

Teach Sentence Skills with Review and Mastery

Handwriting Without Tears® uses Review and Mastery to help children develop fluency in cursive. You have used this teaching strategy throughout the workbook for each group of cursive letters. The following activity uses the same approach to help children write sentences. The first sentence uses **Cursive to Cursive** to promote ease in connecting letters in words, beginning the sentence with a capital, and using appropriate spacing. The second sentence uses **Print to Cursive**, so children will translate the sentence from print to cursive. The final sentence incorporates the **Silly Spelling** concept. In this case, you will dictate each letter in each word, just like the silly spelling test, but also tell students to leave a space after each word and explain when to use punctuation. We want students to write independently, so the final step is to have them write a sentence of their choice in cursive.

Sentence Lesson

Objectives

Students will be able to:

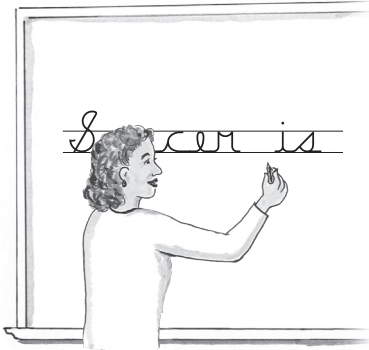
- Use capitals, spaces, and punctuation in a sentence written in cursive.
- Write legible sentences using proper cursive letter formation and connections.

Duration

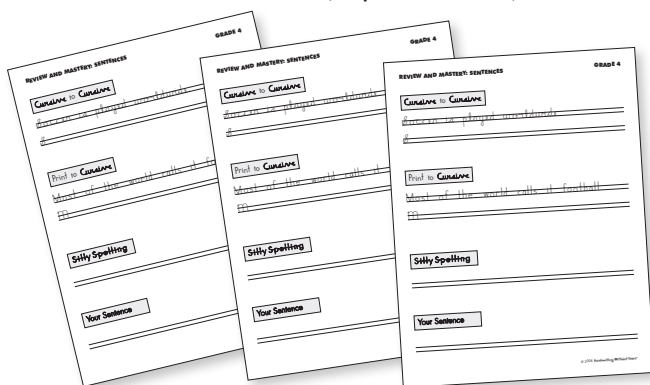
15 minutes

You Need

- A large board marked with writing lines



- Children facing the board
- Sentence worksheets (1 per student)



Procedure

1. Cursive to Cursive

Tell them...

The first sentence on your paper, **Soccer is popular worldwide** is written in cursive. I would like you to copy the sentence.

How do I teach this?

Remind children about connections and starting the sentence with a capital. Walk around and observe them; assist as needed.

2. Print to Cursive

Tell them...

The next sentence is printed. I want you to translate this printed sentence to cursive.

How do I teach this?

If you are in a classroom, walk around and observe children as they are doing this exercise. Assist if you notice they are having difficulty.

3. Silly Spelling Sentence

Tell them...

We are going to write a sentence in cursive together. Remember the silly spelling test? We are going to do the same activity with words in a sentence. All you have to do is write each word in cursive. Get ready...The first word begins with the capital letter __. Next to that letter, I want you to write the lowercase __.

How do I teach this?

Dictate each letter, each space and all punctuation for the following sentence: **Soccer began in England.**

Challenge Activity: Write Your Own Sentence

Ask the students to write a sentence independently.

Tell them...

Now it is your turn to write a sentence. Write a sentence about sports that you make up on your own. Make sure to use a capital letter at the beginning, spaces between words, and punctuation at the end.

How do I teach this?

If you are in a classroom, walk around and observe children as they are completing this activity. Assist if needed.

As you collect these papers from your students, observe their progress at each stage of learning.

Cursive to Cursive

Soccer is played worldwide.

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Print to Cursive

Most of the world calls it football.

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Silly Spelling

Your Sentence