

Welcome to Year 5  
cursive handwriting.  
Here you'll find earthquakes,  
avalanches, landslides,  
tornadoes and other  
natural disasters.

You've been  
invited to join the famed  
International Disaster  
Rescue Squad. Fill in your  
ID card below.



Name:



Date of birth:

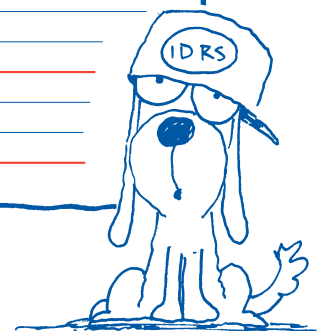
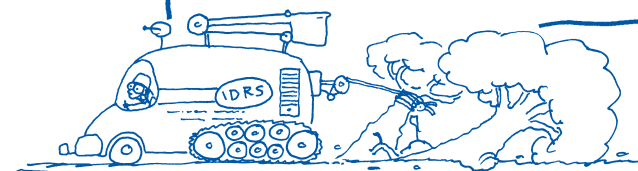
Residence:

Years of training:

Disaster-fighting experience:

Most memorable rescue:

Motto:



## Progressive speed trials

Copy this text into the lines below. Have a classmate time you. Then assess the fluency and legibility of your writing.

Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ Time taken: \_\_\_ seconds

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gaping mouth of the extinct volcano!

Rate your fluency.



Rate your legibility.



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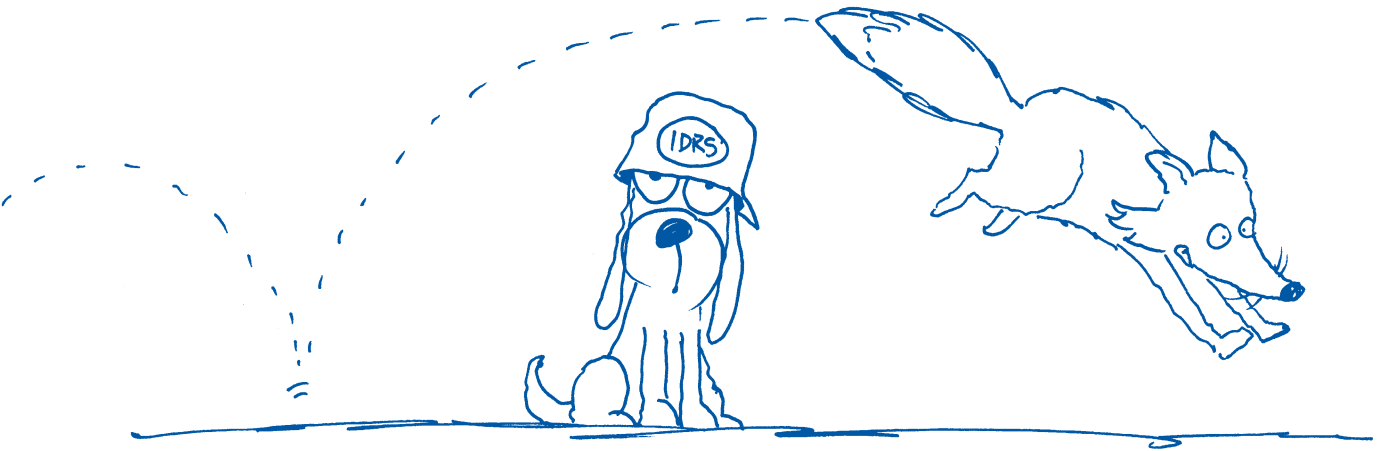


Copy the lower-case alphabet

a b c d e f g h i j k l m  
n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Copy this sentence.

A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.



