Cursive Writing Practice Jokes & Riddles

40+ Reproducible Practice Pages That Motivate Kids to Improve Their Cursive Writing

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Introduction

Welcome to *Cursive Writing Practice: Jokes & Riddles*! In the hustle and bustle of a hectic school day, cursive writing often gets short shrift. With reading, writing, math, science, and social studies to learn, few students have the time or inclination to perfect the fine art of the loop-the-loop. What a shame! Clear cursive writing is one of the best tools available to kids for efficient note taking and self-expression.

That’s where these lively practice pages come in! In as little as five minutes a day, you can spur students to spruce up their cursive writing. Just reproduce and pass out a page, then sit back and watch kids move their pencils with levity and care. Why? Because the simple act of rewriting an amusing joke or riddle motivates them to master the shape, size, spacing, slant, and curve of model script.

And here’s more good news: The completed practice pages can be quickly bound into instant joke-and-riddle books to share with family and friends. Can you think of a cooler way to showcase a child’s carefully crafted script? I can’t.

Read on to discover more tips for using this resource to improve your students’ cursive writing and, in so doing, their essential communication skills.

Your partner in education,

Violet Findley
Using This Resource

This book has been designed for easy use. Before embarking on the joke and riddle pages, it’s a good idea to review the basics. Do so by distributing the upper- and lowercase practice pages to students. These sheets include arrows showing the standard way to form each letter in cursive. As students complete these pages, circulate around the room looking for writing “red flags”—that is, kids who are forming their letters in nonstandard ways. If you notice an error, approach the student and model standard formation. This will help students rewire their cursive writing habits, which will improve both the clarity and speed of their printing down the road.

Once students have reviewed the basics, they’re ready to enjoy the joke and riddle pages. These pages can be reproduced in any sequence you choose. Here are some simple routines for sharing them:

**Cursive Writing Starters** Place a practice page on each student’s desk to complete first thing in the morning.

**Cursive Writing Center** Stock a table with a “practice page of the day” for students to complete independently.

**Cursive Writing Homework** Send home a page each night for students to complete in addition to the rest of their homework.

**Cursive Writing Folders** Create personal cursive writing folders filled with photocopies of the pages for students to complete at their own pace.

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**Making a Joke & Riddle Booklet**

Once students have completed their pages, they can follow these simple directions to make personal booklets. Note: The booklets can comprise as many pages as you like. They need not include every page.

1. Cut the pages along the dashed lines, discarding the top portions.

2. Optional: Photocopy the blank booklet sheet on page 47 to add original jokes and riddles to the booklet.

3. Photocopy the booklet cover on page 48.

4. Place the booklet cover on top of the stacked pages in any order you choose.

5. Staple the book along the left-hand side.

6. Color the booklet covers and interior pages.

7. Share the booklet with family and friends.

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**Meeting the 2–5 Language Arts Standards**

**Standard 3. Uses grammatical and mechanical conventions in written compositions**

- Writes in Cursive

**Source:** Content Knowledge: A Compendium of Standards and Benchmarks for PreK–12 Education (4th Edition) (Mid-Continent Regional Educational Laboratory, 2004)
Use your best cursive writing to copy each letter below.

Tip! Use the arrows to guide you in forming each letter.

An envelope has only one letter in it.

What's an eight-letter word that has only one letter in it?

An envelope!
Practice Page

Name ____________________________________________

a b c d e f g h i j k l m
m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Use your best cursive writing to copy each letter below.

Tip! Use the arrows to guide you in forming each letter.

Bonus Chuckle!

What word is always spelled incorrectly?
“Incorrectly”!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

boy

homework

teacher

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why did the boy eat up all of his homework? Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake!

Tip: Check your SIZE. Is each of your letters the right height and resting neatly on the line?

Bonus Chuckle!

What school supply is always sleepy? A nap-sack!
Practice Page

Name

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

Cinderella

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Cinderella's social pumpkin

Why did Cinderella have watered-angle accent?

Because her coach was just a pumpkin!

Someday my prints didn't arrive?

What did Cinderella say when her photos?

"Someday my prints will come!"

Tip! Check your SLANT. Do all your letters slant in the same direction?

Bonus!

Chuckle!

What did Cinderella say when her photos didn't arrive?

"Someday my prints will come!"

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Name ________________________________

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

white
black
zebra

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What is black and white and spins around?
A zebra stuck in a revolving door!

Tip! Check your SHAPE. Are all of your letters the right shape and closed where they should be?

Bonus Chuckle!

Why can’t elephants ever get rich?
Because they work for peanuts!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

computer
squeak
mouse

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why did the computer squeak? Because someone accidentally stepped on its mouse!

