

# Joined handwriting guidance

Rule	Example
Capital letters do not join.	London Wales SCOTLAND
Most joins are called diagonal joins and these go from bottom left to top right.	ab ai al aj ak ac il id ih ip ed ef eh el mo ni po gh ld br
Some letters are joined with horizontal joins and these go straight across the page, level with the page lines. These letters are o, r n w.	Check joins with e s: oe os re rs ne ns we ws
o: horizontal o joins:	oa oc od oe of og oi om on oo os ov ow oy oz
n, w: horizontal n and w joins:	na ne ni no ns nu ny wa we wi wo ws wu wy
r: r is a special joining letter and needs lots of practice.	ra rc rd re rf rg ri rm rn ro rp rs ru rv rw
For horizontal joined letters to tall letters, go along the line and then up vertically.	ob oh ok ol rl rh wh wk wl
t: t is not small or tall. It crosses on the line. Join all the letters in words with t in and then cross the t. If tt together, cross with one line.	rt ts ot et tt
f: f starts on the line but finishes level with the line.	fa fe fl fo fr fs fy
x: join the lead-in line to all letters then cross the x at the end (like t).	xo xe
q: join q from its tail to u.	qu