

Keys to Legibility

Cursive

All entries will be judged according to the
Keys to Legibility—Size, Shape, Spacing, and Slant.



The size is correct when all letters of the same size are even in height and rest on the baseline.

tall letters

b d f h k l t

short letters

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

little



The cursive letters are made up of four basic strokes.

slant

undercurve

downcurve

overcurve

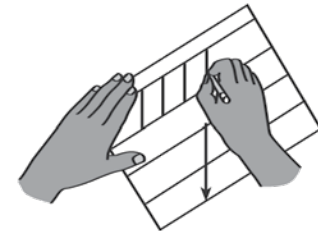
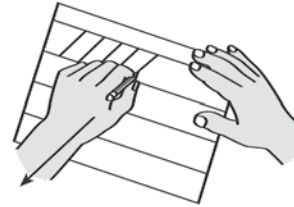


Cursive letters should have a forward slant. Correct slant is achieved by **positioning the paper correctly, pulling the downstrokes in the proper direction, and shifting the paper as the writing line fills.**

Paper Position

left hand

right hand



Spacing between letters, words, and sentences should be even. Between letters in a word there should be just enough space for a minimum-sized oval. For uniform spacing between words, the beginning stroke should start near the ending stroke of the preceding word. A slanted line (45°) drawn from the endpoint of the last stroke to the baseline should touch both words. Allow enough space for an uppercase **O** between sentences and two uppercase **O**'s for the indentation of a paragraph.

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