Tip! Check your SPACING. Are all of your letters and words evenly spaced?

Bonus Chuckle!

What did the baby computer call his father? Data!
Name ________________________________

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

monster
werewolf
mummy

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What should you do if you find yourself in a room with a monster, werewolf, and mummy? Stop imagining!

Tip!
Check your SMOOTHNESS. Do all of your letters have the same line thickness?

Bonus Chuckle!
What do you call a very smart monster?
Frank Einstein!

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Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

Clear your desk so you have room to write.

Tip!

Why did the golfer bring an extra pair of pants?

In case he got a hole in one!

Why did the golfer fight the course?

He wanted to improve his swing!

Why did the golfer sink his ball in the cup?

In case someone else got a hole in one!

Why did the golfer bring a ladder?

To reach the tee.

Why did the golfer bring a ladder?

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Why did the golfer put an elephant in the cup?

In case he got a hole in one!

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Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

Bonus Chuckle!

Why was six afraid of seven?

Because it had lots and lots of problems!

Why was the math book always so unhappy?

Because it had lots and lots of problems!

Tip! If you have to break a word at the end of the line, use a hyphen.

Practice Page
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

windows

ceiling

mushroom

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What room has no walls, no windows, no ceiling, no floor, and no door? A mushroom!

Tip! Practice your cursive writing a little each day.

Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!

Bonus Chuckle!

What stays in the corner, but goes all around the world?

A stamp!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

cat

yarn

mittens

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Did you hear what happened to the female cat that ate a big ball of yarn? She had a litter of mittens!

Bonus Chuckle!

Why are cats good at video games? Because they have nine lives!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

cross

jeans

encyclopedia

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What do you get when you cross a pair of blue jeans with an encyclopedia? A real smarty pants!

Tip! Always take your time and do your best.

Bonus Chuckle!

Where can a person always find money when they are looking for it?

The dictionary!
Tip! Check your size. Is each of your letters the right height and resting neatly on the line?

What has cities without houses, roads without cars, rivers without water, and forests without trees? A map!

Name: ____________________________

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

Cities  Rivers  Map
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

strawberry
nuta-baga
fight

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What do you call it when you see a strawberry punch a nuta-baga? A food fight!

What is the funniest kind of soda?
Joke-a-cola!

Tip! Check your SLANT. Do all your letters slant in the same direction?
Name ____________________________

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

President
standing
Because

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why did President George Washington always sleep standing up? Because he could never lie!

Tip! Check your SHAPE. Are all of your letters the right shape and closed where they should be?

What do you call a gorilla in a top hat? Ape-aham Lincoln!
Name __________________________________________

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

centipede

school

brother

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why was the centipede late for school? Because he was playing “this little piggy” with his baby brother.

Tip! Check your SPACING. Are all of your letters and words evenly spaced?

What’s worse than an alligator with a toothache?

A centipede with athlete’s foot!

Bonus Chuckle!
Tip! Check your SMOOTHNESS. Do all of your letters have the same line thickness?

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

giraffe  hedgehog  toothbrush

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What do you get when you cross a giraffe with a hedgehog? An extremely tall toothbrush!

What insect should never enter the boy's bathroom? A lady bug!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

climb
rocket
space

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why did Mickey Mouse climb inside a rocket and blast off into outer space? He wanted to find Pluto!

Tip! Clear your desk so you have room to write.

Bonus Chuckle!

What happens when Donald Duck flies upside down? He quacks up!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

bacon
toast
egg

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why did the bacon and toast begin to laugh?
Because the egg cracked an excellent yolk!

Bonus Chuckle!

What do you call cheese that does not belong to you?
Nacho cheese!

Tip! If you have to break a word at the end of the line, use a hyphen.
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

favorite
brand
Fruit

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What was King Tut’s favorite brand of underwear? Fruit of the Tomb!

What did King Tut say when he was scared?
I want my mummy!
Name

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

dinosaur

chicken

pecks

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What do you get when you cross a fierce dinosaur with a hungry chicken? A Tyrannosaurus pecks!

Tip! For extra practice, copy your favorite quotes in cursive.

Bonus Chuckle!

What's the best way to call a T rex?

Long distance!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

hippopotamus
car
them

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What’s harder than getting a hippopotamus into a compact car? Getting two of them into a compact car!

Tip! Always take your time and do your best.

Where did the hippo get his shot?
In the hippobottomus!
Practice Page 21

Name _____________________________

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

teacher  
bird  
conference

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why was the teacher carrying a big bag of bird seed? She was going to a parrot-teacher conference!

Tip! Check your size. Is each of your letters the right height and resting neatly on the line?

Bonus Chuckle!

