Drop-in joins

under trace lift aqua bandage ozone icicle

Horizontal joins

boiling road whirl burp viola water howl

Horizontal joins to e

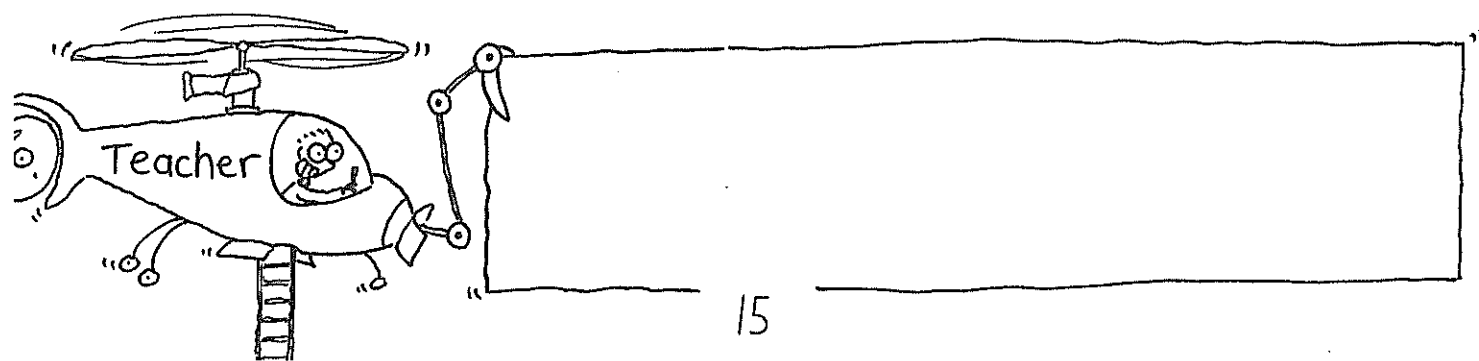
heroes valve adventure tower weasel relaxed

Joining to s

astronauts raisin drivers roofs eraser pillows

Double f and joined ft

puffy stiffen affect afternoon soften sifter cleft



Fluency joins

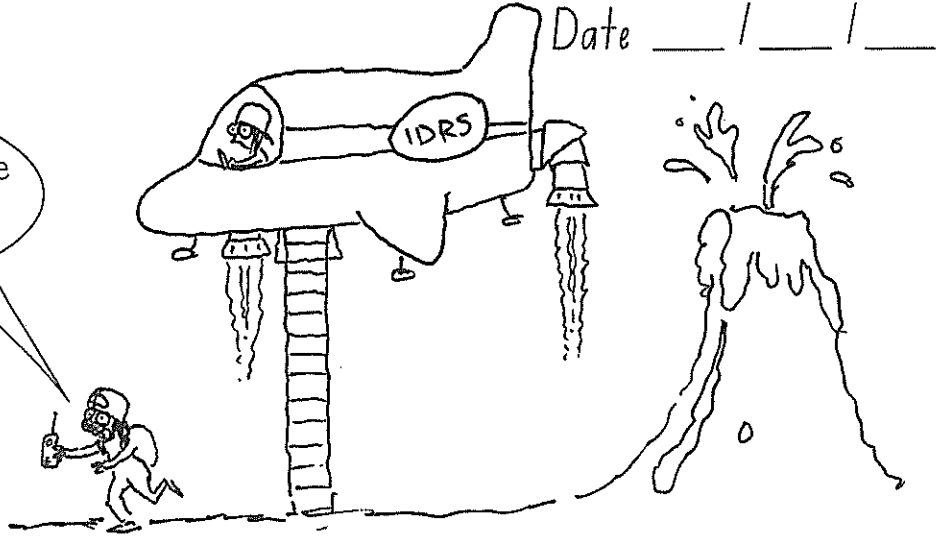
Date ___/___/___

Now you can join from the letters b, p and s. Retrace the bottom of the letter before you go on to join.

