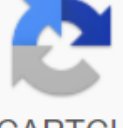


# Fountain pen writing exercises

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If you are like most users of the fountain pen, you would probably like to improve your handwriting. I know from experience how it can be frustrating to scroll through a photo after a photo of images with beautiful handwriting on Instagram, only to pick up a pen and struggle to write consistently or legibly. While I definitely don't have the best handwriting around, I've managed to improve it over the years. Fortunately, there are many different ways to improve your handwriting. Unfortunately, there is no label. They all need time, dedication and practice. If you're in, read on. Handwriting Lessons and Guides One of the best ways to improve your handwriting is to learn a new font. By writing in a way that is different from how you currently write, you can ditch some of the bad habits you have now and work on developing good habits. One of the easiest fonts to learn is italic handwriting. Although it may look quite similar to your current handwriting, it has some characteristics that make it unique, particularly in the lower letter case. If you look at any of the letters that have round sections (a, p, q, b, g, etc...) or a semi-specific section (r, m, n, w, u, etc...), you will notice that they are less round and more oval in shape. Here's an example of a quick letter that should show how such a simple change can start to make a difference in how your handwriting looks: You can see that while the differences are subtle, adding a touch of italic style to your handwriting can change the way it looks. Another font that you can easily practice is printing in all letters. I started experimenting with this font about a month ago and I'm really enjoying it so far. Although it is not yet an automatic writing style, it is starting to feel more comfortable. This really makes me slow down and focus on my writing, so I don't start writing lower-case emails (which usually happens from time to time). Writing all the letters makes me slow down like I've never written like this before. What if you've never learned cursive and now want to? Take a look at these handwritten writing sheets. They should get you to start on the way to writing in cursive writing. While they may look basic, keep in mind that this is how most people have learned to write italics. If you prefer a video course, I haven't taken this before, but have heard good things about it. If you're not interested in learning a new style and just want a few simple practices or solutions to common problems, this big sheet has a lot of written tips that you can find fun with. Again, this may seem a bit basic, but if you just want to practice writing and don't know what to write, this is a good place to start. Here are a few simple italic drills. When this is done on a regular basis, you notice changes in your handwriting. Print and use sheets in order to get most of these sheets, you want to print them out and write directly on them. I highly recommend printing print on the fountain fountain of friendly paper like the HP 321b Premium Laserjet. Using good paper to practice, you actually get to enjoy using a fountain pen while improving your handwriting at the same time. Practice on good paper makes it more enjoyable. If you don't want to print a guide and prefer to write on blank paper, be sure to download some guidebooks or use the one that came with your paper. They go under a blank piece of paper and help you write in a straight line. You can also simply build your own lined or dot grid models and print them out directly on the paper of your choice. Using a guidebook will keep your email straight and more consistent. Focusing on the details to improve your handwriting Learning new font is one way to improve your handwriting, but you can also make big improvements by focusing on the details of your current writing style. One of the reasons why most people are not happy with their current handwriting is because it is not very uniform and consistent. Fortunately, it is not so difficult to make significant progress in this area. First, take a look at your letter size and intervals. Unevenly sized and spatial letters can make handwriting seem careless and irregular, even if the actual writing itself is good. When you write, focus on the size and intervals of your emails and try to make them more even and even. A more even size and interval can make a big impact on how well your email looks. Next, look at the individual components of your letter, particularly the lines and loops. Again, if they are not consistent, your email will not look as good as possible. To improve in this area, simple exercise lines and loops on a regular basis can make a big difference in how your email looks. Practice, Practice, Practice But no matter how much you want your handwriting to improve, it will not happen without practice. In order to see a significant improvement, you don't have to spend a huge amount of time practicing each day, but you have to plan to do some daily practice. If you are not used to writing for a long period of time, 10 minutes can be a good amount of time to start with. A good target time of 20-30 minutes of writing per day. Keep in mind that not all your writing time should be spent doing exercises and practices. While it is important to do exercise on a daily basis, you also want to do some practical writing. It can be writing in a magazine, writing on a buddy pen or writing excerpts