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“ Hi, I’m Susie, and this is my daughter Anna. You already met my little brother, Skeeter. This page is to help you prepare for each lesson. A tackle box holds extra fishing gear much like this page has supplies and information for the lessons. I am here to host the fishing derbies and help you navigate the following:

- Learn new fishing terms and supplies
- Gather Your Gear — list your supplies
- Weigh-in for each challenge



“ My mom’s helping me earn my fishing badge for my Nature & Character Club at my church. Our club helps me learn about all things nature-related as well as helps us build character. We’ve created a club just for the kids using *Catch on to Cursive* called Club Skeeter. You’ll be earning badges by completing weigh-in challenges just like me!



“ Check out the supplies for each day under Gather Your Gear. Many of the supplies in the course are used more than once, so be sure to keep them in a safe place. You will always want a Bible and a pencil for each day. Today you’re learning the parts of a fishing pole.



Gather Your Gear



- Day 2:**
- 18-inch piece of ribbon
 - An unsharpened pencil (keep for the remainder of the course)

- Day 5:**
- Tweezers
 - Yarn cut into 4-inch pieces (picking up worms)

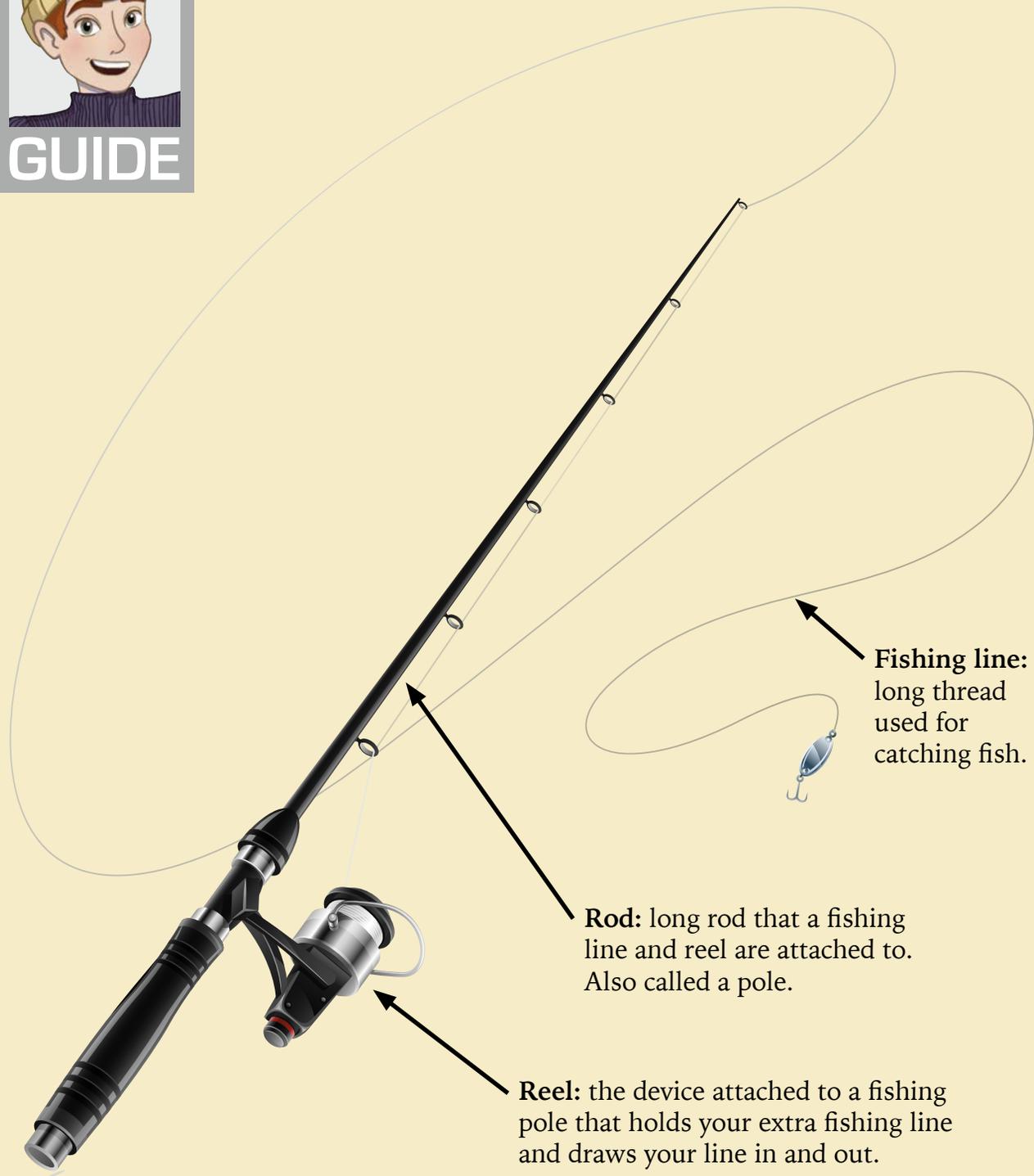


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Bait & Tackle

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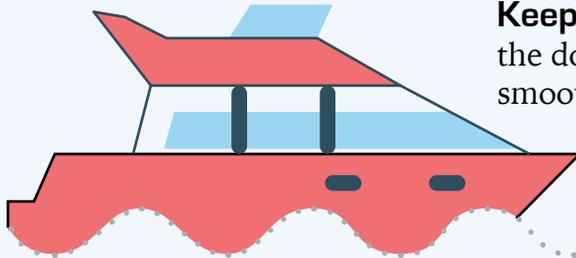


“ Hi! I’m ready to help guide you on your fishing expedition. Each day, you will have 3–4 sections to complete. This first week, we will just be getting your feet wet — that means introducing you to all the new things. Check out this first section called Gear Up. Writing is a lot like fishing. You need to be strong, so Gear Up will help you build your muscles. ”

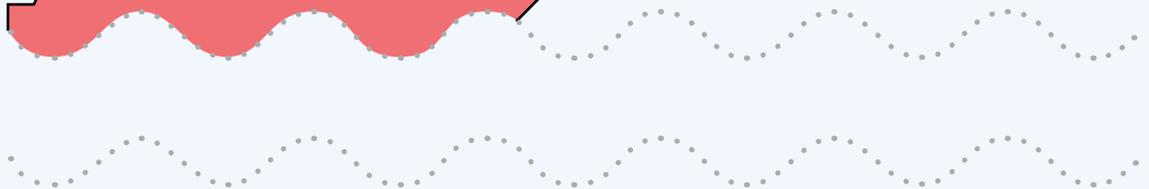


Gear Up!