si
retrace

bu
retrace

pe
retrace



ba be bi br bu by pa pe pi po

pr pu py sa se si so sp su sy

sound bridge bath picnic silly select bigger

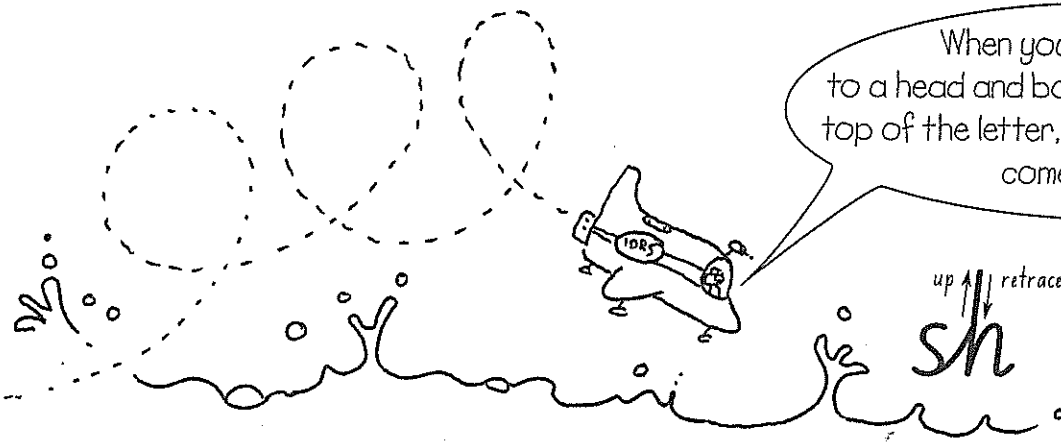
topic ruby abrasive busy puck keeps porous

A volcano sometimes spews out a big cloud of

glowing gases as well as small rocks called lapilli.

Date ___ / ___ / ___

Fluency joins to head and body letters



When you do a fluency join to a head and body letter, go right to the top of the letter, then retrace a bit as you come back down.

bb bl bl ph pl pl sh sk sl sl

blink doubt physical raptor shaken skull steel

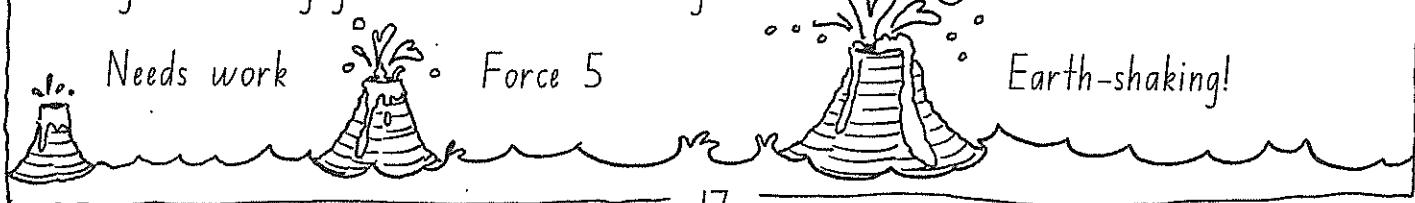
story bubble ask obtain applause optimism aisle

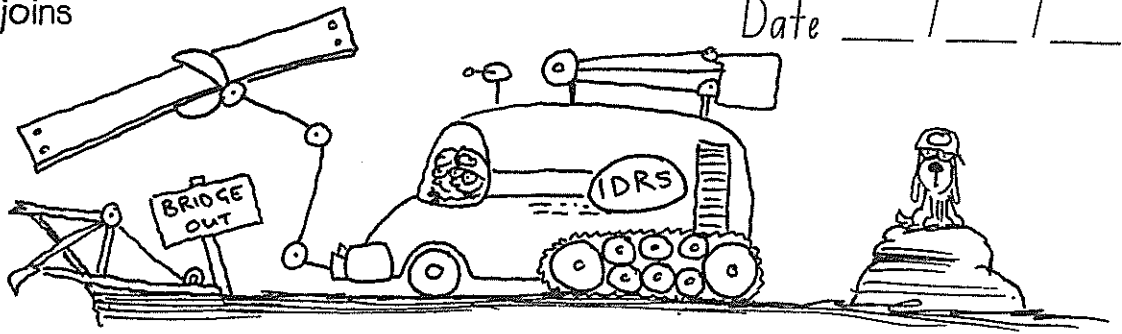
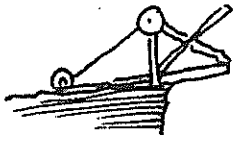
Vesuvius erupted disastrously at Pompeii in AD 79,

shooting out flames, ash and blackened stones.

