Handwriting

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

In Year Two children learn how to join letters. We use the Nelson Handwriting Scheme.

The joining groups divide the letters according to how they will join to other letters.

Group 1
a c d e h i k l m n n s t u

Thirteen letters with exit flicks plus s

Group 2
a c d e g i j m n o p q r s u v w x y

Nineteen letters which start at the top of the x height

Group 3
b f h k l t

Six letters which start at the top of the ascender

Group 4
f o r v w
Five letters which finish at the top of the x height

There are eight letters after which no join is made.

These are called break letters.

b g j p q x y z

The joins.

The first join is group 1 letters to group 2 - in am
The second join is group 1 letters to group 3 - ab ch
The third join is group 4 letters to group 2 - ou wo
The fourth join is group 4 letters to group 3 - wh ob

There are eight letters after which no join is made.

We are beginning to teach the joins.

Please find attached a range of handwriting sheets for Year 2. Each sheet focuses on a different aspect of handwriting e.g. different types of joins, letters, breaks etc.

Feel free to print the sheets off to complete and practise at home.

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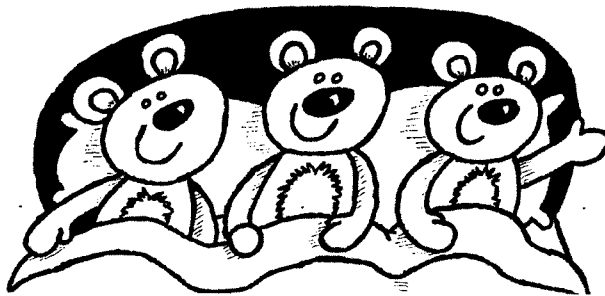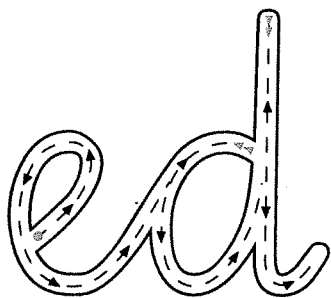
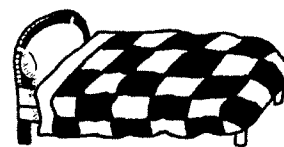## A. Trace and write the pattern and the letters.

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ed ed

le le

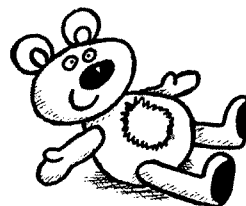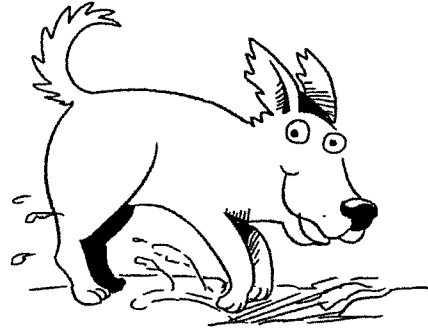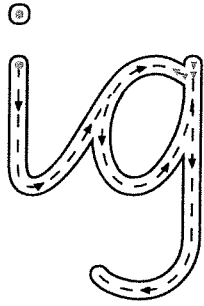te te

B. Trace and write the words.

bed bed

led led

ted ted

Diagonal join to Set 1 letters

Name _____ Date _____

ig

A Trace and write the pattern and the letters.

icic icic
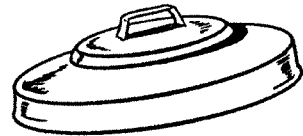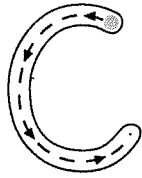
id id

ig ig

iu iu

B Trace and write the words.

lid lid

dig dig

Stig Stig

Diagonal join to Set 1 and 2 letters

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C

A Trace and write the pattern and the letters.

