

Flowing Letter Trails

Read a model text and practice clear cursive letter forms.

4.F.H.4 "Write Cursive: Use fine motor skills to form legible letters and words in cursive."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word or phrase that tells how to make cursive letters clear or readable.
Use the marked details to guide your own cursive writing.

Making Cursive Easy to Read

- ① When you write cursive, your pencil usually stays on the paper as letters flow into one another. Sit with both feet supported and rest your paper at a comfortable slant. Hold the pencil gently, not in a tight fist. Begin each word slowly. Smooth, steady strokes help readers tell one letter from the next, even in a quick note.
- ② Cursive letters need clear shapes. A lowercase a starts with an oval shape and a connecting stroke. A lowercase t rises taller than many lowercase letters, then receives a short cross stroke. Leave spaces between words so they do not run together. If a letter looks crowded or shaky, pause, erase if needed, and write it again with careful control.
- ③ Before handing in a cursive page, check your work like a reader. Can you see where every word begins and ends? Are the tall letters, such as l and h, easy to recognize? Look for letters that dip below the line, including g and y. A neat page does not have to be perfect, but it should be easy for someone else to read.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 In cursive, copy the sentence that tells how to hold your pencil.

2 Write a lowercase cursive a. Then write the two parts the passage names for making it.

3 Write a lowercase cursive t. Add the stroke the passage says it needs.

4 In cursive, copy the two tall letters and the two dipping letters named in the last paragraph.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two cursive sentences about a place you enjoy outdoors. Use at least one tall letter, such as l or h, at least one dipping letter, such as g or y, and clear spaces between words.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each word or phrase that tells how to make cursive letters clear or readable. Use the marked details to guide your own cursive writing. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In cursive, copy the sentence that tells how to hold your pencil.	Hold the pencil gently, not in a tight fist.
2	Write a lowercase cursive a. Then write the two parts the passage names for making it.	An oval shape and a connecting stroke.
3	Write a lowercase cursive t. Add the stroke the passage says it needs.	A short cross stroke.
4	In cursive, copy the two tall letters and the two dipping letters named in the last paragraph.	Tall letters: l, h. Dipping letters: g, y.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I like hiking along the leafy trail. My dog plays by the shady pond.

Accept legible cursive letter forms, connected strokes where appropriate, and clear word spacing. For the open task, accept any two original sentences about an outdoor place that include a tall letter and a dipping letter.