SELF ASSESSMENT

Rate your fluency joins to head and body letters.





sp ba pr st br pi se pe sa be


abrupt happy special psychic pirate sprout beast

satellite bread paste bedspring suspicious puppy

please bristle plastic shapes splice passing shrubs


Rainstorms can cause landslides that bury cars and

wreck bridges. Landslide-prone places are often scenic.



**SELF
ASSESSMENT**

Circle your best fluency join from b. Underline your best fluency join from p. Draw a star around your best fluency join from s.



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As a hurricane approaches land from the ocean, it brings a storm surge with it. A storm surge is a swirling column of water beneath the eye of the hurricane. As the hurricane gets closer to land and the sea bottom slopes up, the column of water gets pushed up from below. The surge hits the coastline travelling about 4.5 metres above normal sea level.

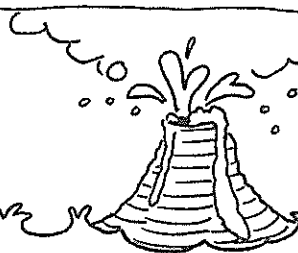
Rate your fluency joins.



Needs work



Force 5



Earth-shaking!

SELF ASSESSMENT

Write these words in cursive.

Fluency joins from b

band bravo bouncy bistro beetroot biggest bubbly



Fluency joins from p

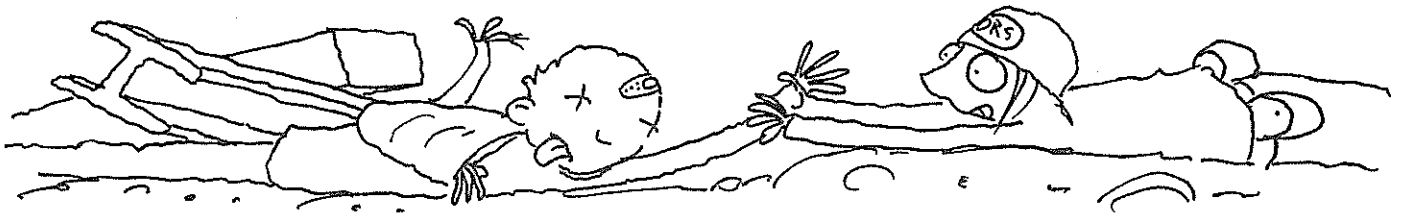
pale private pencil April picnic prince poppy

Fluency joins from s

sat seal sing sarong smelly sunshine sassy

Fluency joins to head and body letters

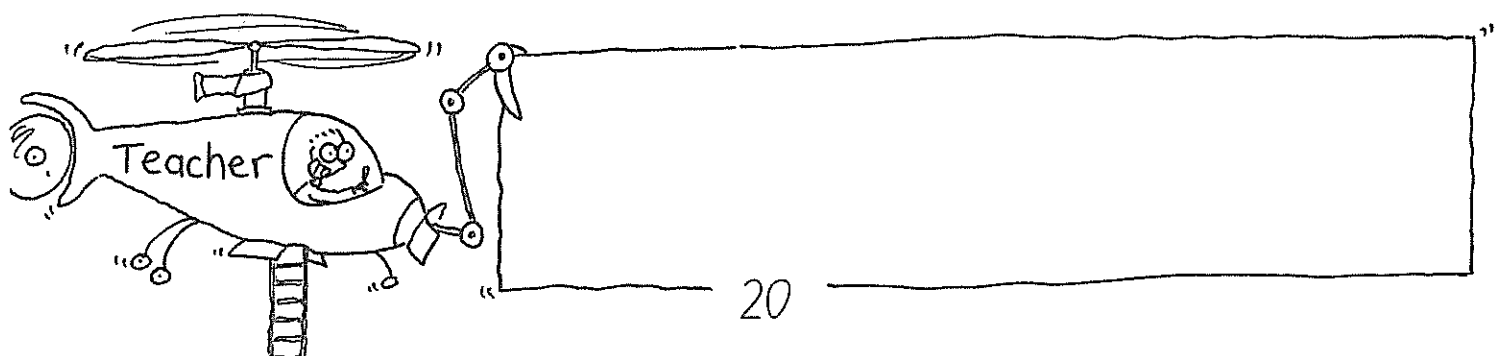
bleeding obtuse adept plead stale sleepy skill



