

Cursive Clue Sort

Decide which writing clues make cursive easy or hard to read.

4.2.C “write legibly in cursive to complete assignments.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

EASY TO READ

Cursive in this group is clear enough for another reader to understand without guessing.

The cursive word “sunshine” can be read right away.

HARD TO READ

Cursive in this group is difficult for another reader to understand. It needs changes to become clear.

In the cursive word “airplane,” several letters cannot be recognized.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each cursive-writing clue, then circle READABLE or UNCLEAR.

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| 1. The word garden has clear letter shapes. | ☐ READABLE | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 2. The word school has letters piled on top of each other. | ☐ READABLE | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 3. A sentence begins far above the writing line. | ☐ READABLE | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 4. The words in a note have spaces between them. | ☐ READABLE | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 5. The letters in the name Maya are easy to tell apart. | ☐ READABLE | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 6. The word pencil has a tiny loop that looks like a dot. | ☐ READABLE | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 7. The word basket is written with letters that have the same clear size. | ☐ READABLE | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 8. The word music has evenly shaped letters from beginning to end. | ☐ READABLE | ☐ UNCLEAR |

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PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

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MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new cursive word or sentence that is READABLE and one new description of cursive writing that is UNCLEAR.

READABLE _____

UNCLEAR _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence cursive note that a classmate can read easily. Use clear letter shapes, spaces, and writing lines.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The word garden has clear letter shapes.	READABLE	Clear letter shapes make the word legible.
2	The word school has letters piled on top of each other.	UNCLEAR	Overlapping letters are difficult to read.
3	A sentence begins far above the writing line.	UNCLEAR	Poor line placement makes cursive less legible.
4	The words in a note have spaces between them.	READABLE	Spaces help a reader tell where one word ends and the next begins.
5	The letters in the name Maya are easy to tell apart.	READABLE	Distinct letters make the name legible.
6	The word pencil has a tiny loop that looks like a dot.	UNCLEAR	A letter part that looks like a different mark can confuse the reader.
7	The word basket is written with letters that have the same clear size.	READABLE	Consistent letter size helps keep cursive legible.
8	The word music has evenly shaped letters from beginning to end.	READABLE	Even, recognizable letter shapes make the word easy to read.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **READABLE:** The cursive word "candle" is easy to read.
- **UNCLEAR:** The word "turtle" has letters that cover one another.

Challenge: I saved you a seat at lunch. Please sit with me today.

Part 2 answers will vary. Students should connect each chosen clue to whether the cursive would be easy or difficult to read, and Part 3 writing should show accurate category understanding.