icic icic

ice ice

ace ace

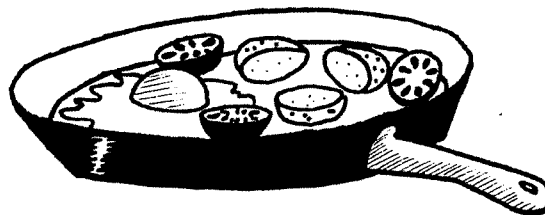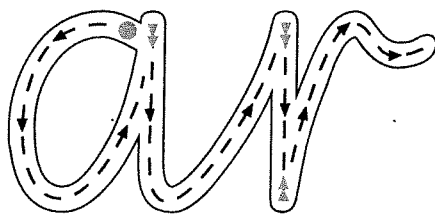cer cer

B Trace and write the words.

mice mice

nice nice

rice rice

price price

RICE

Practising joining to and from the letter c

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A Trace and write the pattern and the words.

ululu ululu

an an

B Trace and write the words.

can can

nan nan

man man

tan tan
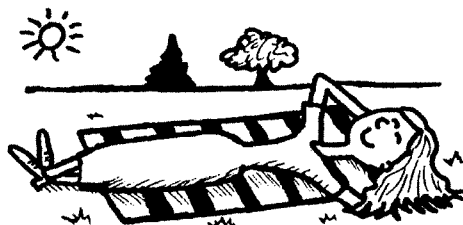
pan pan

Diagonal join to Set 3 letters

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aw

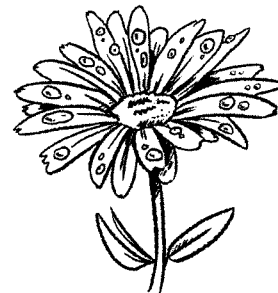**A** Trace and write the pattern and the letters.

ww ww
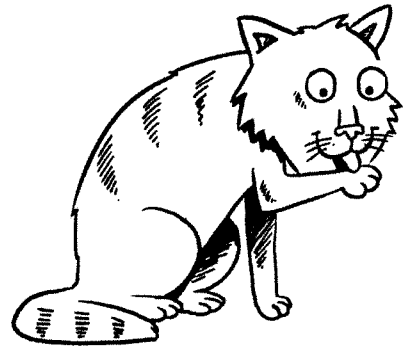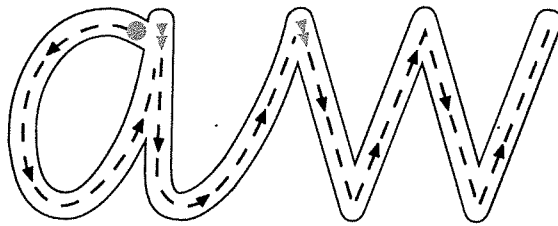
aw aw

ew ew

ex ex

B Trace and write the words.

paw paw

saw saw

dew dew

new new

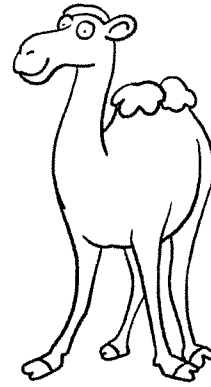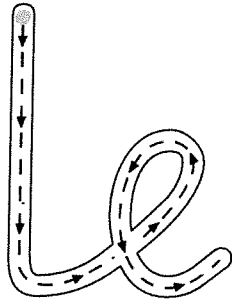**Diagonal join to Set 4 letters**

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le

A Trace and write the pattern and the letters.
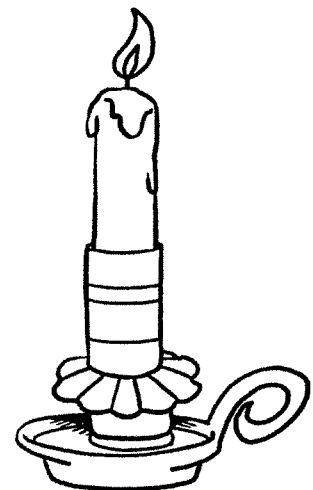
lelele lelele

le le

el el

al al

B Trace and write the words.