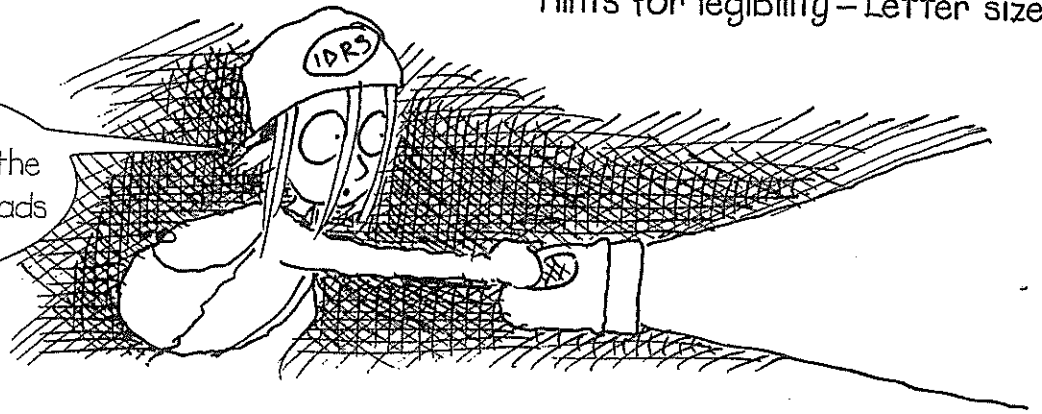
When a volcano on Krakatau island erupted in

1883, the blasts and heavy ash falls caused massive

tsunamis. These destructive waves swept far inland.



Try to keep your body letters between the lines, and make letter heads and tails even.



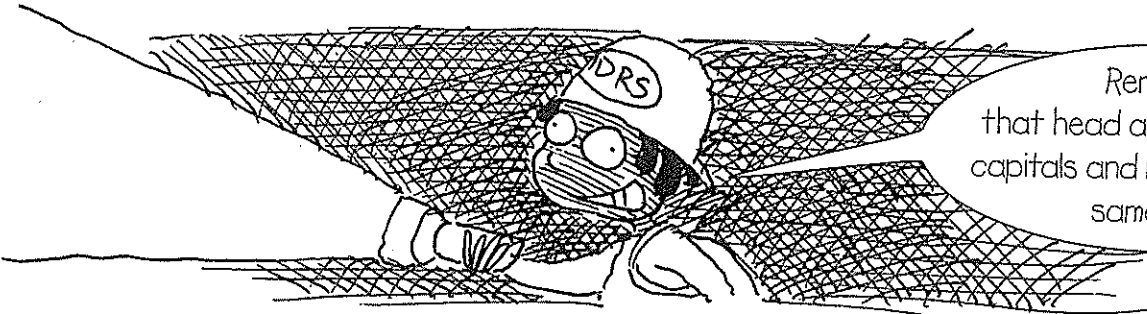
Copy these words.

nose waver reams miner verse minimum

liddle feet kitten filter kill bidden handed

grange jumpy gypsy quip piggy jeep guppy

Remember that head and body letters, capitals and numerals are the same height.



Write as cursive.

The worst hail disaster occurred in a place called Moradabad, India, in 1888. The hailstones were the size of cricket balls, and 246 people died.

Rate your letter size.

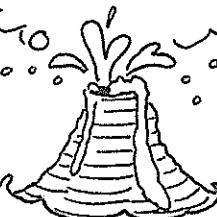
SELF ASSESSMENT



Needs work



Force 5



Earth-shaking!

