

# Syl-la-dot

*Cursive Program*

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Instruction Manual



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Instructions



Answers

## Letter Formation

1. Today, we are going to learn how to form the cursive letter \_\_ . [Aa]
2. You may notice that many of the letters look similar to the printed versions.
3. We will begin with the 2 large uppercase letters at the top of the page.
4. On the left, you will see how this uppercase letter should look.
5. The dotted letter on the right will show you how to form this letter correctly.
6. Place the tip of your pencil on the black **starting dot** and then proceed to follow the smaller color coded dots. The correct order is as follows: **blue**, **red**, **green**, and **purple**.
7. While tracing this line, your pencil should not be lifted off of the paper.
8. Some letters are more complex and require more than 1 line to form them.
9. For these complex letters, we use different shapes as our starting dots.  
(circle, square, and triangle)
10. If a letter has more than 1 line, your pencil should be lifted off of the paper when moving to the next starting dot.
11. After tracing the large letter at the top, we will progress to the next 3 rows of practice. Remember to begin at the starting dot when forming your letters.
12. The bottom half of this page focuses on the lowercase letter \_\_ and should be completed using the same method described above. [a]



## Connecting Letters

1. For this activity, you will be tracing the letter \_\_\_ found within words. [Aa]
2. If the word begins with the missing letter, the process of tracing it will be exactly the same as the previous page. You will begin at the **green starting dot** and follow the same steps as before.
3. If the missing letter is not found at the beginning of the word, tracing the missing letter will be slightly different. These letters do not have starting dots. Instead, you will begin where the previous letter ends.
4. The letters a, c, d, g, o, and q will have **red stopping dots**. They tell you to stop, backup, and retrace parts of the letter.
5. Let's begin with the first word.

### Teaching Tips

1. It's important that students understand the difference between the **green starting dots** and **red stopping dots**.



## Letter Practice

1. On this page, you will be practicing tracing / writing letters. [Aa - Dd]
2. Each row is dedicated to a specific uppercase or lowercase letter.
3. You should always begin each letter at the **black starting dot**.
4. Since you will only be tracing single letters today (no words), you will not need to worry about stopping dots.
5. Remember to say the name of each letter as you trace / write it.
6. Try to do your best writing when completing this activity.



## Finding Letters

1. In this lesson, we are going to find letters within words.
2. Each row of words will be focusing on a specific letter. [Aa]
3. Whenever you spot this letter within a word, you will circle it. [M o n d@y]
4. Please note that some letters may appear multiple times within the same word. If this happens, you will need to circle each of them.
5. Let's begin.



## ABC Review

1. This activity reviews all uppercase and lowercase cursive letters in the alphabet.
2. Beginning at the **black starting dots**, you will trace each of these letters carefully.
3. Since you will only be tracing single letters (no words), you will not need to worry about stopping dots.
4. If you are unsure how to correctly form a letter, you should go back to that letter's formation page for review. Try not to guess.



## High Connections Between Letters

1. Connecting cursive letters can be tricky. This page focuses on making high connections – those connections that occur above the baseline.
2. There are only 4 letters that create high connections: b, o, v, and w.
3. All high connections on this page will be shown with **blue letters**.
4. Each section has 3 steps.
5. First, you will read the word written on the first line.
6. Next, you will say and trace that same word on the second line, beginning at the **green starting dot**.
7. Uppercase and lowercase letters are treated differently when writing in cursive.
8. Uppercase cursive letters should be fully completed before moving on to the next letter in a word.
9. When writing lowercase letters in cursive, you should not lift your pencil off of the paper, until you finish the word you are writing.
10. Ask yourself: Does this word contain the lowercase letters i, j, t or x?
11. If yes, these lowercase letters will remain unfinished until after you complete writing the entire word.  
  
Do not dot the letters i and j.  
  
Do not cross the letters t and x.
12. Once the word is written, now is the time to go back and add dots and crosses to these unfinished letters.
13. Be sure to keep an eye out for **red stopping dots** while you trace.
14. Lastly, you will write this same word again on your own, without the help of tracing lines.
15. Complete the rest of the page using this same process.



## Low Connections Between Letters

1. Connecting cursive letters can be tricky. This page focuses on making low connections – those connections that occur at the baseline.
2. Most letters in the alphabet create a low connection (not b, o, v, and w).
3. All low connections on this page will be shown with **purple letters**.
4. Each section has 3 steps.
5. First, you will read the word written on the first line.
6. Next, you will say and trace that same word on the second line, beginning at the **green starting dot**.
7. Uppercase and lowercase letters are treated differently when writing in cursive.
8. Uppercase cursive letters should be fully completed before moving on to the next letter in a word.
9. When writing lowercase letters in cursive, you should not lift your pencil off of the paper, until you finish the word you are writing.
10. Ask yourself: Does this word contain the lowercase letters i, j, t or x?
  11. If yes, these lowercase letters will remain unfinished until after you complete writing the entire word.

Do not dot the letters i and j.