Copy the upper-case alphabet and the numerals.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 20 30 40 50

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

★ Revision – Exits and entries

Copy the exit only letters.

a c d e h k l t

Copy the rounded entry letters.

m n r x m n r x

Copy the pointed entry letters.

i j p u v w y

Copy the letters that change.

f → f z → z f → f z → z

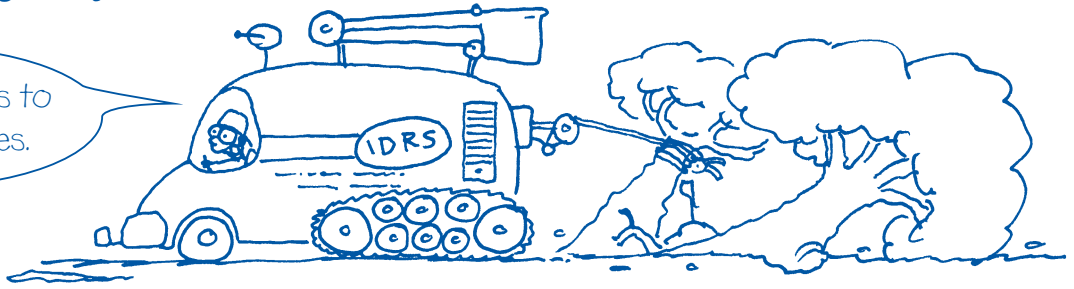
Copy. Remember to include each letter's exit and/or entry stroke.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m  
n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Copy this sentence.

A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Let's revise exits to rounded entries.



Trace, then copy.

am an ax ar cr dr em en

er ex im in ir ix kn kr

mm mn nn um un ur ux

anthem limp ember ninny

thumb entertain dirty crumb

dinner limb sample excuse

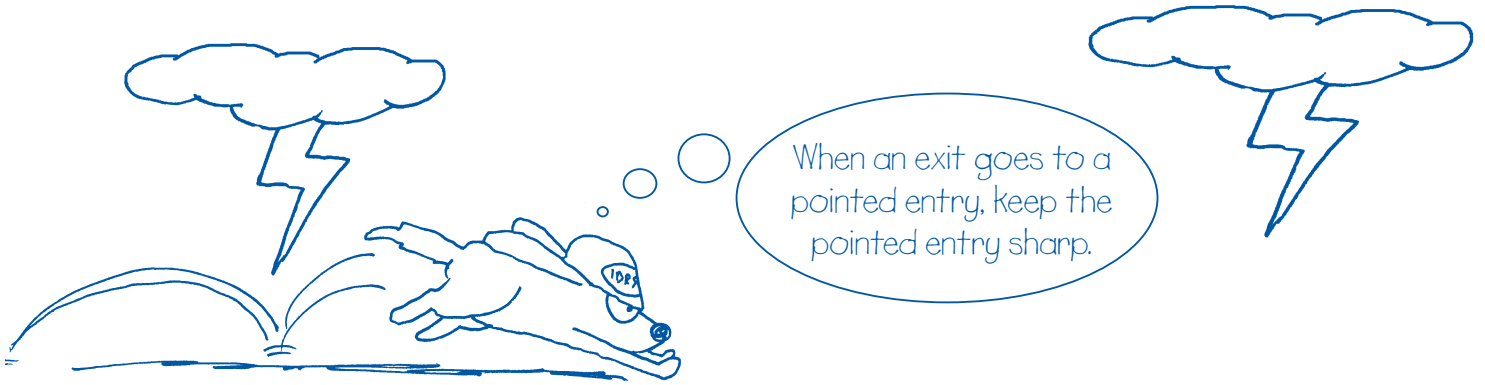
thin timber rumble sunny

garden drink gem dimmer

plum damp cannon minimum

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

★ Revision – Diagonal joins



Trace, then copy.

ai au av aw ap ay aj ci cu cy

di du dy hi hu iv ip li lu ly

mi mu my ni nu ti tu tw ty up

Natural disasters affect the shape of the

world we live in. A volcanic explosion

can blow the peak off a mountain.

Rate your diagonal joins.

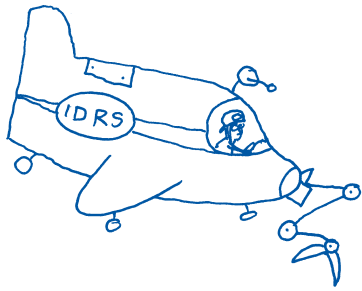
Needs work

Force 5

Earth-shaking!