When your letter spacing is even, your writing is easier to read.



firestorm NOT firestorm

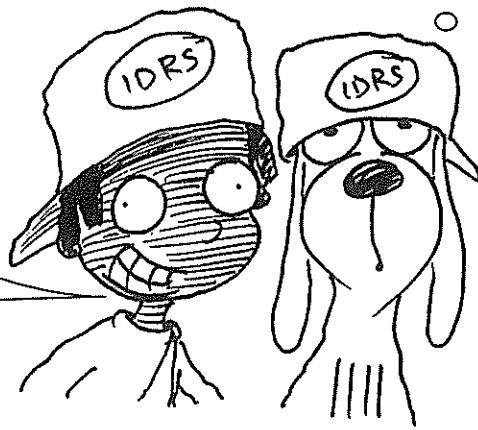
Copy the following passage, aiming to keep your letter spacing even.

A huge fire started in Washington, U.S. on
 6 August 2000. Investigators were called in to
 find out what had caused it. The fire had begun
 when a grasshopper struck an electric fence, caught
 fire and fell into tall, dry grass.

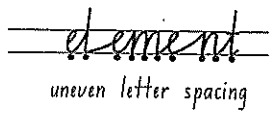
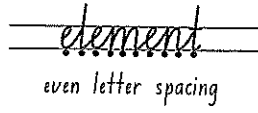
SELF ASSESSMENT

Circle the three words with the most even letter spacing.

Here is a way to check your letter spacing. Make a dot at each point where your writing touches the baseline.



Then check the spacing between the dots – is it even or uneven?






Copy, then choose one line and use dots to check your spacing.

As the Earth moves through space, pieces of debris enter its atmosphere. Most vaporise straight away — you see them at night as shooting stars. However, the meteor that exploded over Tunguska, Siberia in 1908 was much bigger. The explosion flattened trees over an area 50 kilometres wide and shot flames 20 kilometres into the air.

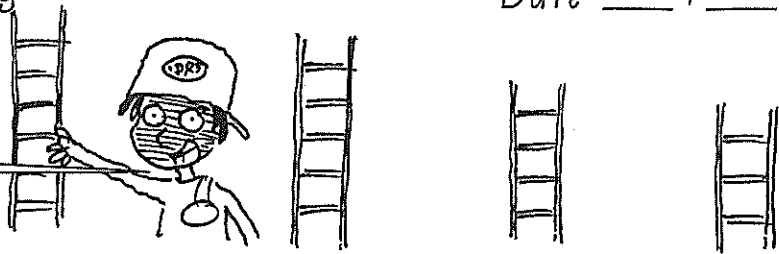
Handwriting practice lines consisting of multiple horizontal lines for copying and spacing practice.

Rate your letter spacing.

Needs work  Force 5  Earth-shaking! 

SELF ASSESSMENT

When you space your words out evenly, your writing is much easier to read.



Copy out the following passage, aiming to keep your word spacing even.

On 22 February 1845, a day after leaving

Mauritius, the "Charles Hedddes" ran into a great

storm. The captain ran the ship before the wind

for a whole week. When the weather calmed, the

ship was only a few kilometres off Mauritius! It

had been going in circles, caught in a cyclone.

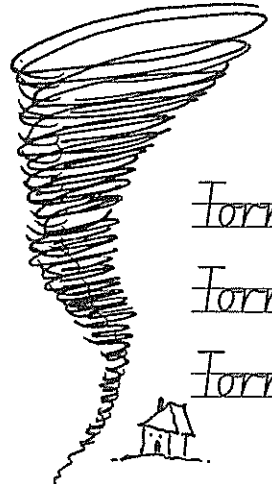
SELF ASSESSMENT

Tick the line that has the most even word spacing.



Here's a way to check your word spacing. When you have written some text, try writing the letter o between each word.

If you can't fit the o in, your words are too close. If you have lots of room left over, your words may be too far apart.



Tornadoes o are o sometimes o called o twisters.

Tornadoes are sometimes called twisters. o's won't fit between words

Tornadoes o are o sometimes o called ^{too spacy} /o twisters.



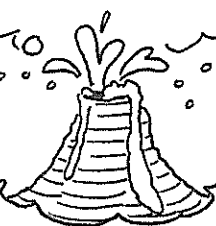
In a tornado in Indiana, U.S. in 1974, a house

was demolished, except for the kitchen cupboard, which

was carried away. The cupboard later settled back to

Earth with every dish intact.

Rate your word spacing.

Needs work  Force 5  Earth-shaking! 

