

Cursive Letter Paths

Read a writing model and notice how cursive letters are formed.

3.FFW.1.B “Write capital and lowercase letters of the alphabet using correct letter formation in cursive.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB In the third paragraph, underline the capital letters in “Mia” and “Reno.” Circle every lowercase letter in those same two words to notice the different letter forms.

Nia’s Careful Note

- ① At the library, Nia opens her cursive notebook before writing a thank-you note. Cursive letters flow together, but each letter still needs a clear shape. She sits with both feet on the floor and tilts her paper a little. Her pencil makes light, smooth strokes instead of dark, scratchy marks. She leaves spaces between words too.
- ② For a capital letter, Nia begins at the top line and makes a tall shape. She returns to the baseline with a smooth stroke. For a lowercase letter, she usually begins near the middle line and keeps the shape smaller. She checks that tall letters reach the top line and that all letters rest on the baseline.
- ③ Next, Nia writes the words “Mia,” “sun,” and “Reno” in her notebook. She uses a capital letter at the beginning of a word that names a person or a place. The rest of each word uses lowercase letters. Nia reads her work slowly. If a letter is hard to recognize, she erases it and writes the shape again.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Write the cursive capital letter that begins Nia's name.

2 Write the three lowercase cursive letters in "sun."

3 Copy "Mia" in cursive. Make the first letter capital and the other letters lowercase.

4 Write a cursive capital R, the first letter of Reno. Which two lines guide its height?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose four different letters. Write each one as a cursive capital and lowercase pair, such as a capital form and its matching lowercase form. Then write one word in cursive that uses one of your letter pairs.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

In the third paragraph, underline the capital letters in “Mia” and “Reno.” Circle every lowercase letter in those same two words to notice the different letter forms. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the cursive capital letter that begins Nia’s name.	Cursive capital N.
2	Write the three lowercase cursive letters in “sun.”	Cursive lowercase s, u, and n.
3	Copy “Mia” in cursive. Make the first letter capital and the other letters lowercase.	Mia, written in cursive with a capital M and lowercase i and a.
4	Write a cursive capital R, the first letter of Reno. Which two lines guide its height?	Cursive capital R. It begins at the top line and returns to the baseline.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A a, M m, R r, S s, all written in cursive. Sam.

Accept legible cursive capital and lowercase letter pairs with clear, recognizable shapes. In the word, accept a capital letter when it begins a name or sentence and lowercase letters for the remaining letters.