

# Y2 Handwriting Joins

KS1 Y2 English · Follows the national curriculum

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## 1. Worked example

### Join 'in'

Step 1 · Write i, finishing with a little flick at the bottom

i

Step 2 · Keep your pencil on the page and slide up diagonally  
to the top of where n starts

Step 3 · Write n, then dot the i at the end

in

**Answer: in, with a diagonal join**

Check: Dot the i and cross the t after you finish the whole word.

## 2. Now try one with the steps

### Join 'on'

Step 1 · Write o. It finishes at the top

Step 2 · Go straight across, like a washing line

Step 3 · Then down into n

**Answer:**

## 3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Is 'l' a tall letter, a small letter or a tail letter?

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2. Is 'c' a tall letter, a small letter or a tail letter?

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3. Is 'j' a tall letter, a small letter or a tail letter?

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4. Write all the tail letters: g, j, p, q and one more.

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5. Are capital letters tall or small?

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6. Which four letters finish at the top and use a horizontal join?

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7. Should you join a capital letter to the next letter?

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8. When do you dot the i and cross the t in a joined word?

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9. Which kind of join is in 'it': diagonal or horizontal?

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10. Which kind of join is in 're': diagonal or horizontal?

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11. Write the word 'cat' using joined handwriting.

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12. Write the word 'look' using joined handwriting.

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13. Copy in your best handwriting: 'The fox ran up the hill.'

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14. How big should the space between two words be?

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#### 4. Before you hand it in

##### **Making small letters the same height letters: 'a' as 'd'.**

Small letters sit between the lines. Only tall letters reach up.

**Using capital letters in the middle of words: 'mY bAg'.**

Write the whole word in small letters unless it needs a capital.

**Joining from the bottom of o, r, v or w.**

Use a horizontal 'washing line' join: on, re, we.

**Leaving huge gaps, or no gaps, between words.**

Leave a space about the size of the letter o.