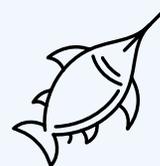
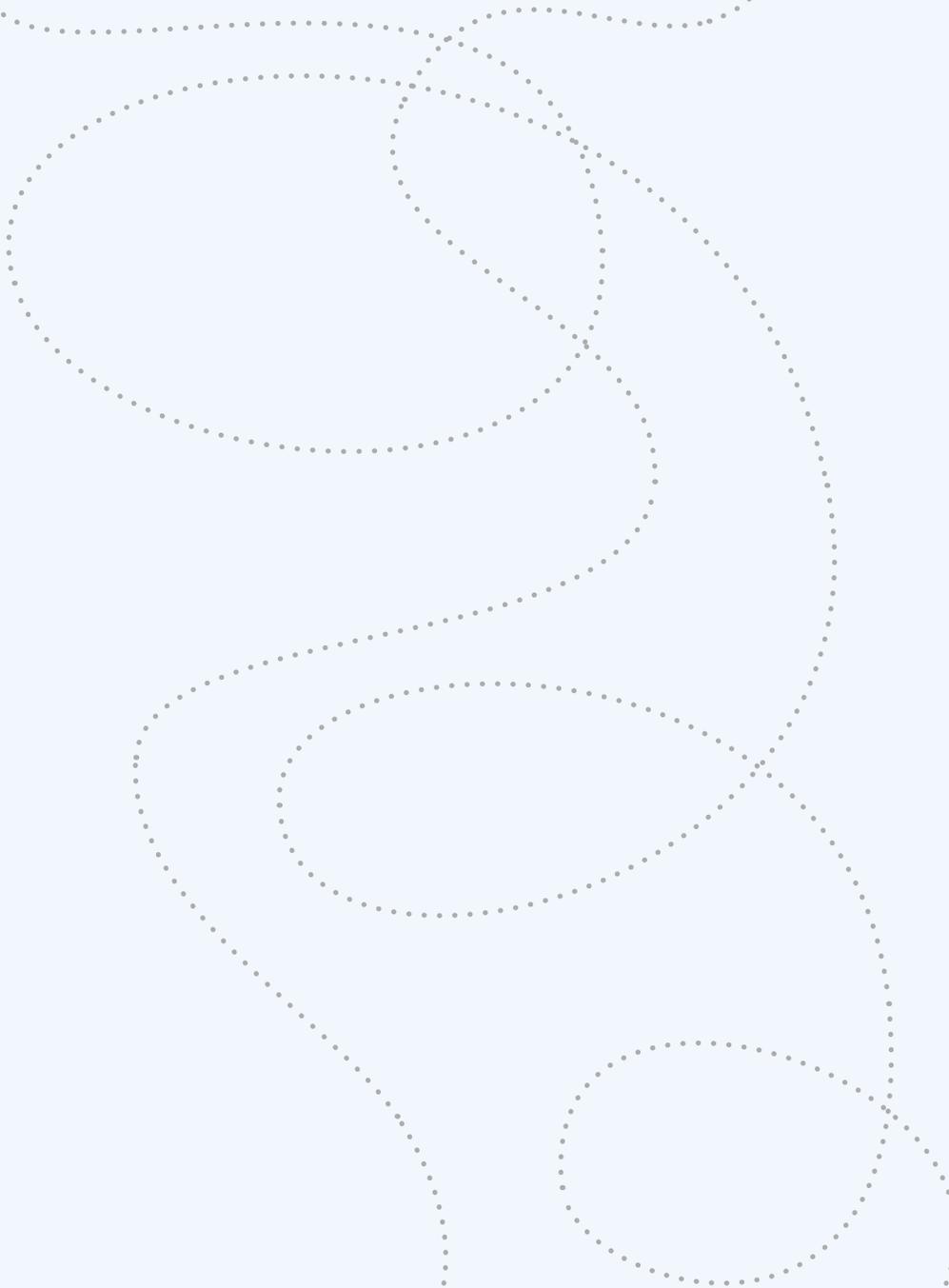
Read Luke 5:4–6. The disciple’s jobs were fishermen. They had worked hard all night but caught nothing. Notice when they followed the instructions given, and trusted the Lord to help them, they received the reward. Effort and perseverance pay off. Put the effort in and do your best, pray and ask God to help you, and the reward will come. Let’s get started!



Keep the Water Flowing: Try connecting the dots without lifting your pencil. Keep smooth fluid lines like water.



Trace the fishing lines to help the fishermen find their fish.



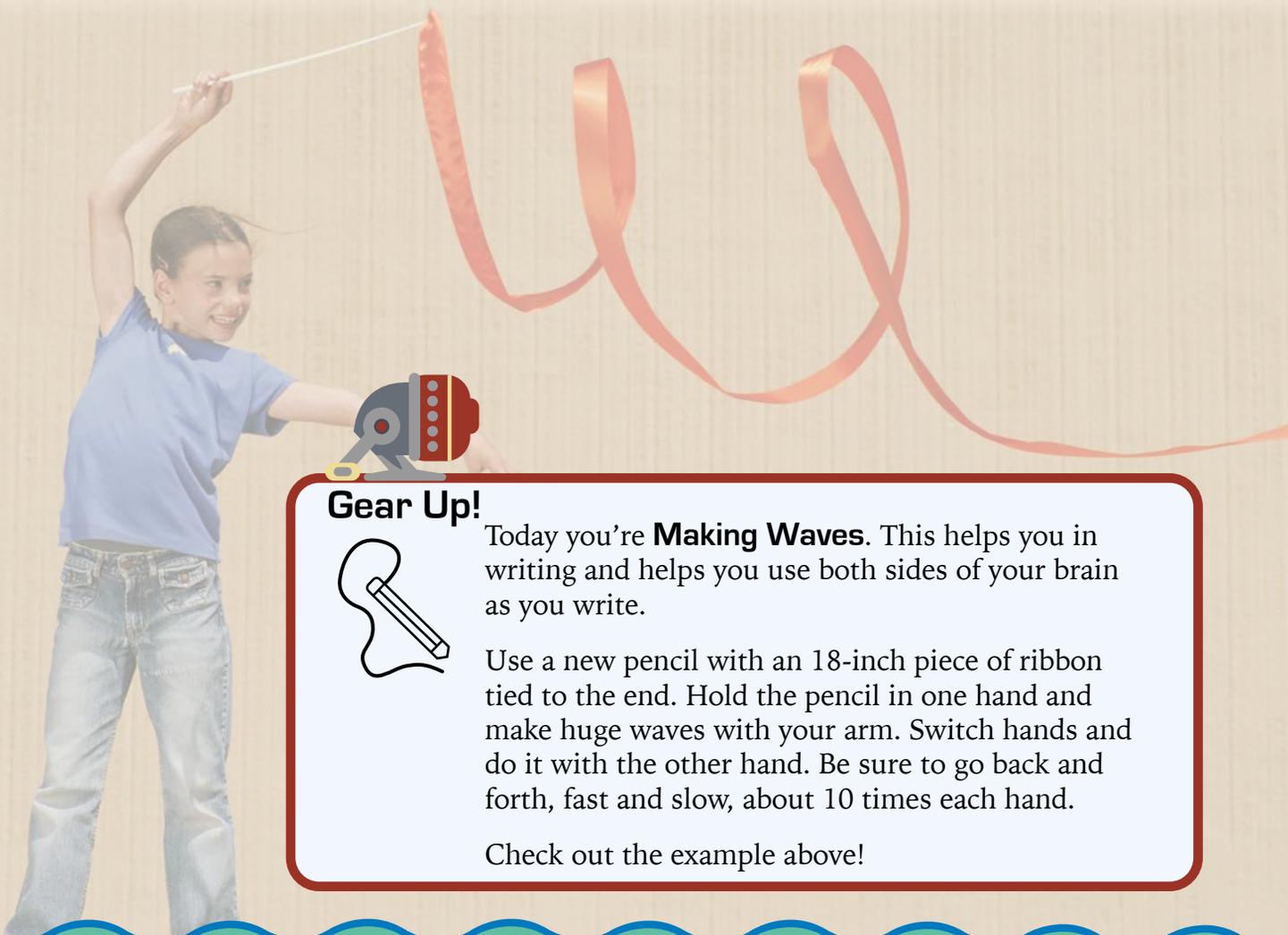
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Bait & Tackle 1.2



“ Whew whee! You are going to be so strong! The Gear Up section will work those muscles. Remember, becoming a skilled fisherman takes time and effort much like handwriting takes time and effort. It also takes a lot of patience. Get ready to persevere into a patient person. After you do your Gear Up activity, check out the awesome fishing guide that will help you learn how to make each letter, where to put the letters, and more! ”



Gear Up!