candle

handle

camel

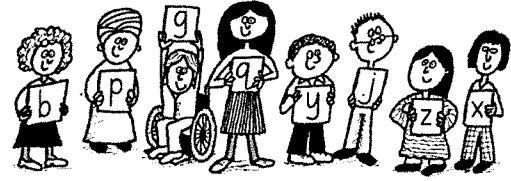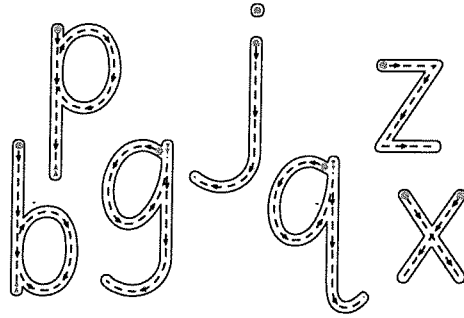petal

Practising the diagonal join

Name _____ Date _____

Trace and write the letters.

b b

p p
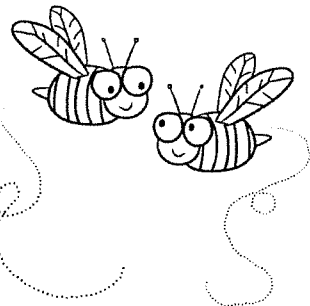
g g

q q

y y
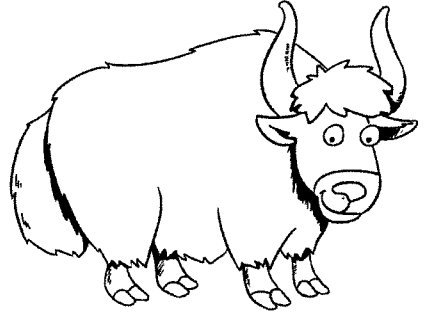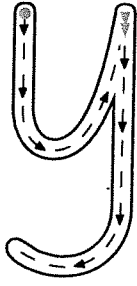
j j

z z

x x

Introducing break letters

Name _____ Date _____

y

A Trace and write the letters.

b b   p p

g g   q q

y y   j j
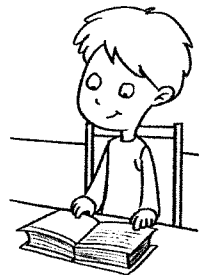
x x   z z

B Trace and write the words.

boy

enjoy

join

point

good

book

Practising break letters

Name _____ Date _____

A Trace and write the words.

tail tale

sail sale

pail pale

mail male

B Use a dictionary to choose the correct homophone.
Trace and write the sentences below.

The gecko had a long (tale/tail)

Hayley asked if the tortoise was for (sail/sale)

He turned (pale/pail) as the snake slid past

Practising joining to the top

Book 2

Name _____ Date _____

A Trace and write the words.

see   meet

week   feet

tee   leek

seem   flee

reed   been

peel   reel

B Change the *ee* in each word above to *ea*. Write the new words.
The first one has been done for you.

sea

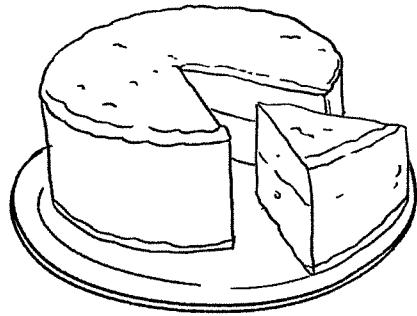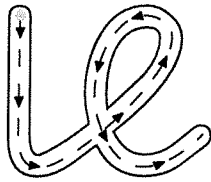**C** Write a sentence containing the words *sea* and *see*.

