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The majority of these lesson sheets provide a movement model for training by tracing with the pointer finger. The goal is internalization of the process that will create the form. Please visit the Information Directory page on our web site for links to presentations that offer in depth explanations.

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## LESSON SHEETS FOR GRADE ONE WE WRITE TO READ SERIES FROM PETERSON DIRECTED HANDWRITING

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Please remember that fluency is an important goal. Independent practice on these pages will not include a challenge to move fluently. We need to get the students moving to create a demand for better position and to provide regular opportunity to improve control of the fluent kind of movement needed when using handwriting as a tool. The child will not be able to produce exact copies of the model initially. Regular movement practice will greatly improve the outcome as control skill improves.

The directed lesson strategy will provide regular opportunity for the child to internalize the start-point, stroke movement sequence and end-point needed to write each letter. When dynamics are internalized, the child will be able to create a legible letter without a visual model. At the same time, we are working to help the child learn how to use good position skills for rhythmic movement. Our action words are designed to create a beat when chanted aloud. The challenge is therefore, to move the pencil with the voice as letters are created. This challenge enhances the internalization process by directly involving the motor system. Good position and emerging fluency should naturally result in forward slant as language skills improve.



# Hold Your Pencil Softly

One finger on top. Stay back on the paint. Don't Pinch, Don't Squeeze, Don't press down hard.

> Pointer on the paint, Thumb on the side. Keep the other fingers, Hanging down beside.

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#### Overview

#### **Three Phases**

The pages provided in this e-book are designed to help you to DEVELOP fluent patterns, guide PRACTICE to improve control and provide opportunity to APPLY practiced skills by correlating handwriting objectives into applied work to enhance transfer of learning. To include fluency as a goal, you need to teach the child how to move the pencil with his or her voice.

Letters are presented in a sequence based upon related movements starting with basic strokes. Basic strokes are then related to letters by showing separate strokes with our unique Color/Rhythm process. This presentation is an exaggeration designed to help you overcome early experience that has resulted in movement patterns that often are contrary to the top-down, left-to-right, pattern of our language.

Teaching the child to build letters with separate strokes prior to "threading the strokes together," helps with two important motor skills. Anchoring (moving the pencil to to touch) is necessary for good size and spacing. Goal oriented movement (one key characteristic of fluent movement) is the second motor skill. Early experience is visually guided. The child is watching the pencil move as the stroke is created. To learn how to use goal oriented movement, the child must learn to look ahead of the pencil to an end-point. Thus, using separate strokes initially enhances this learning and allows internalization of rhythm information into the pattern which will guide the movement once language skills develop to a point that the pupil will be able to generate text in the form of written words.

DEVELOP pages provide movement models. The goal is to allow the motor system to record dynamic information in the internalization process. **PLEASE** DO NOT have children trace these models with a pencil or crayon. We now know that pencil tracing demands a visually guided movement that will result in poor movement pattern dynamics. We have been recommending for decades, that student use the pointer finger to trace the movement models. Fingertracing experience will also help with pencil grip adjustments by training the pointer finger as the "driver" of the pencil.

PRACTICE of fluent movement will allow control to improve. Please recognize that independent copy work on these pages will not include a movement challenge. As a result, it will most often be practice of drawing movement as well as the current habit for position skills. Your chances of changing a poor pencil grip for example, will be very small unless you maintain the movement challenge. A tight cramped grip posture retards movement. Get the child moving and he or she will discover the need to change and relax.

APPLY activities initially involve concepts like size and spacing. But, as soon as a few letters are learned, we will begin to apply them in words. We strongly recommend that you take the movement strategy into your language and reading programs as often as possible. Count is the best grammar of action for direction of word writing. When the child is able to write a word while counting aloud for the strokes, the word is internalized as a dynamic unit. It is a simple strategy. We count for each of the strokes needed to create the shape. Your students can learn how to figure out the count for any target word by referring to the Peterson color/rhythm wall cards or position guide. One count is needed for each color in the letter. Add counts progressively through the word (1,2 - 3,4 - 5,6 not 1,2 - 1,2- 12).



#### Writing Size

You will find that DEVELOP pages provide lines separated by one-half inch with a "tail space." This size demands arm movement for gross motor patterning. A blank master with the same ruling is also included. After using the DEVELOP master for patterning, use the blank master to make sure that the student can write the letter without looking at a model.

You are also provided with a blank master for practice at a reduced size. This page provides top, middle and baselines with a "tail space," but the lines are separated by three-eighth inch spaces. Establish mastery at the large size first. Then try the smaller ruling to find out how the children handle the reduction. Sentence writing is difficult at the large size due to the limited number of letters that can fit across the page. The small size ruling offers a better format for sentences and stories. You will find these blank practice masters on the following two pages.

When using the count technique as a tool for word integration, consider having the children write on unlined paper first until the word pattern is internalized. Then move to paper with lines to try again. Using fluent movement on lined paper is a whole new challenge that will be handled more easily if the word pattern has already been internalized. Using the lines demands that the brain use the visual feedback system. Starting on lines, may make it more difficult for the child to count and write as a result.

#### Gross-Motor Letter Practice

Children need to be able to produce each letter from "inside the brain" without looking at a model. This half-inch-rule page allows gross motor involvement and better control as a result. Use this page to direct Write & Say practice of target forms after they are introduced on the "DEVELOP" page. Write & Say is the key to improving control of fluent movement. The child who does not verbalize, is drawing rather than writing and may not have internalized the movement sequence. Get the pencils moving with the voices. Accuracy will improve with rhythmic practice.