Today you're **Making Waves**. This helps you in writing and helps you use both sides of your brain as you write.

Use a new pencil with an 18-inch piece of ribbon tied to the end. Hold the pencil in one hand and make huge waves with your arm. Switch hands and do it with the other hand. Be sure to go back and forth, fast and slow, about 10 times each hand.

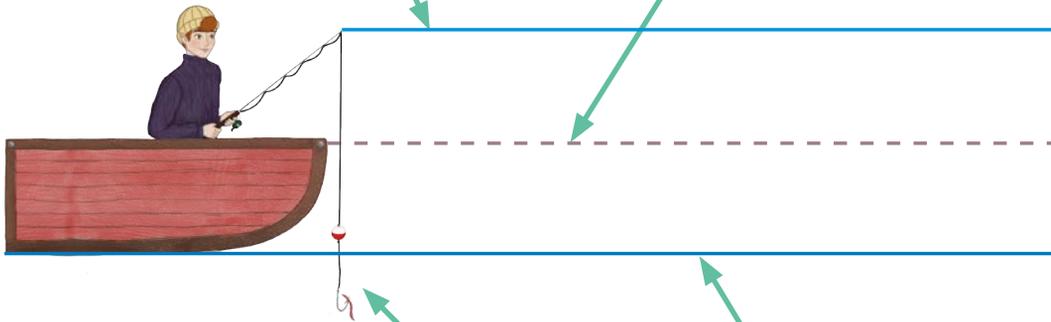
Check out the example above!



Take a look at the fisherman, his pole, and his boat below. You'll be seeing this image through the entire course and writing your cursive letters on the lines, so read carefully through the descriptions of each special line or area.

Pole line: The top hits the top line like the fishing pole here.

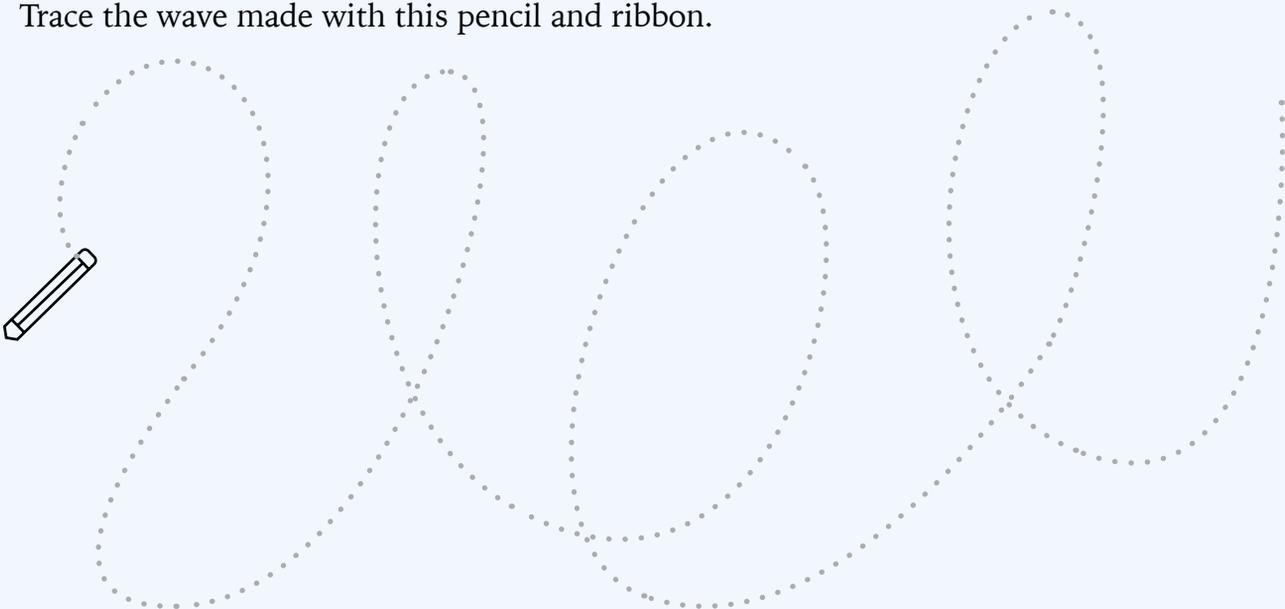
Boat line: This is the middle dotted line, which is between the pole and water lines.



Hook space: This is where some letters have hooks and fall below the water line.

Waterline: This is where most letters land.

Trace the wave made with this pencil and ribbon.



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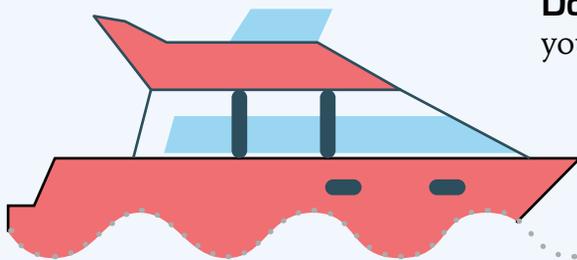
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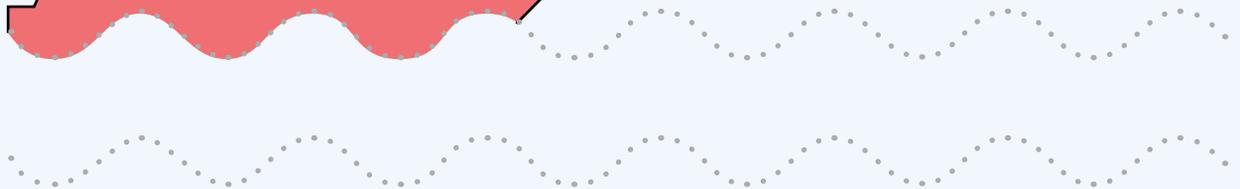
“ Well, what did you think of the boat guide? I think it will really help you know how to write in cursive. Did you know fishing is an art? There are many moving parts, but it’s a beauty and technique all its own. Cursive is also an art. In the next section, called Go Fish, you will get to apply what you learn from the Guide. Just like a good fisherman, it will take practice, patience, and technique. Let’s get started with your Gear Up, then follow your Guide before you check out the Go Fish section. ”



Gear Up!

