

WRITING PRACTICE

If this book is your first experience writing italic, continue to trace the models before copying.

1 We use the 26 letters of our alphabet

2 W

3 daily in reading and writing, but seldom

4 d

5 are we aware of their beginnings.

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The body height is now 1mm less (4mm) than on previous pages.

7 The word ALPHABET

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¹fr ²fi
You may connect fr and fi.

9 comes from the Greek

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11 names of the first two

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13 letters of their alpha-

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15 bet, ALPHA and BETA.

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CHECKLIST
 ___ shape
 ___ size
 ___ slope
 ___ spacing

17 Some time before 1,300 B.C., the Phoeni-

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19 cian alphabet was brought to Greece.

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

















21 The Greeks added vowels to the alphabet.

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SELF-ASSESSMENT: Are you beginning *ā ā ḡ ḡ ċ ċ* with a horizontal line? 4mm
 Are you ending *ḃ ḃ* with a horizontal line?

• THE PHOENICIAN ALPHABET •
 about 2,000 BC

Many historians feel we can thank the Phoenicians for the beginning of our alphabet. It is thought that their alphabet of 22 letters* was developed from Egyptian hieroglyphs. The Phoenicians used all of their symbols as consonants.

						
A	B	C and G	D	E	F, V and Y	H
						
I	J came later, as did U and W	K	L	M	N	O
						
P	Q	R	S	T	X	Z

Can you translate this? **
 + 𐤀𐤁𐤂𐤃𐤄𐤅𐤆𐤇𐤈𐤉𐤊𐤋𐤌𐤍𐤎𐤏𐤐𐤑𐤒

All of those who came in touch with the Phoenicians borrowed their alphabet and changed it to suit their own needs.

* ⊕ (th) and 𐤀 (ts) complete the 22 symbols.

** The Phoenicians wrote from right to left.

JOIN 8: *aa ac ad ag aq as* **DIAGONAL TO HORIZONTAL**
 Join with a diagonal line blending into the horizontal beginning strokes of *a, c, d, g, q,* and *s*.

aa ad *aa ad ca ea ed da dd ha ia id ka*

Trace and copy. *aa*

la ld ma na nd ua ud za Shalonda

ag aq *ag aq eg eq ig iq ng ug uq Quang*

ac *ac cc ec ic uc Vic Alice Michael*

as *as cs ds es hs is ks ls ms ns us zs*

Joins 7 & 8 *sa sc ss ba pa ps Lissa Barbara*

1
LOOK at your writing.

Are your *a, c, d, g, q,* and *s* flat on top? *aa* (AVOID *aa* or *aa*)


All joins are used here.

2
PLAN how to make the joins look more like the models.

CHECKLIST
 ___ shape
 ___ size
 ___ slope
 ___ spacing

3
PRACTICE the joins which need more work.

Our word "pen" is from the Latin word for feather—"penna."

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18 _____ 4mm

• PENS •


 The first pens were cut from reeds.


 Later, flight feathers of geese or swans were used.

Quills were the primary pen used for writing on parchment and paper until the 19th century.