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STAGE 4 · ENGLISH · HANDWRITING PACK

Handwriting

Ruled lines, a model to copy, and the particular things to look at while your child is copying them.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- Before the pencil moves
- Joining letters
- What to look at
- Words to copy
- Sentences to copy
- Your own writing

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No answers at the back. There is nothing here to mark.

Written for a parent teaching at home. No training assumed, and nothing else to buy.

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What to look at



WHAT TO LOOK AT, IN THIS ORDER

The curriculum asks for writing that is legible and consistent, and names two things in particular: that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equally spaced, and that lines of writing are far enough apart that the tails below one line do not run into the tops of the next.

So look at those two first, before anything else. Hold the page at arm's length. Do the downstrokes all lean the same way? Are the gaps between them even?

Then: are the small letters all the same height? Do the tall letters reach the top line? Do the tails go below the line and no further? Is the gap between words about the width of one finger?

Mark one of these at a time. A child told five things at once fixes none of them.

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Words to copy

From the statutory spelling list for your year, so the handwriting practice is spelling practice as well.



accident

actual

address

answer

appear

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Sentences to copy

Copy each one underneath. Read it first, so you are writing a sentence and not a row of letters.



Later that day, the water reached the door.

A camel can walk for days without a drink.

The carpenter picked up two lengths of timber.

Every bucket drawn since then has fitted the same groove.

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SAMPLE PAGES

You have read a few pages. The pack is longer.

What you are holding is a short sample, taken from different parts of the pack so that you can see how a week is planned and what a child is actually asked to do, before you decide.

The complete pack, and the rest of the academic materials, are on our website: schemes of work for a parent teaching at home, and practice packs for the skills children get stuck on.

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Members of the homeschool community do not buy these. If you have joined the community, the pack for the term you are working on is given to you at no cost.

Our Islamic Education classes are free. These packs are part of what pays the teachers who teach them.