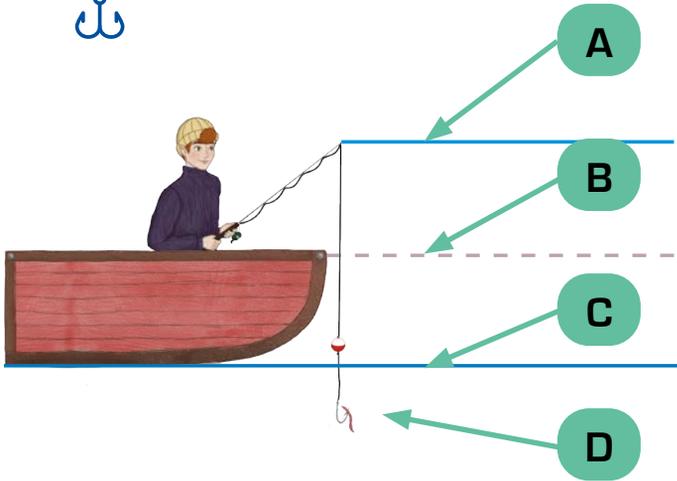


Don't Rock the Boat! Trace without lifting your pencil. Keep smooth, fluid lines like water.





Draw a line to match the guide with the correct terms for each position.



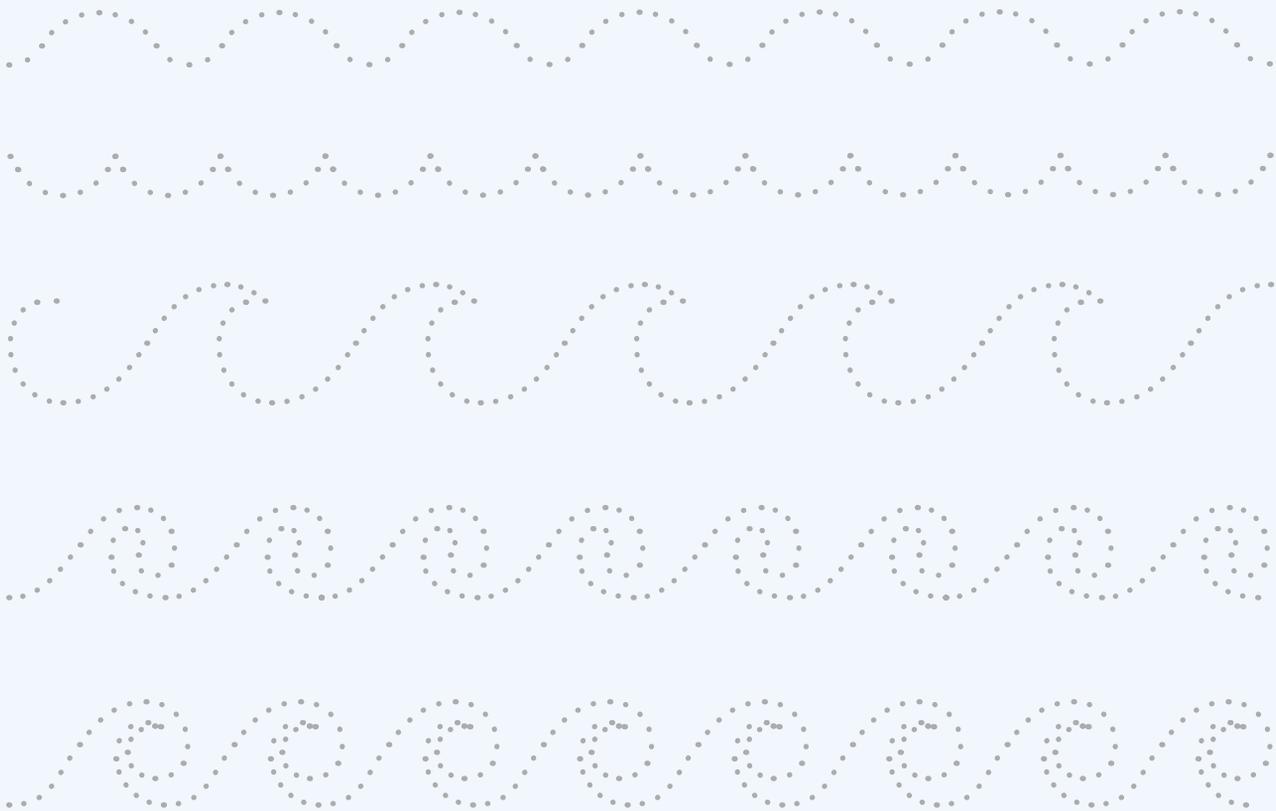
Waterline: This is where most letters land.

Hook space: This is where some letters have hooks and fall below the water line.

Pole line: The top hits the top line like the fishing pole here.

Boat line: This is the middle dotted line, which is between the pole and water lines.

Trace the different waves.



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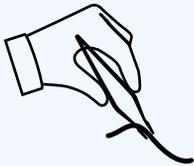
Bait & Tackle 1.4



“ You know every fisherman wants to be able to say he or she caught the biggest fish. Catching the biggest fish is a good feeling, just like doing your best is a good feeling. We use a fish scale to weigh and measure our fish. My niece, Anna, will be helping you weigh in every few days. All fishermen must measure their catch. Right now, you have a job! We have to have bait! Most fish like worms, so you better find us some.



Gear Up!



Worm Squeezes: Picking up worms is fun! Do worm squeezes by picking up the yarn worms with a pair of tweezers.

Make sure you get 5–10 worms with each hand.

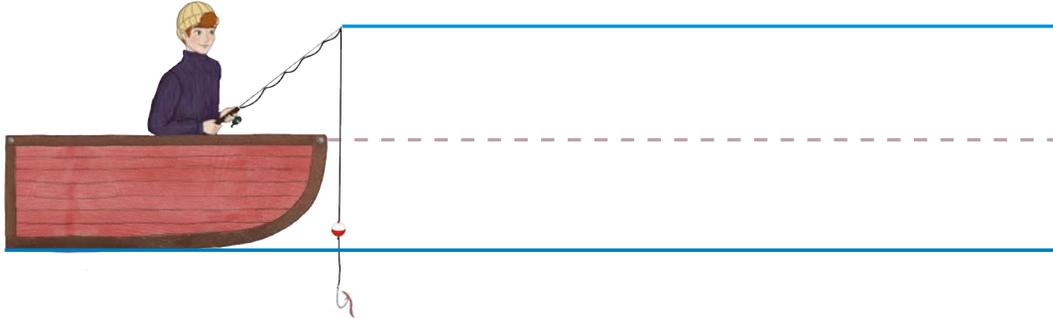


Find and circle the waterline on your guide.

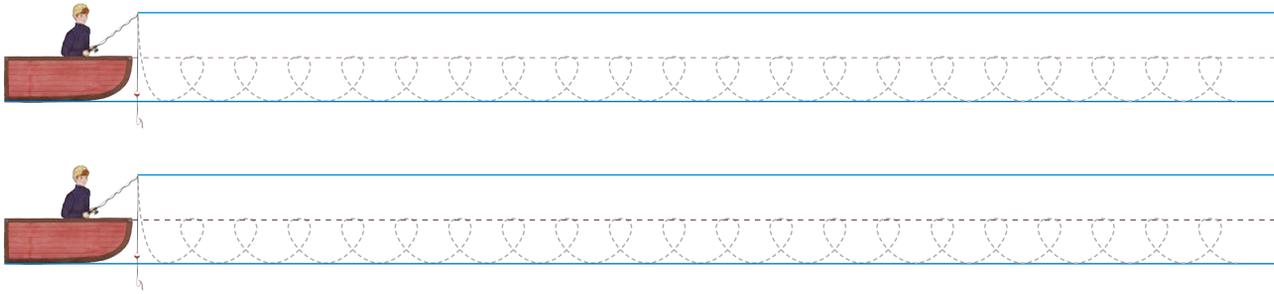
Place an X on the hook space.

