

# Mastering Joined-Up Handwriting with Pip

*Learning objective: To practice consistent, legible joined-up handwriting while focusing on letter formation and spacing.*

Read the passage below carefully. Use your best cursive handwriting to copy the text onto the lines provided. Remember to keep your letters the same size and ensure your joins are smooth. Colour in the picture of Pip the caterpillar once you have finished your work.

Pip the caterpillar loves to read books in the garden. Each morning, Pip crawls across the emerald leaves to find a new story. Writing neatly helps Pip share ideas with friends. By keeping letters the same height and using smooth joins, your handwriting becomes a pleasure to read.

*Word bank: cursive · ascender · descender · horizontal join · diagonal join · consistent · legible*

**1. Why does Pip believe that writing neatly is important? (2 marks)**

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**2. Look at the word 'caterpillar' in the passage. Which letters are ascenders and which are descenders? (2 marks)**

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**3. What are two things you can do to make sure your handwriting is easy for others to read? (2 marks)**

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**4. Write a sentence of your own about a book you have enjoyed reading, using your best joined-up handwriting. (2 marks)**

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**5. Explain the difference between a diagonal join and a horizontal join. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** A friendly caterpillar named Pip wearing a tiny pair of glasses, sitting on a large, detailed leaf reading an open book. Around Pip are various garden flowers and patterns for the children to colour in.



*Extension challenge: Choose your favourite long word from the word bank. Write it in cursive five times, making sure each join is perfectly connected. Then, try writing a sentence using that word, focusing on the sizing of your capital letters.*