

**LOOPS AND OTHER GROUPS**  
 A Kinesthetic Writing System (Cursive)

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<b>Handwriting Readiness</b>	
Manipulatives	No manipulatives included but does instruct that students should trace each individual letter in the air before attempting to write it on paper.
Teaches Left/Right Progression	Yes, uses a dot to mark starting point on left
Teaches Proper Grip	No mention of grip in the Instructions section
Language Component	Instruction in motor teaching and motor learning, tips are given on each page of the work book to guide students
Teaches Sitting Position	Sitting position not mentioned. Instructions recommend student is in an appropriate sized desk with paper slanted parallel to the forearm of the pencil hand.
<b>Cursive</b>	
Slanted or Vertical Style	Slanted
Loops or No Loops	Loops for the letters h, k, b, f, l, e
Connections	Yes, includes practice pages for “bridge connectors”
Age Introduced	Grade 3
Letter Order	c, a, d, g, q, i, u, w, t, j, p, r, s, o, h, k, b, f, l, e, n, m, v, y, x, z. P, R, B, H, K, C, E, A, O, Q, N, M, U, V, Y, T, F, W, X, I, J, G, S, L, D, Z.
Teaches letters with lead-ins	Yes, lead in strokes described as climb, slant and loop overhand curve. Letters are grouped according to the lead-in stroke of the letter. Letters are presented to students in those groups.
Verbal Directions	Written tips on each page e.g. the instruction used to describe the lead in stroke for the letter o is “make a kite string from the writing line to the middle divider.” Students are taught to verbally self guide the letter formation in the air before writing on paper to focus on the feel of the movement.
<b>Support Services</b>	
In-service Training	Instructions in the workbook.
Website Support	PDF document by the creator Mary Benbow M.S., O.T.R. <a href="http://www.sbac.edu/~werned/DATA/FMINFO/kinesthetic_writing-benbow.pdf">http://www.sbac.edu/~werned/DATA/FMINFO/kinesthetic_writing-benbow.pdf</a>
Curriculum adaptable for special needs	When used with specific compensatory teaching techniques.

<b>Workbook Design</b>	
Organization of Pages	Minimal black and white graphics
Page Incorporates Other Activities	Workbook includes separate pages for other activities such as circles for distal finger control and a grid for practicing diagonal and circular strokes.
Use of Capitals/Lowercase	Lowercase taught before capitals
Letter Models	One large model of letter being practiced per page. Model is 4times larger.
Left-handed Friendly	Yes, there is an e.g. of the letter on the right side of the page.
Spacing	Instructions in the workbook use a model to show how the starting point of a letter can be marked with a dot but spacing between words is not addressed in the workbook.
Type of Paper Used	Double line
<b>Illustrations</b>	
Placement	Left to right orientation
Type	Hand drawn
Color/Black and White	Black and White
<b>Price</b>	
Individual Workbooks	Level 1 booklets \$8.00 each
Complete System: Includes 84p. Teacher manual, 61 level 1 sheets, 32 level 2 sheets, 30 sheets of alphabet models and letter group charts.	\$59.50 per set from Teach Handwriting .com \$65.00 from Amazon.com