

Pencil Path Practice

Trace manuscript forms and keep spaces between words.

1.FFW.1 "Handwriting Use functional pencil grasp for letter formation. Accurately and automatically form all capital and lowercase letters and numbers using manuscript letter formation..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 TRACE FORMS

B

b

6

2 SPACE WORDS

I c a n

w e h o p

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each part aloud and model a functional pencil grasp before students begin. Watch for a pencil held between the thumb and index finger, supported by the middle finger, along with clear manuscript strokes and visible spaces between words.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • TRACE FORMS

SAY “Can you pinch your pencil between your thumb and pointer finger, let it rest on your tall finger, and trace each gray mark? Can you make each mark on its own?”

- Box 1: **B**
- Box 2: **b**
- Box 3: **6**

PART 2 • SPACE WORDS

SAY “Can you trace the gray words in each box? Can you leave the blank space you see between the two words?”

- Box 1: **I can**
- Box 2: **we hop**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Accept recognizable manuscript B, b, and 6 with strokes that are reasonably formed for grade 1. In each phrase, accept letters that are readable and a clear blank space between the two words; observe pencil grasp while students work.