SELF ASSESSMENT

Three volcanoes are shown in a row, increasing in size and activity from left to right. The first is small with a single eruption. The second is medium with multiple eruptions. The third is large with a massive eruption and smoke. The text 'Needs work' is above the first, 'Force 5' is above the second, and 'Earth-shaking!' is above the third.



When the diagonal join goes to a head and body letter, go right up to the top of the letter and then retrace.



Trace, then copy.

al at ch ck cl dl el il it

kl lk ll lt nk nt th ul ut

till dip peek skittle thin inky

Blizzards are violent windstorms that

bring snow. The bitterly chilly winds

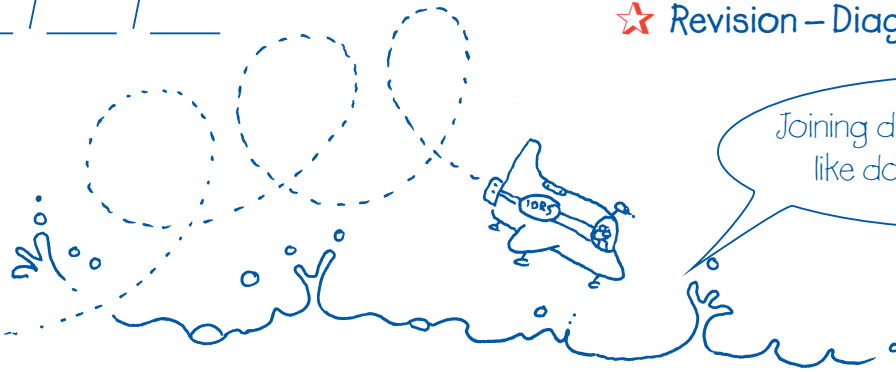
pile the snow into tall drifts.



Circle your best diagonal join to a head and body letter.

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

★ Revision – Diagonal joins to e and o



Trace, then copy.

ae he ke le te ce de ee ne me

avalanches earthquake smoke rubble

magnitude disaster weather rescue

mo co

When you join to o,  
retrace the top of the  
letter o.



ho lo to co do io mo no

volcano cyclones tornadoes snow

storms atmosphere demolished

### SELF ASSESSMENT

Rate your diagonal joins to e.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Rate your diagonal joins to o.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Joining to z is easy!

z

az

ez

iz

Trace, then copy.

az ez iz uz az ez iz uz

daze sneeze prize buzzed jazz

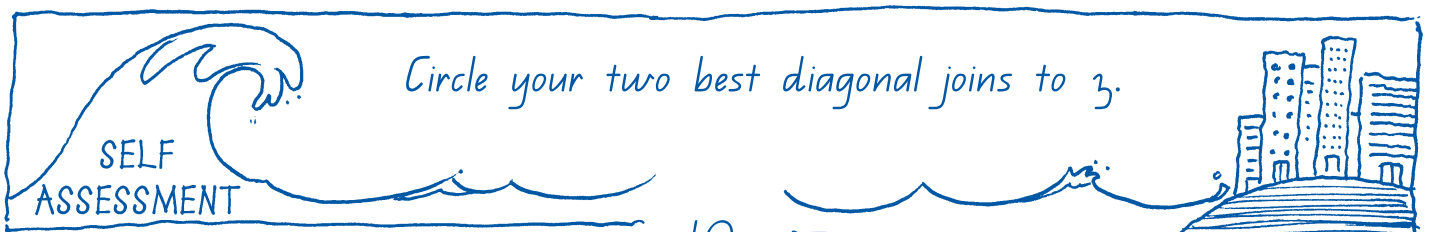
craze fez size muzzle frazzle

drizzle dozen puzzle fizzy razor

azure maze grazing haze pizza

Freezing winds carrying snow are

called blizzards.



SELF  
ASSESSMENT

Circle your two best diagonal joins to z.