Draw a line on the entire boat line without lifting your pencil.

Put a large dot on the pole line.

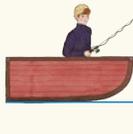


Go fish by tracing the fishing line. Remain slow and steady and don't lift your pencil.



“ Anna, my niece, will be giving you your first weigh-in challenge next week. You will be able to earn badges and other fun activities as you complete the weigh-in challenges. Remember, if you want you can create an achievement board to put your badges on as you earn them! Be sure to check out what Anna has for you to do so you can earn badges in Club Skeeter. ”

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Bait & Tackle 1.5

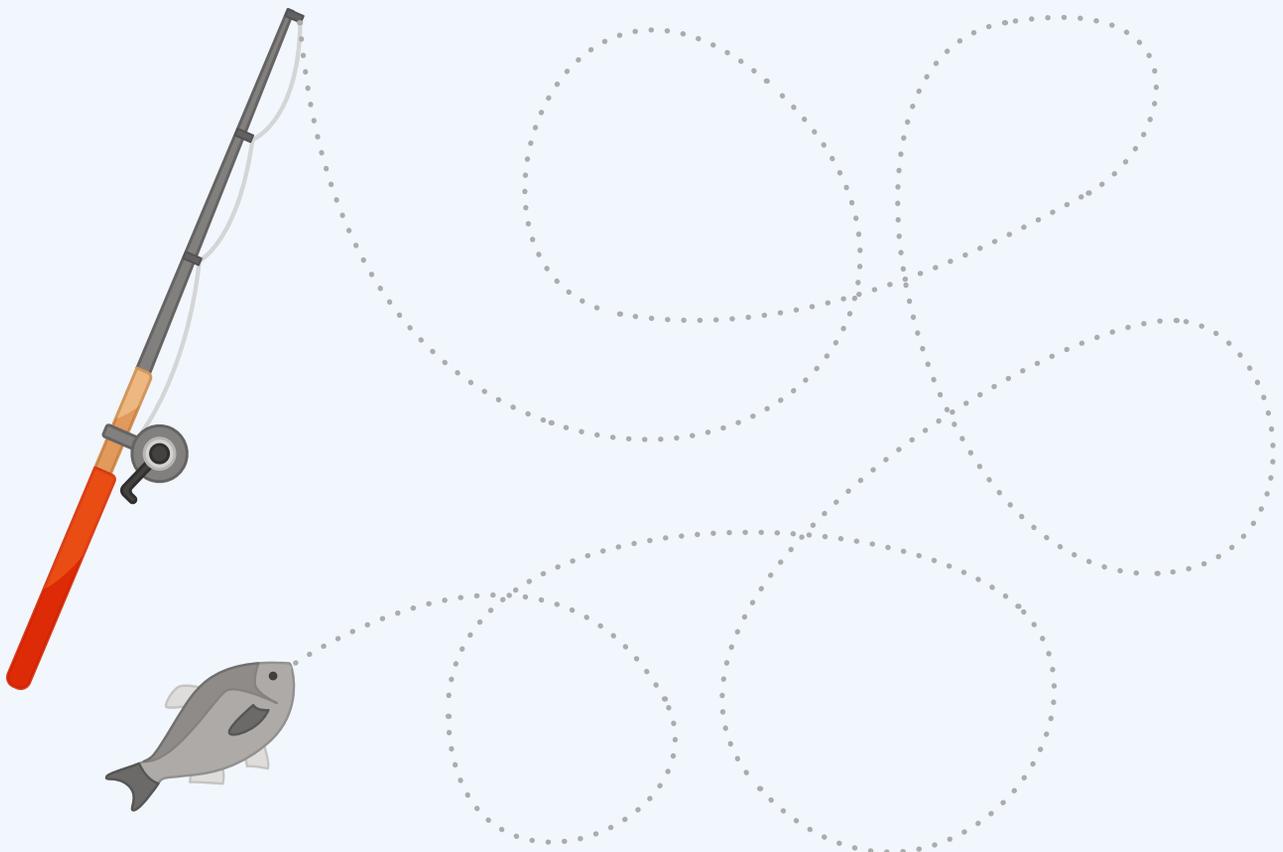


“ Well, it looks like you are getting stronger and are ready to try out what you have learned. Remember, just like it took the disciples following Jesus’ teachings for a long time before they were ready to go out and spread the Gospel, it will also take you a while to learn how to write in cursive. Patience is a virtue, or a good thing to have.



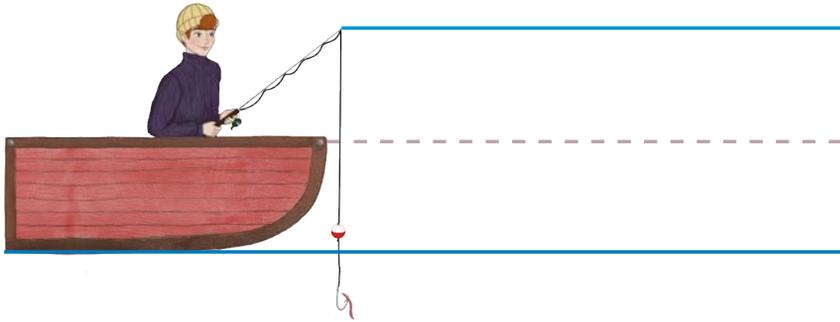
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Fishing Line Frenzy: Trace the loopy fishing line, but do not lift your pencil. Keep your motion smooth like water.





Draw a line from the term to the position for each one.