from books, songs or movies. The practice of writing in a magazine is a great way to improve with Time. Another important part of handwriting practice involves posture. Correct posture helps you have better and more consistent handwriting. What is the correct posture? Ideally, your feet will be flat on the floor and your knees will be bent at a 90-degree angle. You should also sit in the back of the chair and not in front of him and sitting upright. This means that you do not practice your handwriting while sitting in bed or on the couch. In addition to the way you sit, an important part of posture is how your paper is positioned towards you. You should sit parallel to your desk, but your paper should be rotated at an angle of 20 to 45 degrees, so that your direction of writing moves away from your body. How you hold your writing hand also matters. You don't want your hand to be squeezed into your side, but you don't want it too far from your body either. Your hand position should be close to perpendicular to your paper and not fishing on one side or the other. Ideally, you will also use your hand rather than your wrist and fingers to move the pen. While this may seem strange at first, reducing the use of your hand and instead using your hand to write will eventually lead to better control and less fatigue. Finally, when you practice writing, keep in mind that your goal is to improve. This means that you don't need to speed up and write at your typical pace. In this case, quality is more important than quantity. Slow down at the wrong time and focus on what you write and how you write it. You will be amazed at how much better your handwriting can look when you slow down and focus on the shape, size and intervals of your letters. Discount Opportunity: Katie, the creator of the handwriting video I'm associated with, reached out and wanted to offer her Fountain Pen Love course to readers for a 50% discount! Just click on this link or link in the article for an instant discount. Thanks Katie! Published 04 May 2018 - 09:40 After years of using the nearest Bic ballpoint pen I could find, I discovered the joys of fountain pens (and occasional roller balls) last year. Love it! The only problem? My handwriting really sucks! There's a retired nun somewhere shaking her head at my penmanship. I like the look of Spencer's handwriting, but I wonder if this is a good rookie target. Maybe I should start by improving my core penmanship in a more modern, everyday way? Thoughts on this? Any resources you could offer? Thank you in advance! Published May 04, 2018 - 10:59 If you just want to improve the basic writing formation, Ekaterina Kormanik has a good, inexpensive video course with printed practice sheets. Less more - Ludwig Mies van der Rohe Less Boron - Robert Venturi posted 04 May 2018 - 11:22 Many of us chicken scraper start with a page as a way to improve our handwriting relatively quickly. You don't have to have an edged pen to start doing these legible letter forms. Italics also lend itself to cursive. Editorial countrydrift, 04 May 2018 - 11:23. - Troy paperinkplan.wordpress.com Posted 04 May 2018 - 11:52 When I wanted to improve my handwriting, I looked at YouTube for some basic instruction video. The ones I helpful were one that showed a few simple exercises to perform that helped with interval, and up and down movements. Then I found a link here for a working book called titled Now Getty and Dubai (which is available on Amazon at a modest price) that has been very useful in learning italic writing (not calligraphy). Using this work book, and practicing a few minutes a day, led to a significant improvement in my hand. I also collected practice words, usually words that I found in writing that never seemed to turn out well, as well as other words with letters or combinations of letters that I found troublesome. As soon as I found words that were problematic, I wanted to add other similar words or words with the same letters or combinations of letters (e.g. axe, axis, axiom, axonic, and so on). I used this collection to write practices, so I could better handle these troublesome letters and words and add to it as I discover new problematic combinations. Copying from literature is useful for practice, and there is a thread here that I'll try to link for you called Difficult Words Practice Suggestions, which is for practice. For me, I've found intervals and writing conversions to be the biggest contribution to improvement, and the Getty and Dubai workbook is very useful out there. Good luck and let us know how its going. Edited by Herrijaeger, 04 May 2018 - 11:54 a.m. Published 04 May 2018 - 11:57 As a person who started studying calligraphy last year and improved his handwriting as a result, I recommend you go with any method you will enjoy. It's more important that you enjoy working on handwriting, so you'll practice consistently. I went with Copperplate, the italic, and now the Palmer Method of Business Penmanship. If you like Spencerian, start learning Spencerian. While you can't use Spencer as your everyday handwriting, you learn things about interval letters, inclination, muscle movement, and letters of heights that will naturally work your way into your everyday handwriting. Just make sure you have fun in the process and practice regularly! Now Playing: - Pilot Custom 823 zll'm/gt; Pelikan M120 Iconic Blue Cocoon with Pilot Black - Pilot E95S with Pilot Blue YouTube reviews of the pen of the posted May 12, 2018 - 04:38 I started by slowing my hands