

INTRODUCTION

- In this book we will practise cursive handwriting. The alphabet will be divided into different categories of letters. All lower-case letters will be divided into “**Shorties**”, “**Tallies**” and “**Lowies**”.

- “**Shorties**” refer to the short letters. These letters start on the bottom line and go half-way up the space. There are **13 “Shorties”**.

They are: **a,c,e,i,m,n,o,r,s,u,v,w** and **x**.

- “**Tallies**” refer to the tall letters. These letters start on the bottom line and go all the way up to the top line. There are **7 “Tallies”**.

They are: **b,d,f,h,k,l** and **t**.

(Note that “**d**” and “**t**” do **not** go all the way up to the top line.)

- “**Lowies**” refer to the low letters. These letters start on the bottom line and go below the line. There are **7 “Lowies”**.

They are: **f,g,j,p,q,y** and **z**.

(Note that “**p**” does **not** go down as far as the other “**Lowies**”. Note also that “**f**” is both a “**Tallie**” and a “**Lowie**”.)

- Exercises are structured and sequenced as follows:

first we practise “**Shorties**”, then “**Tallies**” then “**Lowies**” and finally all **capital letters**. Exercises are varied to include single letter, single word, sentence and paragraph transcriptions. It is hoped that students would eventually make the transition from writing on manuscript paper to ordinary lined paper used in everyday copybooks.

- **Remember the 3 P’s of handwriting: Posture, Pen and Paper.**

Posture: be sure to sit upright and close to your table having both feet securely on the ground.

Pen: have a gentle grip on your pen and make sure it is in good working order.

Paper: hold the paper with your non-writing hand. Remember, when writing, most of your forearm should be resting on the table.

- In cursive handwriting there are 2 “r’s”: *rw* and *rw*. In this book we will be using “ *rw*”.

ALLITERATION SENTENCES

Alliteration is where words begin with the same letter.

Each of the following sentences practises capital and lower-case letters.

Trace and copy the following:

Alan Adams is always absent.

Bill Brennan bought bananas.

Ciara Casey cannot cook.

Danny Dolan drives diggers.



Now try these in your copy.



