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# Introduction

The old adage “practice makes perfect” can really hold true for children and their education. The more practice and exposure your child has with concepts being taught in school, the more success they are likely to find. For many parents, knowing how to support their child’s learning can be frustrating. This book is designed to eliminate the guesswork for parents using it at home while also being a valuable resource for educators using it in the classroom.

*Here’s how:* Today’s young students need a certain set of skills in order to be able to correctly form uppercase and lowercase letters. *Practice Makes Perfect: Traditional Printing* covers the following skills:

- writing the correct form of each uppercase and lowercase letter.
- demonstrating competence in pencil grip and paper position.
- writing from left-to-right and from top-to-bottom on the page.
- writing words legibly in modern printing, using correct letter formation, appropriate size, and spacing.

## Inside this Resource

The Alphabet (page 4) shows the correct letter formation of each letter in the alphabet.

Straight and Slanted Lines, Ovals, and Circles (page 5) and Curves (page 6) give children practice in creating shapes that help them begin their journey with writing.

Alphabet (pages 7–32) pages give children the opportunity to practice the uppercase and lowercase forms of each letter of the alphabet.

Ascenders (page 33) and Descenders (page 34) give children practice writing letters with ascenders and descenders.

Consonant Combinations and Vowel Combinations (pages 35–44) give children practice writing letters in combinations they will use regularly such as blends and digraphs.

Numbers and Number Words (pages 45–46) and Color Words (page 47) provide practice in writing digits, number words, and color words.

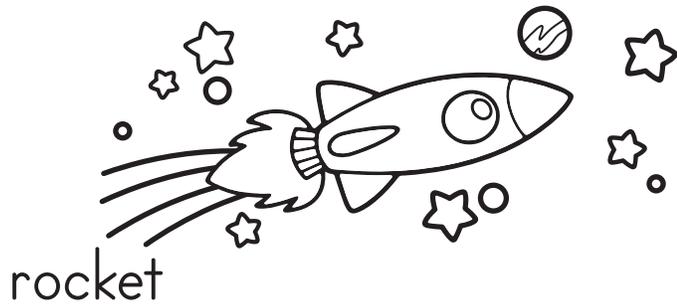
Practice Page (page 48) can be used for additional practice in any area of your choosing.

## Helpful Tips

- Keep practice sessions short, positive, and constructive.
- Provide extra guidance and support in the areas in which your child is struggling.
- Help beginning readers with instructions.
- Review the work your child has done.
- Pay attention to the areas in which your child has the most difficulty. Provide extra guidance and exercises in those areas.
- Look for ways to make real-life applications to the skills being reinforced. Play games such as having your child write word lists with you.

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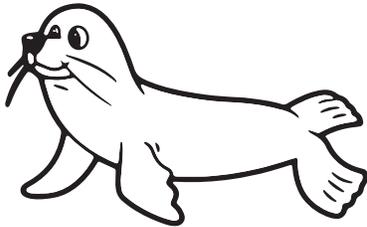
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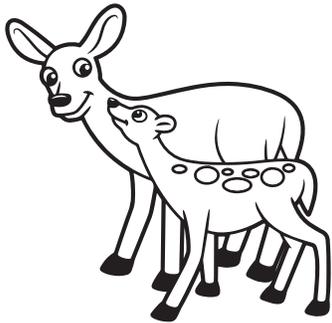
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## Vowel Combinations (cont.)



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ee ee

deer



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## Numbers and Number Words

