

A Guide to Learning the

Cursive

Alphabet

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Enclosed is a cursive alphabet which can be printed for personal use.

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About *Cursive*

Learning cursive writing is a critical component of language arts education. The goal is for students to become hybrid writers—proficient in print, cursive, and keyboard. Some believe cursive should be taught after print. Others view cursive as primary, choosing to teach it before print. There is no definitive research regarding when to start cursive, but research is mounting that cursive is key in developing fluent writing skills. Studies suggest that cursive:

- Solidifies word units by connecting the letters within a word
 - Improves word form memory for reading fluency
 - Improves spelling accuracy
- Contributes to overall writing composition and note-taking skills
- Increases note-taking speed
- Resolves letter reversals
- Improves left-to-right movement
- Practices crossing midline and curved movements
- Increases handwriting ease and legibility for students with dysgraphia

Teaching Cursive

1. Introduce cursive lowercase letters first.
2. Slowly introduce capitals because cursive capitals require extra practice.
 - First introduce the capitals that look like their lowercase cursive counterparts:
A, C, J, O, P, U, V, W, X, Y, Z
 - Finally, introduce the capitals that differ from their lowercase cursive counterparts:
B, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, Q, R, S, T

Modified Letters

Note that some letters are formed differently than traditional cursive. These modifications are based on our experience working with students of all ages and skill levels. Modified letters include:

H and Q

The *Cursive* Alphabet

Aa

Bb

Cc

Dd

Ee

Ff

Gg

Hh

Ii

Jj

Kk

Ll

Mm

Nn

Oo

Pp

Qq

Rr

Ss

Tt

Uu

Vv

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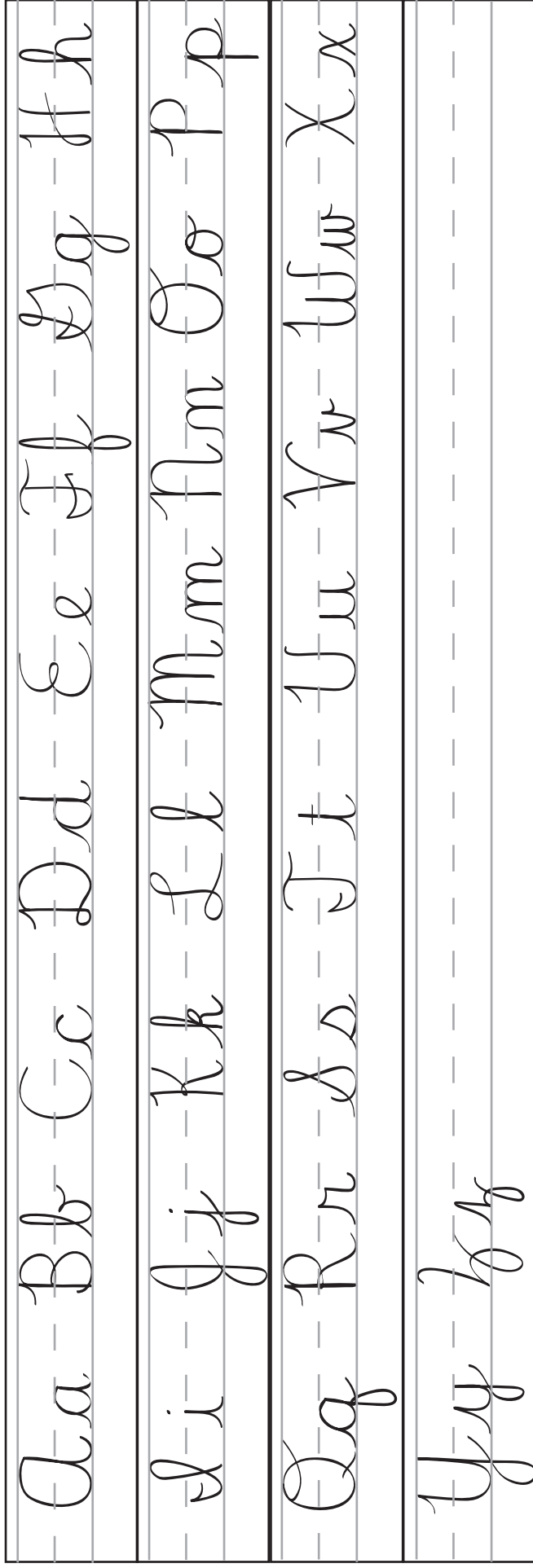
Xx

Yy

Zz

Cursive Alphabet - Small Banner

Print on cardstock, cut out along black lines, and tape alphabet together.

















Tips for the Struggling Learner

Some children may still struggle with certain capital letters. If learning capitals is causing undue resistance, and therefore impeding progress, substitute print letters for any capitals that are keeping your student from success. These difficult letters may include (but are not limited to):

A, E, F, G, I, J, S, T, Z

Some students enjoy exploring “script” alternatives for difficult capitals. Script letters look similar to print letters, but include a little more flare!

Problem Letter	Print	Script	Examples
	F		Fall – Fat –
	G		Get – Glad –
	Z		Zoo – Zip –

Problem Letter	Example
	
	
	
	

Help students realize that all **lowercase** cursive letters **start** with an approach from the bottom left side of each letter. Almost all lowercase letters **end** at the bottom right of each letter. This ensures that lowercase cursive letters join together smoothly to form words.

The lowercase letters **b**, **o**, **v**, and **w** are exceptions that **end** at the fence (midline) and, therefore, cause the letter that follows to start in a higher position. Be sure to add extra practice forming these awkward connections.

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