Practising the join from the letter e

Book 2

Focus

Name _____ Date _____

ie

A Trace and write the pattern and the letters.

ieie ieie
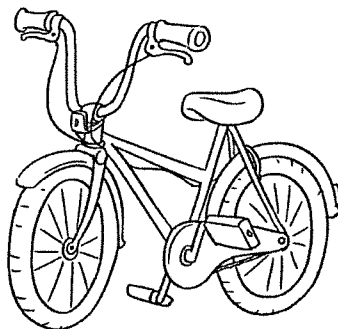
ieie

B Trace and write the words and the sentence.

is is

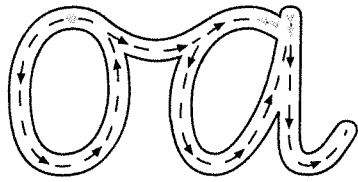bike bike

I asked why my bike is white

Practising joining from the letter i

Name _____ Date _____

A Trace and write the pattern and the letters.

ooo   ooo

oa oa

ow ow

oe oe

B Trace and write the words.

load load

road road

toad toad
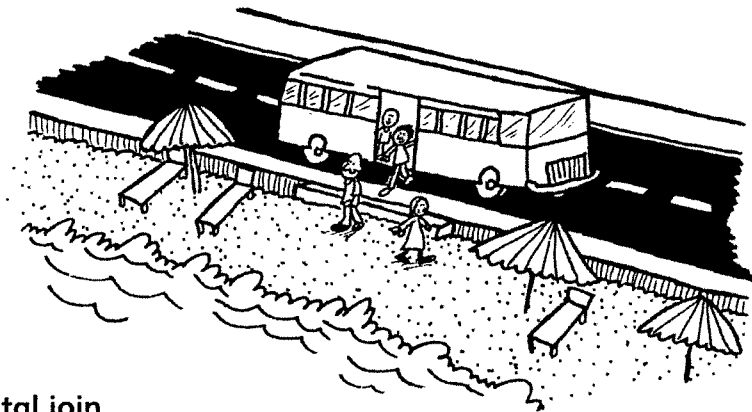
Practising the horizontal join

Book 2

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kn wh
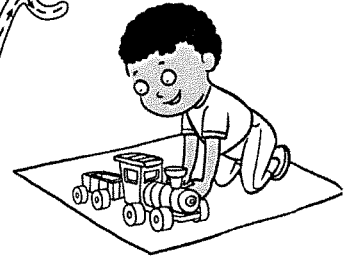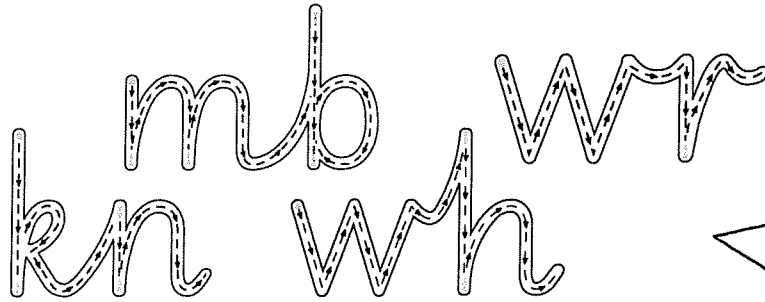
A Trace and write the pattern and the letters.

eee eee

el el

ay ay

oc oc

ot ot

B Trace and write the words.

knee knee

kneel kneel

knock knock
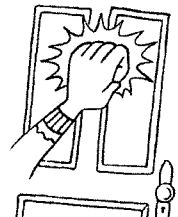
Reviewing the four handwriting joins

Book 2

Name _____ Date _____

A Trace and write the words.

ball hall

also almost

usual capital

B Trace and copy the poem.

There once was a man of Bengal

Who was asked to a fancy dress ball,

He murmured "I'll risk it and go as a biscuit"

But a dog ate him up in the hall.

Anonymous

Practising joining to ascenders

Book 2