



# Joined Handwriting Progression

**Revision of Letter Formation Families:** referred to in Reception and taught in order in Year 1

<b>Long Ladder</b>	<i>i l t j u y</i>
<b>One-armed Robot</b>	<i>r m n h b k p</i>
<b>Curly Caterpillar</b>	<i>c a o q g d e s f</i>
<b>Zig Zag Monsters</b>	<i>v w x z</i>

## Joining Groups

Note: x is the only 'break' letter i.e. it does not join to the next letter. The letter before does join to x at the top of the x-height.

<b>Group 1</b>	Letters with exit flicks, plus s	<i>a c d e h i k l m n s t u</i>
<b>Group 2</b>	Letters which start at the top of the x-height	<i>a c d e g i j m n o p q r</i> <i>s u v w x y</i>
<b>Group 3</b>	Letters which start at the top of the ascender	<i>b f h k l t</i>
<b>Group 4</b>	Letters which finish at the top of the x-height	<i>f o r v w</i>
<b>Group 5</b>	Letters with looped/flicked descenders	<i>g j q y</i>



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### The Joins

<b>First Join</b> Group 1 to Group 2	Diagonal join from the end point of one letter to the start point of the next	Examples <i>in am up cy</i> <i>dig man nip</i>
<b>Second Join</b> Group 1 to Group 3	Diagonal join meets the ascender half way up the letter and then continues to the top of the ascender	<i>at ch st if</i> <i>chip star duck</i>
<b>Third Join</b> Group 4 to Group 2	A horizontal join going from the x-height of one letter to the x-height of another.	<i>oa wo ve ri</i> <i>for red van wax</i>
<b>Fourth Join</b> Group 4 to Group 3	Diagonal join that goes from the x-height of one letter to the top of the ascender of the next.	<i>wh ob ft rh</i> <i>what rob left rhino</i>
<b>Fifth Join</b> Group 5 to Group 2	Diagonal join that goes from the looped/flicked descender of one letter to the start point of the next	<i>ja ye gl qu</i> <i>joke yes globe queen</i>