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Но	ok Around	Roll Ar	round
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Left curve, bump the top line - around - bump the baseline	Left curve bump the middle line - around - bump the baseline	Right curve bump the top line - around - bump the baseline	Right curve bump the middle line - around - bump the baseline

## Numerals

Start at the top line with straight down strokes.



## Start with right curve round top



## More Numerals

1	1. Curve Down 2. Loop	1. Hook Snake 2. Roll Up	1. Hook Around Close
			U

1   <sup>2</sup> 1. Hook Around 2. Down	1 /2 1. Slide 2. Slant

Touch the top or middle line first.	Round Top
1. Tall Down 	n ght1. Hook Down 2. Slide Right
1. Small Down 2. Dot	
Write softly. Check your pencil holding.	

## Use The Letters You Know To Master These Words

Fingertrace and count for the strokes then count as you write each word.



These left curve tops bump the middle line.

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1. Hook Around	1. Hook Around 2. Slide

Fingertrace With Count Then Count As You Write.



## Left-curve tops that bump the middle line.

	<ol> <li>Hook Around</li> <li>Tall Down</li> </ol>
1. Hook Around 2. Small Down	<b>Č</b>

Fingertrace and say. Then Write and say. Can you count aloud as you write the words?



Fingertrace and count. Then write the word as you count aloud.



### Fluency Score

Use the three-word sequence for a timed-writing exercise. Allow one minute for writing. Ask the pupils to write the sequence as many times as they can until you call stop. Count the number of legible letters to determine a fluency score for each child.

Name

Pupils who were able to write while counting aloud on the previous practice activity will be able to write the sequence easily because they have internalized the words and need not copy letter-by-letter. Those who have not internalized the letters and words should be identified for help. Low fluency scores suggest visual copying rather than writing. Some copy out of habit. Repeat a second time to look for improvement. A score below 20 LPM indicates a need for process help with one or more letters.

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Fingertrace and Say, then Write and Say. Can you write each word as you count aloud?



Down Stroke Curve The Bottom

1. Down Curve Up 2. Small Down

Whisper as you count and write.



Write softly please! Make your pencil whisper.

## Straight Sticks Plus Right Curves

These letters lend well to "threading." Once sure that start point and direction are understood, teach pupils to make the moves without lifting between strokes to improve the rhythm of the formation sequence.



Please remember that fluent production across the page may result in forward slant. The need to move steadily all they way across the page can stimulate the use of writing position for the paper. Forward slant is a good sign.

Fingertrace and Say, then Write & Say.



Tops of letters are most important for reading. Cover the bottoms and check your size and spacing.

 	—	—	 	—	—	— ·	 	—	 —	—	 ·	 
 		_	 	—	—		 	_	 —		 	 

## More Letters That Use The Same Strokes

Threading is again the goal for these letters. Once the correct start point and sequence is understood, teach the no-lift process to improve rhythm.

	1. Small Down		1. Small Down
	2. Roll Down		<ol> <li>Roll Down</li> <li>Roll Down</li> </ol>
To move with the beat created	by our action words, the child must learn to look ahead to the lin	nes as goals rather than wate	ch the pencil move. Some may not hit the lines at first and revert to careful draw-
ing as a result. As rhythm and	timing improve so will control. The trick is to keep voices working	g and pencils moving with the	e chant.

Fingertrace and Say, then Write and Say.



Fingertrace and Say, then Write and Say.

 1. Tall Down 2. Roll Around	1. Tall Down 2. Slant In 3. Slant Out

Lowercase b is a good no-lift letter, but not k. This 3 stroke process will help later for the cursive k which demands a roll plus a double downstroke for legibility.


Fingertrace and count, then write and count to master each word.



## These Letters Start With A Slant

These letters can be threaded (down then up process). But, you may want to introduce with four downstrokes initially for the anchoring practice (touching lines) and for the top-down, left-to-right reading connection.

1. Slant Right 2. Slant	1. Slant Right <u>2. Sla</u> nt 3. Slant 4. Slant

Fingertrace and Say, then Write and Say. Can you write each word as count for the strokes?



1. Slant Right 2. Cross	1. Slide       2. Slant       3. Slide

Fingertrace and Say, then Write and Say to master new letters and these words.


### Tails Make A Difference

All tail letters touch the middle line first.

1. Down Tail 2. Dot		1. Hook Around 2. Down Tail	1. Hook Around 2. Down Hook
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 	·		

### Tail Letters In Words







### Words With Tail Letters





#### Color Words

Fingertrace and Say, then Write and Say to master these words.



Capital Letters





## More Capital Letters From Tall Stick And Slide Right Strokes



	1. Tall Down 2. Roll Around 3. <u>Slant</u>
Pat Brian	Rudy

# Two More Capital Letters Start With Downstrokes

1. Tall Down 2. Roll Around 1. Tall Hook
Daniel Jerrv
Hold your pencil back on the paint!





Make the round tops first!








### Check your size






Sentence Practice



# Pencil Holding Rules



Sentence Practice



## Term Progress Sample

I have worked hard on my handwriting	
skills this year. Is this sample easy to	
read?	
Name Date	