down. I tried to form letters the old-fashioned way when I wrote more. MUCH MORE. I immediately switched all my emails from PC and to paper. I've been logging on my computer since 1994, and have been logging manually since 1995, given all this is just one great document. But PC logging ended when I made a cold turkey switch. Later that year I began my first novel. When I wasn't working on my novel, I wrote letters to friends and family. Eventually I joined the exchange of postcards Find excuses to write more. MUCH MORE. If you have a few minutes, do not pick up your phone, take a laptop and pen fountain and write. Here's what it's like to see a handwriting looked like in 2001. It was readable. And if you had asked me then, if this was the best penmanship I could make up, I would have said yes. It's not better with effort. This is what my handwriting looked like in 2009, about a week before I started using the fountain handles. You see? I was right. It didn't get any better. It got worse. So here's the thing. I had a permanent disability. There was no hope for me. But here's what my handwriting looked like just two months later. Here's 2011. Here's 2013. Here's 2016. And that brings us to the current. The recipe that I outlined previously worked for me. I didn't take handwriting lessons and I didn't do any writing exercises. I just wrote. A lot. And as I wrote, I kept making an effort to improve my penmanship by trying to make it look as good as I could do it. And my handwriting has improved. Some days, it's very good. Your mileage can vary. Edited by Bookman, 12 May 2018 - 04:38. I love the smell of fountain pen ink in the morning. Published May 12, 2018 - 05:25 Bookman This is a dedication! In 7/2015 I spent several hours improving my handwriting, copying one of the most important documents... letter after letter. Literally, looking at every word and copying every word as close as I could gather with a flexible fountain handle. Now, I'm just writing everything that comes to mind. So, yes, you can do it! Choose one script, choose one guide, carefully follow each instruction. Use the recommended tool. Don't use a replacement. Tools are recommended for a reason, and your reason to be here is good intention as well. Published May 12, 2018 - 08:17 Another basic way to improve the handwriting you already have without buying anything is to use extra lines to guide your writing letters: Draw straight lines parallel at an angle (anything between, say, 30 to 90) directly on a sheet or on a guide list to put behind the paper and try to match your writing consistently these manuals. As for x-height (letters a, c, e, l, m, n, o, r, s, u, v, w, x, (z)) draw a horizontal line and try to keep it within that boundary. The same applies to your ascending and descending, having your bellies within x-height and above your arms/head and legs in sections above and below the X-height space. The proportions of them will determine the style and character of your handwriting. Your handwritten letter will look very different once you have a proportion of 1.1:1 or even using the same letter shapes you've always used, make ascending/descendants be twice as big --gt; 2:1:2 or even 3:1:3. Consistency is key here, and, well, practice. All you need for this is some sheets of paper, ruler and all that (fountain) pen (cil) you have. Once you have established a certain sequence you may have a closer look at the shape of individual letters or even practice whole The ability to write in a special style like Spencer's is nothing but a choice of font with a specific interval, inclination, height height and repeating the basic forms. You can find prepared sheets with different guidelines on the IAMPETH website, for example (, there are also samples of different styles of writing, fonts, so to speak. Published May 12, 2018 - 12:27 In 7/2015 I spent several hours improving my handwriting, copying one of the most important documents... letter after letter. Literally, looking at every word and copying every word as close as I could gather with a flexible fountain handle. Now, I'm just writing everything that comes to mind. So, yes, you can do it! Choose one script, choose one guide, carefully follow each instruction. Use the recommended tool. Don't use a replacement. Tools are recommended for a reason, and your reason to be here is good intention as well. Very impressive! You interested me, and that's why I was looking for old British documents to do the same. I found a lot, but, in languages that no longer speak! I even found on the UK government's website that Brexit caused catastrophic things! We are no longer the United Kingdom, but according to the Governor of Great Britain, we are now Untied Kingdom!, posted May 21, 2018 - 22:05 When I wanted to improve my handwriting, I looked on YouTube for some basic instructional videos. 