

## Cat Writing Technique



This technique is useful for teaching handwriting neatness, which includes the components of sizing, spacing and placement on the line. This is a visual aid the child can refer to, for monitoring their neatness, but also a way to explicitly teach writing neatness.

The handwriting cat breaks each letter into 3 separate components the cat's head, body and tail. This helps the child size the CAT, and also where to place it on the line. A popstick spacer with a CAT drawn on it the same size as the lined paper used in class can be a usable and moveable tool, as can a cat ruler which can run down the side of the page or workbook.

The chart below outlines the sizing expected when using the CAT technique.



Lots of self-editing is really important in the process of teaching handwriting, especially from year one.

Encourage the child to review their neatness. Highlight in pink the letters they are really proud of (correctly sized and placed) and highlight in green the ones they wish to try again. Keep practicing the letter until they feel they can highlight it in pink.

See Lil' Peeps YouTube Chanel for videos that explain this concept to your child "Writing Letters Like a Cat" or great parent resource "The Basics of Handwriting" for further information.

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