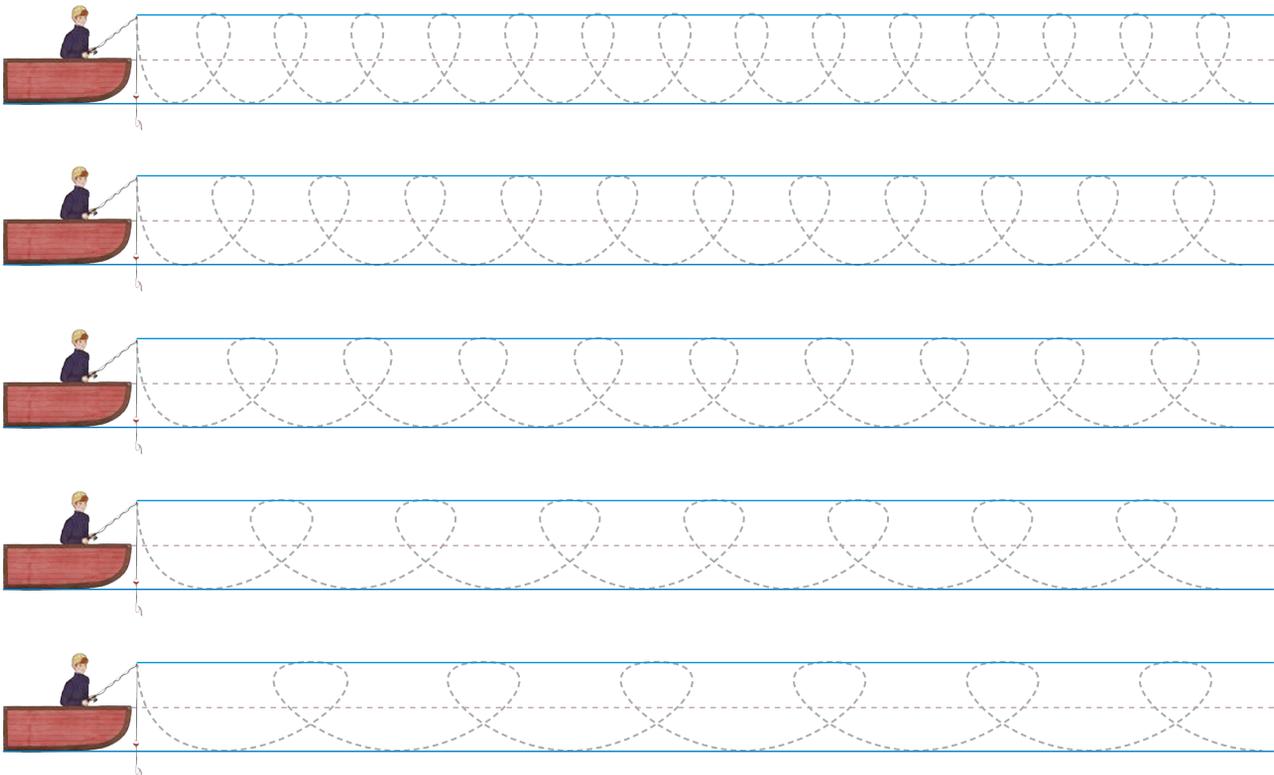
Waterline

Hook Space

Pole Line

Boat Line

Go fish by tracing the fishing line. Remain slow and steady and don't lift your pencil.



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“ Be sure to weigh in at 9.1 and get your new challenge! You’re doing a great job at completing challenges. ”



“ This week you will have two new activities. Be sure to gather your supplies and follow directions. ”

Gather Your Gear



Day 1:

- Painter’s tape or rope or sidewalk chalk (or 2x4)

Day 3:

- Bicycle/scooter/skateboard items to help you balance

Day 4:

- Sheet of foam
- Sheet of plain paper

Day 5:

- Plastic lid with a lip or a round cake pan
- Marble

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Whirlpool: a rapidly moving circular mass of water that has a downward pull.



Summer is one of the best times to fish because you can use almost every single technique and bait because the weather is most predictable without drastic changes. (This is based on a US summer and may vary by location.)



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Bait & Tackle 9.1



“ Have you ever seen a whirlpool? Whirlpools are when water is rotating due to currents or from hitting an obstacle. You might see one swirling when you let out the bath water. Whirlpools are neat and can create a soothing feeling to look at. But a real whirlpool, if large enough and in the right conditions, can be dangerous. There are things in life like whirlpools. Sin is also like this. Judas, one of the 12 disciples, had this problem. He betrayed Jesus, which means he broke his relationship with Jesus. Every time I think about Judas, I can't understand how he could have spent time with Jesus, witnessed miracles, heard Him teach, and yet he turned his back on Him. Sin is why. Sin causes division. Sin may look good, but it causes spiritual death and separates us from God. Let's pray and ask God to help us to not be lured into sin like a fish is drawn to a flashy lure. God can help us to resist sin and stand firm in our faith. ”



Gear Up!



Walk the Plank!

Use painter's tape, a rope, or sidewalk chalk to make a long line about 6 feet long. Walk the Plank by balancing on the line with one foot in front of the other. Do this three times. Don't fall in! There might be gators in that water!

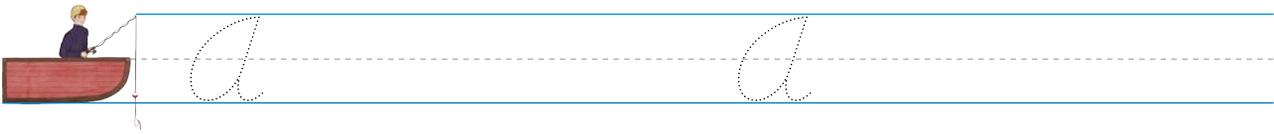
(You can also use a 2x4 or balance beam.)



Capital E: Start at the **pole line**, and curve back and down to the **boat line**, then curve back and down to the **waterline**. From there, float on out to connect to the next letter.



Trace then write two capital E's without connecting them, then practice the other letters as review. You won't connect these letters since they are all capital letters.



“ Did you strengthen your hands by hooking the fish each day? If so, color in the arrow on the strong meter.

Your next challenge is to use a capital letter in your writing when you begin a new sentence or the word I.



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Bait & Tackle 9.2

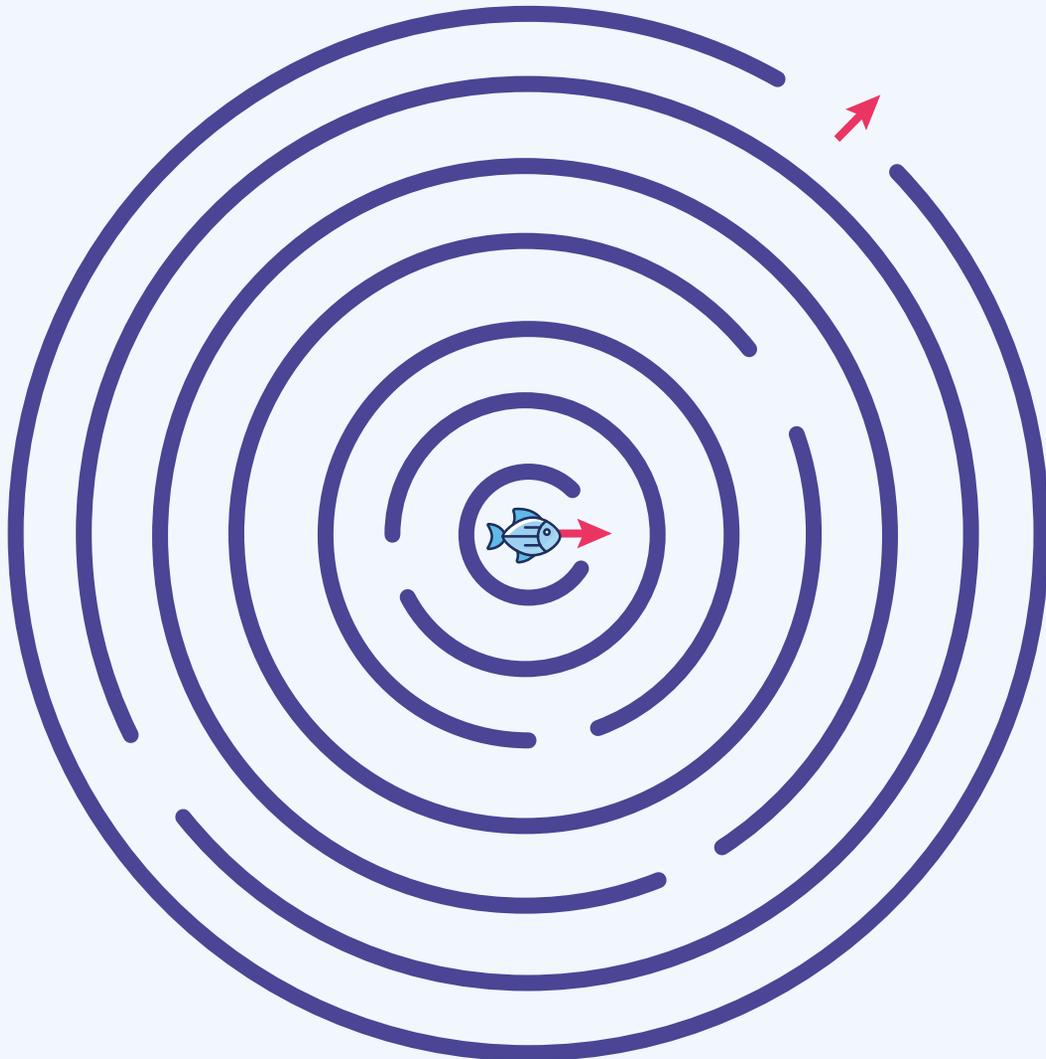


“ Whirlpools are neat. They are fun to watch when you let the water out of the tub, unless you have a small toy that will fit down the drain of course! I bet the disciples saw whirlpools with as much time as they spent on the water. ”



Gear Up!