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Robert Frost posted 22 May 2018 - 11:50 Sorry to arrive late to this topic, but if you want to learn Spencer eventually - Italian is a distraction - but instead the business penmanship is a good place to start. Its like Spencer stripped down without being flexible, and its pretty nice in its own right. Published June 01, 2018 - 03:55 I also bought this book but was discouraged when I discovered that the letters I had been printing for years was a different format than what I was used to. Just a few, but I didn't want to change. For example, my w is a double u, two rounded bottoms, not two vs, and my y looks like a v with a tail, not a u with a tail. I think I should plow forward with my modified shape instead of leaving the book on the shelf. I got a book from the Pendemonium. If your email is already round, check italics styles. From lampeth, you can print the guidelines on printer paper, and use them under the pages of Rhodia empty notepads, smooth paper is the best. Below is a link to a small art store that sells the mastery of copper calligraphy by Eleanor Winters. This is a reference to the book calligraphy of Dover, the publisher, their books are available. I bought: Copper Calligraphy Technique: A Guide and Model Book pointed pen method to Gordon Turner. Don't worry with it if you don't want to make your own pen fall. One thing I learned from the book is that U.S. states, state capitals, rivers/lakes/mountains/national or regional parks, countries, continents and animal names are perfectly titled for practice. You can also make a phrase with the state, the state capital, the landscape nearby to make things interesting and learn interesting facts at the same time. Start with the fountain pen (s) you already have, and have fun. It's great to change the writing side into your own writing style. I learned French Cursive, and I love both the Copper Plate and Spencer. I draw inspiration from the last 2, especially with capital letters. Edited by Anne-Sophie, 01 June 2018 - 03:57. Is it fair that an intelligent and family-oriented mammal be separated from his family and spend his life starving in a concrete prison? Published June 01, 2018 - 12:56 After years of using the nearest Bic ballpoint pen I could find, I discovered the joys of fountain pens (and occasional roller balls) last year. Love it! The only problem? My handwriting really sucks! There's a retired nun somewhere shaking her head on my I like the look of Spencer's handwriting, but I wonder if this is a good rookie target. Maybe Can. should start by improving my core penmanship in a more modern, everyday way? Thoughts on this? Any resources you could offer? Thank you in advance! Here's a free online source, and sheets you can print out: It teaches italics. It looks beautiful. Ultimately, I kind of moved away from the style because I couldn't write fast enough with it for taking note, etc., and I ended up writing with some abbey of my old handwriting and italics. However, if you want a simple master style that looks great when you write a letter, this is a good place to look! Published 07 June 2018 - 22:49 Speaking of Write Now Getty/Dubay Books, what price should we expect to pay in the UK? It ranges from 20 to 70 pounds on the Amazon UK website. Is it a US edition that is being imported or is it meagre, hence the high prices demanded? Published June 08, 2018 - 4:40 p.m. On Amazon in the U.S. It sells for \$19.95 new, and used copies \$12.50. Published June 08, 2018 - 4:43 Cheers - I found that yes, it's published in or at \$20, so I've seen the 1:1 dollar exchange rate and why people seem to be importing and selling on hefty markups. At least now I can understand the background behind the prices. I found some American resellers offering fair shipping and there is always the option of buying directly from the publisher Getty. Published 09 June 2018 - 06:24 I also bought this book but was discouraged when I discovered that the letters I have been typing for years was a different format than what I am used to. Just a few, but I didn't want to change. For example, my w is a double u, two rounded bottoms, not two vs, and my y looks like a v with a tail, not a u with a tail. I think I should plow forward with my modified shape instead of leaving the book on the shelf. I got a book from the Pendemonium. I didn't use Write Now, just their proper guide to calligraphy. In full on the guide they discuss alternative letter forms in detail, including some ideas on how to create your own. There are about three or four different ampersand ideas, with documentation. Not all characters are that detailed, but there is a lot of discussion about the form of the letter. I decided to design a W that uses u shapes and unusual serif design based on their material. The V can be pointy or rounded and uses a similar pattern of serifs. U is pretty standard. Me and J are carefully designed to maximize confusion because I'm a Latin geek and I still like to pretend J wasn't invented. Many long serifs have 2-3 designs I use regularly, depending on how decorated I want to be. And I use a lot of ligatures. If there is a good ligature option, I probably drilled all the options I could find and chose a beautiful one. I tend to recommend my book because it that all this can be done with mono line feathers. The edges of the feathers are for pretty rather than a requirement for beautiful writing. And there's a lot of exercise designed so so Try them with different weight lines and feather styles. Although the book is designed as a work book, you will get more from it if you do exercises on separate paper, and with different feathers. I've probably been through it all at least 4 times. For a more widely available book, Calligraphy for Beginners Noble and Mehigan is a good thing. It's more art focused and less utilitarian, but it definitely covers the basics acceptable. And it encourages looking at the first side of them that will never hurt your handwriting. It's also not so married to one particular hand, which can work better if you feel like you should accurately fit the example. Sample.

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