

Y3 Handwriting Joins

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1. Worked example

Join the word 'mum'

Step 1 · m to u

m finishes at the bottom → diagonal join up to u

Step 2 · u to m

u finishes at the bottom → diagonal join up to m

Answer: Two diagonal joins: m ↗ u ↗ m

Check: Your pencil should stay on the paper for the whole word.

2. Now try one with the steps

Join the word 'own'

Step 1 · o to w

Step 2 · w to n

Answer:

3. Practice

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

1. What are the two main kinds of join?

2. Which letters usually make a horizontal join to the next letter?

3. Which join goes from i to n?

4. Which join goes from o to n?

5. Do we join capital letters to the next letter?

6. Which join goes from c to h?

7. Which join goes from w to h?

8. Name two tall letters (with ascenders).

9. Name two letters with tails (descenders).

10. Why must ascenders and descenders not touch the lines above and below?

11. Write the word 'hill' in joined handwriting. Which joins did you use?

12. Write the word 'over' in joined handwriting. Which joins did you use?

13. Give one tip for making joined writing neat.

4. Before you hand it in

Joining from o with a diagonal join, so 'on' looks like 'an'.

Use a horizontal join from o, r, v and w.

Making letters different sizes when joining.

Short letters stay short and tall letters stay tall. Check the down strokes are parallel.

Joining every word together with no spaces.

Lift your pencil at the end of each word and leave a finger space.

Pressing hard and writing very fast.

Hold the pencil lightly and practise joins slowly first.