Why did the teacher go to the beach? She wanted to test the water!

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Practice Page

Name __________________________________________________________________________

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

Atlantic
Pacific
waved

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What did the Atlantic Ocean say to the Pacific Ocean? Nothing, they both just waved!

Tip! Check your SLANT. Do all your letters slant in the same direction?

Bonus Chuckle!

What never gets wetter no matter how much it rains?
The sea!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

**teddy**

**bear**

**cake**

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What did the teddy bear say when he was offered a slice of cake? “No, thank you, I’m totally stuffed!”

**Tip!** Check your SHAPE. Are all of your letters the right shape and closed where they should be?

**Bonus Chuckle!** How did the teddy keep his house cool?

He used a bear conditioner!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

space
alien
weeder

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What did the space alien say to the flower bed?
Take me to your weeder!

Tip! Check your SPACING. Are all of your letters and words evenly spaced?

Bonus Chuckle!
Why did the Martian get a ticket?
Because he forgot to put money in the parking meteor!
Name ____________________________________________

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

lady

change

weather

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why did the lady stand outside with her purse open? She wanted to see if there was any change in the weather!

Tip!
Check your SMOOTHNESS. Do all of your letters have the same line thickness?

Bonus Chuckle!
Why did the lady put lipstick on her forehead?
She need to make up her mind!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

flamingos
stand
would

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why do flamingos lift one leg when they stand? If they lifted both legs, they would fall down!

Where does a peacock go if it loses its tail?
A re-tail store!

Tip! Clear your desk so you have room to write.
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

octopus
hold
hand

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus? I wanna hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand!

Tip! If you have to break a word at the end of the line, use a hyphen.

What do you call a fish with no eyes? Fsh!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

snowman

baby

crib

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What did the snowman and his wife hang over their new baby's crib? A snowmobile!

What do you call a snowman in the summer? A puddle!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

hen

ce ment

brick

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What do you get when you cross a hen with a cement mixer? A bricklayer!

Tip! For extra practice, copy your favorite quotes in cursive.

Bonus Chuckle!

What did the duck say when he dropped his dish?

“I hope it did not quack!”
Name

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

teacher

class

bright

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why did the teacher wear a pair of sunglasses when she entered the classroom? Because the kids were all so bright!

Bonus Chuckle!

Why did the boy bring a ladder to school? To get into high school!

Tip! Always take your time and do your best.
Tip! Check your size. Is each of your letters the right height and resting neatly on the line?

What do you call a fly with no wings?
A walk!

What seven letters did the boy say when he opened up the refrigerator?
“O U R M J"
Name ____________________________________________

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

basketball

drools

dribbles

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What is the difference between a beagle and a basketball player? One drools and the other dribbles!

Tip! Check your SLANT. Do all your letters slant in the same direction?

BonuS CHUckkE!

What kind of cats like to go bowling? Alley cats!
Name

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

carrots
rabbits
glasses

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?
Because you never see rabbits wearing glasses!

Tip! Check your SHAPE. Are all of your letters the right shape and closed where they should be?

Bonus Chuckle!
What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A Gummy Bear!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

black
white
skunk

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What is black and white and red all over? A baby skunk with a very bad case of diaper rash!

Tip! Check your SPACING. Are all of your letters and words evenly spaced?

What did the little porcupine say to the cactus?

“Is that you, Mommy?”
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

ball

team

around

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why did the soccer ball decide to quit the team?
It was sick and tired of being kicked around!

What should never be eaten after it is served?
A tennis ball!

Tip!
Check your SMOOTHNESS. Do all of your letters have the same line thickness?
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

eighteen
flies
baseball

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What has eighteen legs and loves to catch flies?
A baseball team!

Tip! Clear your desk so you have room to write.
Name ________________________________

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

green
leafy
Elvis

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What is green and leafy and likes to wiggle its hips when it sings? Elvis Parsley!

Tip! If you have to break a word at the end of the line, use a hyphen.

Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!
Name

Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

house
right
left

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

If the red house is on the right and the blue house is on the left, where is the white house? In Washington, D.C., of course!

Tip! Practice your cursive writing a little each day.

Bonus Chuckle!

What is the color of a burp? Burple!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

skeleton

dance

body

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

Why did the skeleton stay home from the dance?
Because he had no body to go with!

Tip! For extra practice, copy your favorite quotes in cursive.

Bonus Chuckle!

What do monsters order at McDonalds?
French frights!
Use your best cursive writing to copy the words.

pencil

circles

point

Use your best cursive writing to copy the sentences below.

What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?
Stop going around in circles and get to the point!

Tip! Always take your time and do your best.

Bonus Chuckle!
What school supply is king of the classroom?
The ruler!
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