

Traditional Cursive ⑥

Practice

Old Style Zaner-Bloser Copperplate

5/6+ Copying with Mingled Tails and Talls 0.6 cm

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Falls and Tails

Have you noted that, in typed pages, the bottoms of long letters do not tangle with the tops of tall letters? Check these out:

abcdefghijklmno pqrstuvwxyz

gj pq yz

abcdefghijklmno pqrstuvwxyz

bf hkl hkl

As with type-writers, word processors, using the return key, set the next line of type far enough below the line above so that the descenders (tails) don't tangle with the ascenders (talls).

That is why this pair of guidelines below has a blank space between them.

Q: What do you call a cat who drinks lemonade?

A: A sourpuss!



But the workbooks and binder-paper that you must buy do not have that handy space between lines. This booklet gives you practice in writing on paper where you have to mingle dangling descenders and rising ascenders. It looks like this:

Q: What do you call a cat who drinks lemonade?

A: A sourpuss!

You may trace the sample poem first before you copy it. That will help you to feel how the letters are shifted left or right to accommodate the tails hanging down.

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abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz



The Rainbow

My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky.
So it was when my life began;
So is it now I am a man,
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!
The Child is father of the Man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural
piety.

-William Wordsworth

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ

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Blank handwriting practice lines for copying the poem.

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abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz



The Daffodils

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales
and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of yellow daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the
breeze.

-William Wordsworth

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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Blank handwriting practice lines for the poem 'The Daffodils'.