Do not cross the letters t and x.
12. Once the word is written, now is the time to go back and add dots and crosses to these unfinished letters.
13. Be sure to keep an eye out for **red stopping dots** while you trace.
14. Lastly, you will write this same word again on your own, without the help of tracing lines.
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## Cursive To Print

1. Now that you have had practice writing, do you think you will be able to read cursive writing?
2. The information presented on this page is written in cursive.
3. Let's read the passage together.
4. Next, you will now reread the passage out loud, while printing the words on the lines provided.



## Print To Cursive

1. Do you think you can write complete sentences in cursive?
2. The information presented on this page is written in normal print.
3. Let's read the passage together.
4. Next, you will now reread the passage out loud, while writing the words in cursive on the lines provided.
5. Uppercase and lowercase letters are treated differently when writing in cursive.
6. Uppercase cursive letters should be fully completed before moving on to the next letter in a word.
7. When writing lowercase letters in cursive, you should not lift your pencil off of the paper, until you finish the word you are writing.
8. Ask yourself: Does this word contain the lowercase letters i, j, t or x?
9. If yes, these lowercase letters will remain unfinished until after you complete writing the entire word.  
**Do not dot the letters i and j.**  
**Do not cross the letters t and x.**
10. Once the word is written, now is the time to go back and add dots and crosses to these unfinished letters.
11. The entire alphabet is displayed for you at the top of the page, in case you need a reminder as to how a particular letter is formed.



92

Water splashed over the side of the pool when everyone jumped in.

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93

We will be celebrating your birthday tomorrow with cake and ice cream.

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94

The old movie theater in our town has the cheapest tickets around.

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95

Zoos are a wonderful place to see exotic animals from all around the world.

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96

Meghan wants to play the flute in the school band next year.

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97

Walk down the street and buy a dozen doughnuts from the bakery.

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98

The boys spent last summer riding horses at Grandpa's dude ranch.

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99

This amusement park is known for its thrilling roller coasters.



## Cursive To Print Answer Key

100

Video games are designed to be both challenging and fun for all ages.

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101

Emma's parents bought her the cutest corgi puppy she had ever seen.

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103

Rivers can be used to move both people and goods downstream.

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104

Clocks can be either analog or digital. Which type do you prefer to use?

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105

Please help me clean the house before our guests arrive later tonight.

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106

I always write about my day in a diary before falling asleep each night.

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107

People say that it is seven years bad luck to walk under a ladder.

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108

The recipe calls for eggs, flour, and sugar. Do we have these ingredients?



109

Exercise is important for everyone. It helps keep you fit and healthy.

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110

It is freezing outside. Please wear your winter jacket, hat, and gloves.

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111

Raising chickens is a great source of eggs. However, it does require hard work.

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112

What is your favorite way to travel? Do you prefer cars or airplanes?

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114

Today, Elizabeth blew a giant bubble with her chewing gum.

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115

We all told each other scary stories while sitting around the campfire.

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116

It snowed last night. Would you like to have a snowball fight?

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117

Dolphins are aquatic mammals that live in either fresh or salt water.



## Cursive To Print Answer Key

118

For healthy teeth and gums, you should brush your teeth twice a day.

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119

There are twelve months in a year. Which one is the shortest?

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120

Do not forget to practice playing your xylophone. You have a concert soon.

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121

The weather is perfect for flying kites. Let's begin before the wind stops.

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122

I slipped and fell on a patch of ice outside the front door.

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123

It is tradition to give loved ones flowers on Valentine's Day.

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125

I need to complete my math homework before playing outside.

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126

My family and I saw a waterfall while hiking on a path in the woods.



## Cursive To Print Answer Key

127

I spilled orange juice on the new rug. My parents were upset about the mess.

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128

My dog, Max, can perform tricks. He knows how to fetch, lay, and sit.

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129

Make sure to wash your hands before dinner. You do not want to get sick.

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130

Hello. I would like to place an order for a large cheese and pepperoni pizza.

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131

Dad built a treehouse in our backyard. I spend much of my time there.

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132

It is now October. We need to find a pumpkin that is ideal for carving.

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133

The little girl let go of her red balloon. It floated higher and higher.

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134

Do you remember where I parked the car? Is it near that giant oak tree?



136

I can show you how to make a paper airplane. It is quite easy to do.

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137

Did you see that? A bald eagle just swooped down and caught a fish.

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138

You should always wear your helmet while riding your bicycle.

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139

Will you help me put this puzzle together?  
It has so many pieces.

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140

My sister taught me how to do a front flip on our new trampoline.





141

*I found a fossil in the park today. How old do you think it is?*

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142

*I can hear the music from the ice cream truck coming down the street.*

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143

*When blue and yellow are mixed, the result is the color green.*

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144

*All of the players on my football team won a shiny trophy.*

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145

*I write a postcard to my grandma every year on her birthday.*



146

*If I flip a coin, which side do you think it will land on?*

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147

*My friends and I collect comics. The rare books can be quite valuable.*

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148

*They are adding a new mummy exhibit at the history museum.*

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149

*Our old truck makes a screeching noise whenever we start the engine.*

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150

*They say if you hold a seashell up to your ear, you can hear the ocean.*

