



How to practise letter sizing using highlighters

Children at times may find it difficult to get the letter sizing correct when writing and this can make the child's work look untidy. Highlighters can provide strong visual cues about letter sizing and help the child monitor their own progress. Standard highlighter pens are about a good width for the size of the small letters.

The child is encouraged to form their letters within the highlighted area, starting the small letters at the top of the colour.



Once the child has mastered this consistently, you can introduce the tall letters.



If the child has difficulty with this, then introduce a second colour to show where the tall letters should be.



Once this has been mastered, you can introduce the letters with tails. A third coloured highlighter can be used. If you use the colours brown, green and blue, corresponding to ground, grass and sky, it helps the child understand where the tall, small and letters with tails should be placed.

The round letters (e.g. c o a e i m r s w) should be formed in the grass/ green area.

The tall letters (e.g. t l h d b f) should reach to the sky/ blue area.

The curly tails letters (e.g. g j p y) should reach to the bottom of the ground/ brown area.



There are further worksheets and paper in the ground, grass and sky format from www.twinkl.co.uk and other web sites.