SELF ASSESSMENT

Your writing will be easier to read if all the letters slope in the same direction, and the same amount.



Before you copy the text below, check your posture, paper position and pencil grip. Getting these things right first will make it easier to keep your slope even.



Copy the passage, aiming to keep the slope of your letters consistent.

A device called a creepmeter can alert people to

earthquake danger. The creepmeter is buried in the

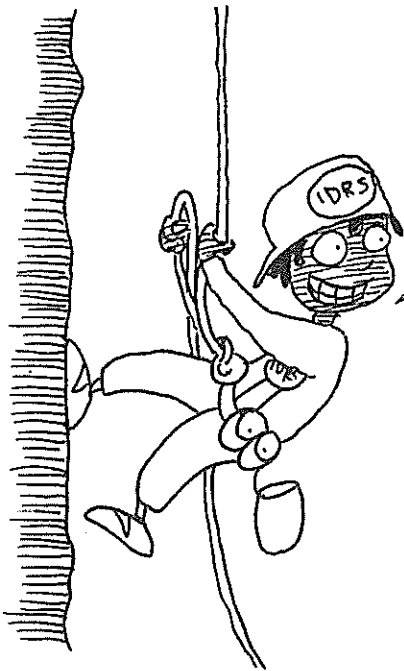
ground. It is attached to sensors that are placed

close to a faultline. The sensors measure tiny

movements that can give warning of an earthquake.

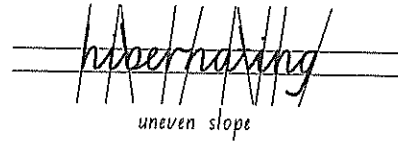
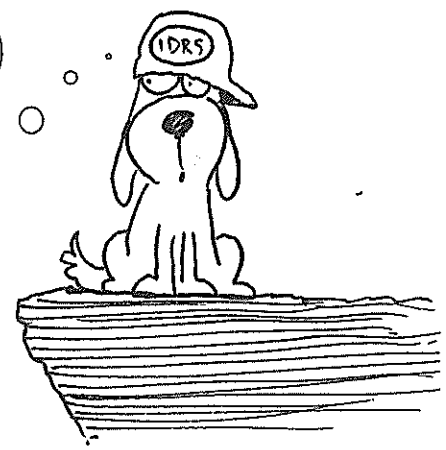
SELF ASSESSMENT

Tick the line in which your slope is the most consistent.



Here's a way to check whether your slope is consistent. First choose a piece of text. Rule lines along the downstrokes of the letters.

Check the lines to see whether their slope is the same, or if it varies.



Copy the text below. Then choose one line and rule lines to check your slope.

Humans don't appear to have built-in earthquake

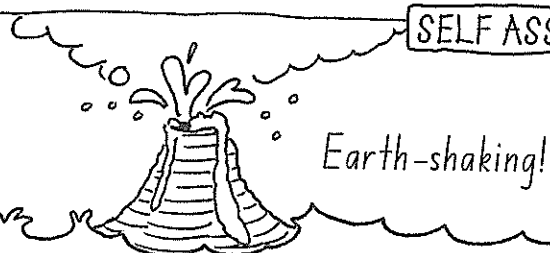
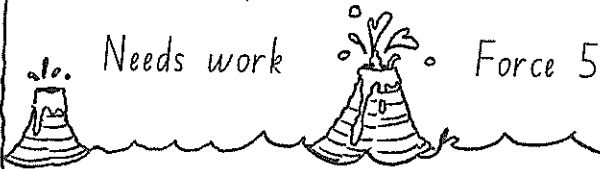
sensors, but other animals do. Before a major quake

in China, hibernating snakes came out of the ground,

and rats ran around in the open.

Rate your slope.

SELF ASSESSMENT



Copy. Make a dot at each place where your writing touches the baseline to check your letter spacing.

There was a major earthquake in Mexico City in 1985.

Copy. Write an o between each word to check your word spacing.

Many people were left homeless. They set up makeshift camps made of plastic, blankets, and pieces of furniture.

Copy, then choose one line. Rule lines along the downstrokes to check your slope.

Someone ran a TV wire up a power pole, to run a TV set. There was no food or water, but there was televised soccer!