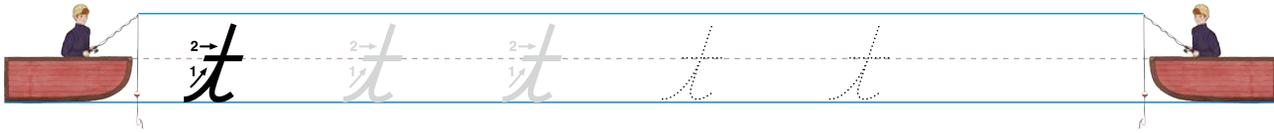
Whirlpool Maze: The little fish is stuck and needs to find a way out. Help the fish swim out of the whirlpool.





We have learned several lowercase letters. They all started like a lowercase c. Now, we will learn letters that have a different way of starting. Look at this letter t.

Lowercase t: Begin at the **waterline**, swim up to the **pole line** and straight back down and float on out to the **waterline**. Then, come back up and cross it at the **boat line**. If you are writing a word with the letter t, you will finish the whole word before coming back to cross the t.

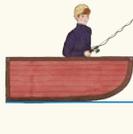


Trace then write three lowercase t's. Remember to connect each t to the next without lifting your pencil. You will come back at the end to cross all three t's.



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Bait & Tackle 9.3



“ Another powerful force over water is a waterspout. No, not the kind of spout you turn on to get water out of, but a waterspout that is like a tornado over the water. It is like a whirlpool over the water instead of in the water. Experienced fishermen know when to get off the water or what to do if a storm does come up on them quickly. It almost becomes like an instinct that they have done so long that they no longer think about it; they just know how to respond. As you learn cursive, the more you practice and apply what you learn, the more it will become like this. You’ll be an experienced writer! ”



Gear Up!



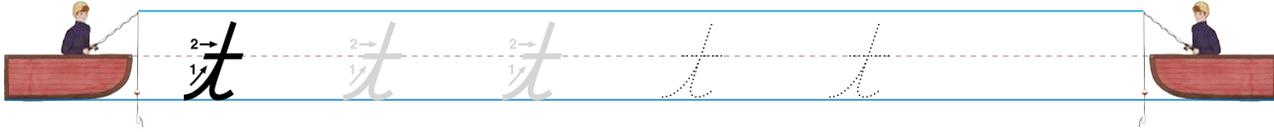
Don't Tip the Boat:

Balance on a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard for 15 seconds or longer. You can also use your items from the Walk the Plank activity from Bait & Tackle 9.1.





Lowercase t: Begin at the **waterline**, swim up to the **pole line** and straight back down and float on out to the **waterline**. Then, come back up and cross it at the **boat line**. If you are writing a word with the letter t, you will finish the whole word before coming back to cross the t.



Trace then write two lowercase t's and then other words/letters. Remember to connect each t to the next letter without lifting your pencil. You will come back at the end to cross all t's.



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Bait & Tackle 9.4



“Most storms that are powerful must have the right conditions to gain power. Many fishermen of the Gulf of Mexico area will tell you that a few days before a strong storm hits that the bass will be aggressive eaters. My dad often says that a cool front out of the southwest is not good conditions for freshwater fishing where we live. We like fishing when our labor produces a good catch. Our hearts also must have the right conditions in order to produce spiritual fruit. The Bible tells us, “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it” (Proverbs 4:23, NIV). What is springing from your heart? Is the condition of your heart one that produces good fruit?”

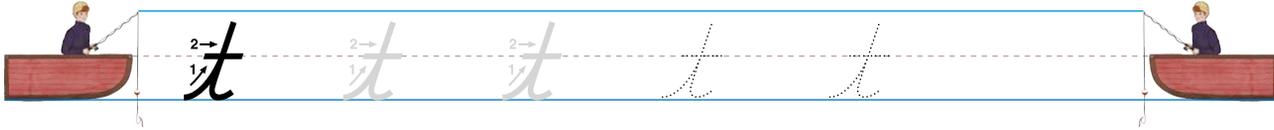


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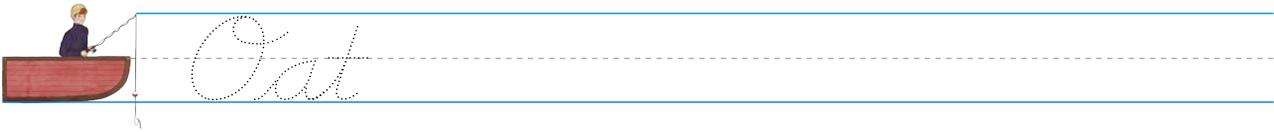
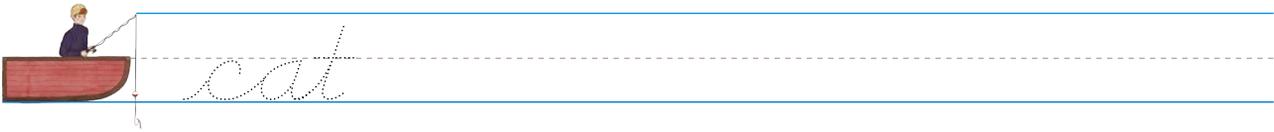
The Right Conditions: Place a plain piece of paper on a piece of foam. When you write, if you apply too little pressure, it is difficult to see your writing and it can even look shaky. If you apply too much pressure, it will cause you pain. You need the right pressure to see your words, but not too much or you'll push through the paper to the foam. Print your name to get the feel for how much pressure is the right condition for writing. Try printing your name three times.



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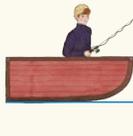


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“ Have you used capital letters to start a new sentence and for the word I? If so, you earned your capital letter badge. Decorate the capital I on the badge and add it to your achievement board. ”

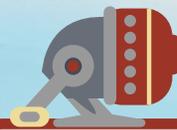
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Bait & Tackle 9.5



“WOW! Look at that! Nine weeks completed today. I am enjoying our fishing and Bible talks. I am also enjoying watching you grow in fruits of the Spirit. You are persevering and showing self-control and patience too! Be proud that you have learned the letters c, a, d, o, g, q, E, t, A, O, and Q in cursive!”



Gear Up!



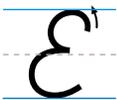
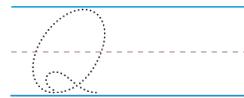
Marble in the Whirlpool:

Using a plastic lid with a lip or a round cake pan, place a marble inside. Have someone move the lid/pan so the marble rolls in the inside edge back and forth and eventually all the way around in a circle. Follow the marble with your eyes, but do not move your head. Move only your eyes as you follow the marble back and forth. Do this for one minute.

