



## Handwriting

This book also contains a range of easy-to-administer assessment sheets. These are designed to be used flexibly and come in four forms:

**The Handwriting Assessment Record Sheet** is a quick and easy reference tool for the teacher to use to record the level of each child's handwriting.

**Placement Tests** – these can be used at the start of the year to give an overview of a class's handwriting ability.

**Handwriting Assessment Record Sheet 1**

Handwriting Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Right or left-handed \_\_\_\_\_

Tick or date entries, making any comments as necessary.

**Ready to write**  
Is the child ready to write? Does he/she:  
• sit correctly (both feet on the floor, leaning forward, not too close to the table)?

**Basic letter movements**  
Can he/she make the following patterns:  
• swings?

**Construction of letters**  
Does he/she:  
• make pencil strokes smoothly and without undue pressure?

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**Placement Test** Book 1A Level

Handwriting Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Lower-case letters set 1**

Trace and write the letters.

	Starts in correct place	Moves in correct direction	Letter correct shape	Letter correct size
c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**General Assessment** Book 1B Level

Handwriting Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The diagonal join**

Trace and write the letters. Make sure you join the letters correctly.

	Letters are formed correctly	Join is made near top of next letter	Letters are spaced appropriately
un	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ig	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
eg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
an	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Self-assessment** Book 1B Level

Handwriting Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**A Write these sentences.**

1 My handwriting is neat and tidy.

2 I like to write quickly.

3 I like to write smoothly.

4 Can you read my handwriting?

**B Look at your handwriting. Tick the boxes below if your answer is 'yes' to the questions.**

Is your handwriting the right size?

Is your handwriting joined?

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**General Assessment Sheets** – these are included for each of the main teaching focuses and can be used for extra practice or to check how pupils are coping with the different handwriting challenges.

**Self-assessment Sheets** – these reinforce the self-assessment aspect of Nelson Handwriting introduced in the *Workbooks*. The Sheets take pupils through aspects of their handwriting that they need to check. The aim is to help the process become automatic for pupils.

Also included in this *Resources and Assessment Book* are **Guidelines** of the appropriate width, and a helpful left-handed version of the **Getting Ready to Write** flap from the *Pupil Books* to give to left-handed pupils.

