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Improving your Handwriting



Why is good handwriting important?



- Are you proud of your handwriting, or are you embarrassed by it?
- Can you think of any ways in which your handwriting could be better?
- Why do you think it is important to have good handwriting?

Good handwriting is important because if your teachers cannot read what you have written, they will not be able to mark your work! If your handwriting is poor, it is also difficult for people to tell if your spelling is correct.



Press on the handwriting problem shown.

What are some typical handwriting problems? Identify the problem with each piece of handwriting and then press the answer of your choice.

Press **start** to begin.

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Handwriting problems

Typical handwriting problems include:

writing slopes in different directions

writing too far from the margin

putting uneven spaces between words

making lower case letters the same size as capitals

using capital letters incorrectly

not resting writing on the lines

writing letters in inconsistent sizes

not forming letters properly

printing letters rather than using cursive.

Analyze a piece of your own handwriting to see if you can identify any of these common problems.

You should aim for your handwriting to be:

- **FLUENT** (it should flow easily)
- **LEGIBLE** (it should be clear and easy to read)
- **MAINTAINED UNDER SPEED** (it should hold up under the pressure of a test).

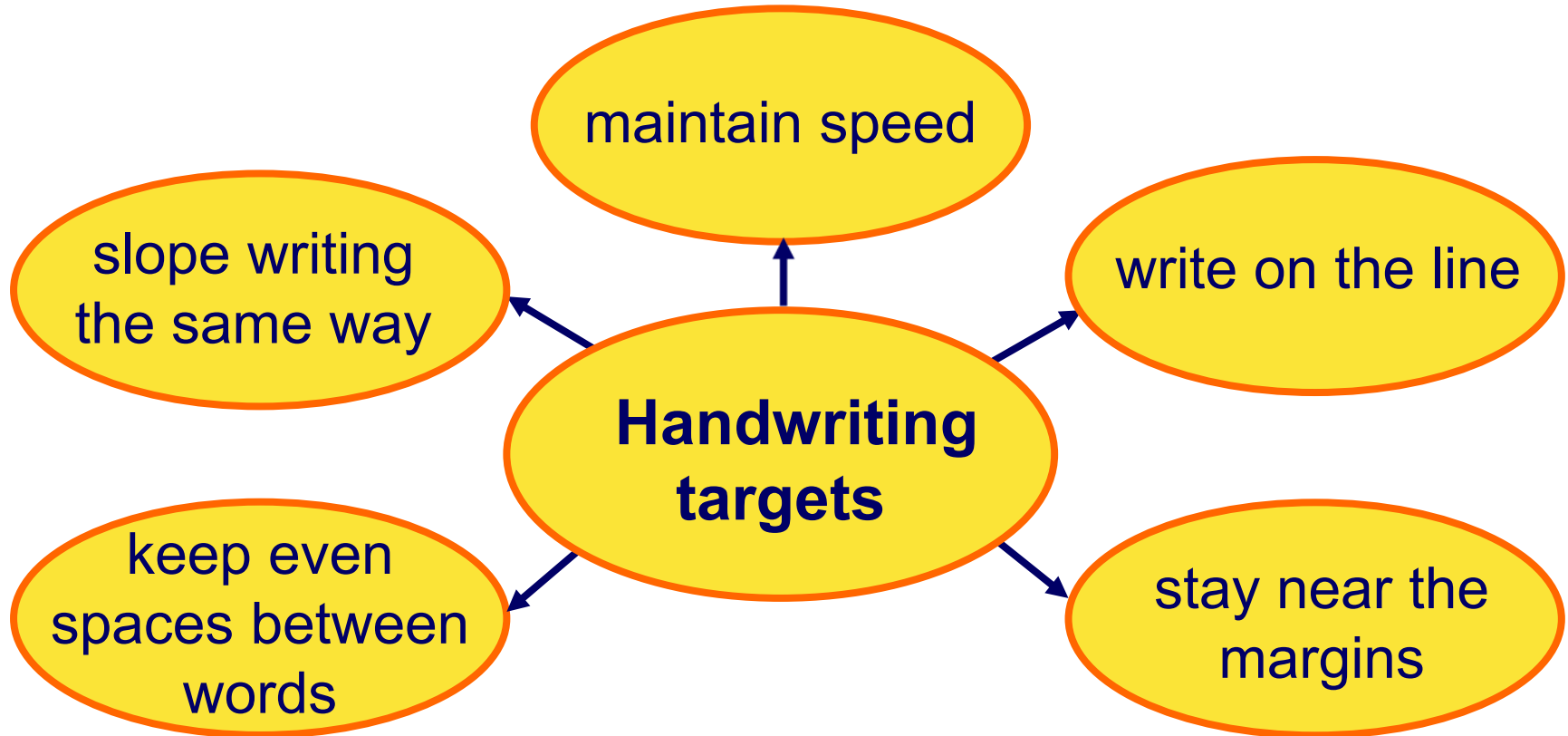


Here are some tips to help you improve your handwriting:

- Think about your sitting position and posture when you write – don't lean heavily on your arm.
- Relax your fingers; move the pen with your wrist and forearm rather than your fingers.
- Make sure you use a pen that feels comfortable.



Once you have identified problems in your handwriting, you can set some **targets** for improvement.



Set yourself three targets for improving your handwriting.

Typing versus writing

These days, most students use computers to produce final drafts of their work.

Do you prefer to write your work by hand, or type it on the computer?



Can you think of one advantage and one disadvantage of each method?



Type or write?



Team quiz