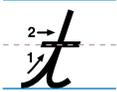
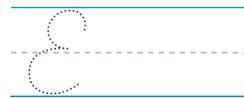
Review your letters: letters Q, E, and t



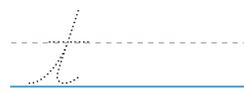
Capital Q: Start at the **waterline**, then curve back up to the **pole line** and back around to the **waterline** to connect your lines, then loop up and out to the **waterline**. Be ready to connect to other letters.



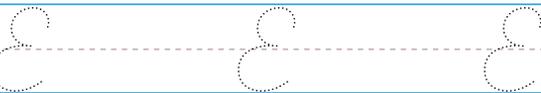
Capital E: Start at the **pole line**, and curve back and down to the **boat line**, then curve back and down to the **waterline**. From there, float on out to connect to the next letter.



Lowercase t: Begin at the **waterline**, swim up to the **pole line** and straight back down and float on out to the **waterline**. Then, come back up and cross it at the **boat line**. If you are writing a word with the letter t, you will finish the whole word before coming back to cross the t.



Trace the letters Q, E, and t. Trace them three times, and then write them once on your own. Be sure to leave a pinky space between each set.



This is your time to showcase your best catch again. Use the section in the back of the book labeled “Fishing Derby: Showcasing My Best Catch.” Find lesson 9 and complete the page. Remember, this is your “best” work. Ask your parents if they want to keep these in the book or remove them to showcase them.



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We have another a-MAZE-ing challenge for you. Your challenge is to complete three of the mazes in the Weigh-In section in the back of the book under A-MAZE-ing Mazes. You should complete one each day for this challenge.



I see Skeeter is talking about catfish this week. He sure does love catfish. I can't blame him though; they are tasty!



**Gather
Your Gear**



Day 2:

- Wave wands from previous lesson

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Cutthroat Trout: a large spotted trout with reddish marks on its jaw, usually found in northwestern North America.



In autumn, it is also important to go fishing during mid-day, so the water temperature is just right for the fish to be moving and biting. Because fish are wanting to gain weight for winter, they want to limit their movement. Reeling slower and using a larger bait is best. This time of year, the larger the bait, the larger the fish you'll catch.



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Bait & Tackle 18.1

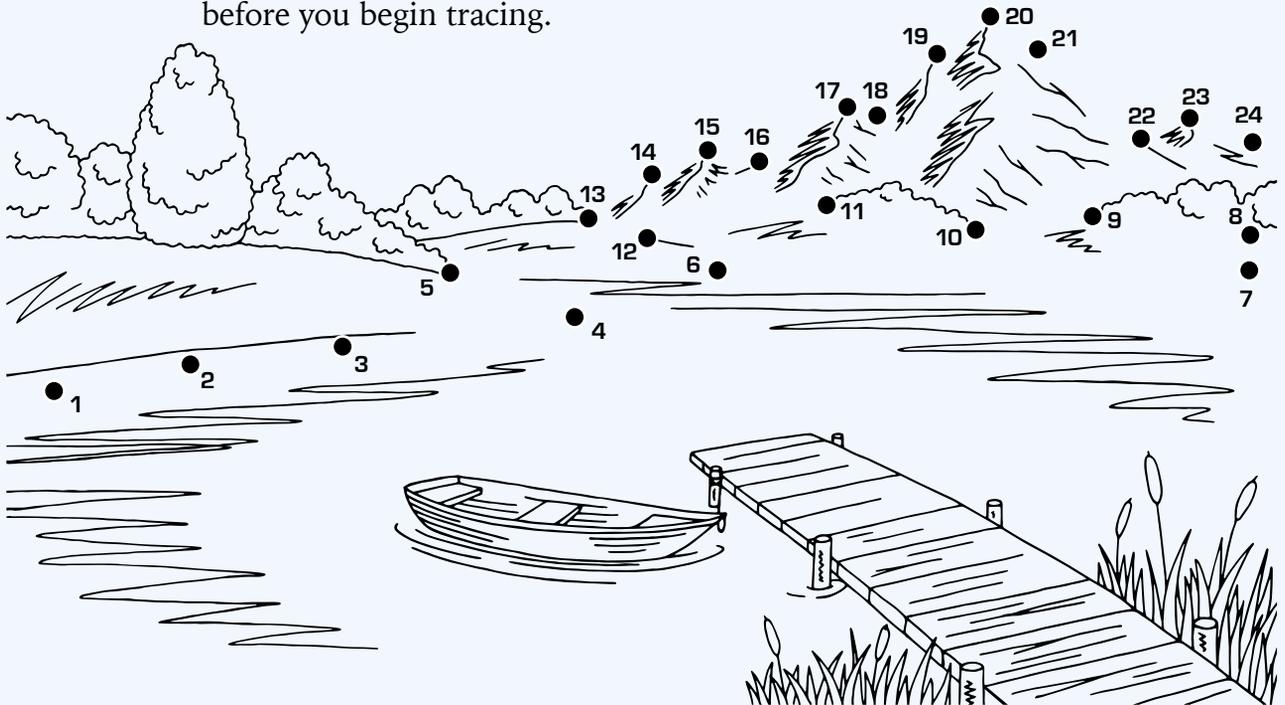


“ I really love mountain lakes. I think one of the most beautiful mountain lakes is in Yellowstone National Park and is called Yellowstone Lake. It has good fishing, as the lake has native cutthroat trout. When I was younger, my parents took us to Yellowstone National Park. I think it is one of the most amazing places and displays God’s beautiful creation everywhere you look. Psalms 104:8–11 says, “The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills; they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.” These verses make me think about how God’s natural design is truly remarkable. Do you live near any mountains or lakes? If so, do you enjoy them? ”



Gear Up!

Complete the dot-to-dot below. Try to use only your eyes to follow the dots before you begin tracing.

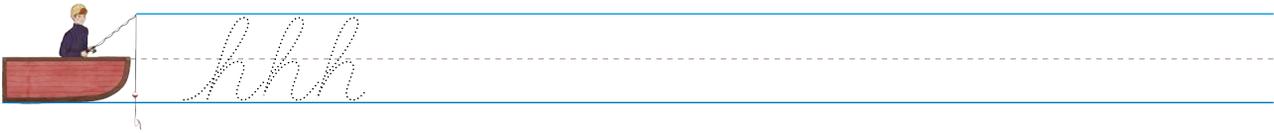
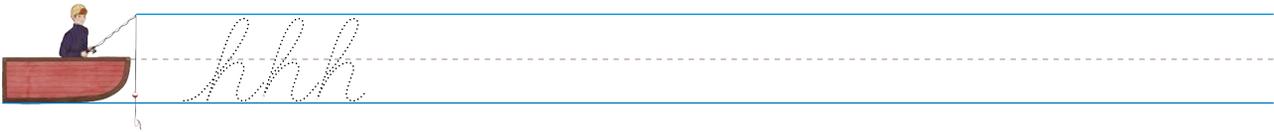




Lowercase h: The lowercase cursive h is similar to a lowercase cursive k. Begin at the **waterline**, slant forward and up toward the **pole line**. Then loop back and straight down to the **waterline** as you swim straight back up and over to the **boat line**, then swim out.



Trace then write three lowercase h's. Remember to connect each h to the next without lifting your pencil.



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