

Sensible Pencil

Handwriting Readiness	
Manipulatives	None
Teaches Left/Right Progression	No comment found
Teaches Proper Grip	Discusses importance of proper grip
Language Component	Specific language used with forming prewriting lines and shapes: around, down, lift, over, dot, up, open, curve, slant up, back, roll, slant up, slant back
Teaches Sitting Position	Discusses importance of sitting posture
Print	
Teaching Order	Letters are introduced to build on strokes mastered <u>Prewriting Lines and Shapes:</u> – + O \ / X as letters are introduced, additional shapes are introduced as needed to form letters <u>Lower case:</u> o l a t l r n h m c e s q f d u j g p b v w k x y z <u>Upper case:</u> O L T I H F E C G J S U D P B R Q V W Y N M X Z A K
Letter Style**	Manuscript, vertical style
Letter Formation**	Top to bottom, Left to right. Letter “d” – right to left formation (down-up-around) Number “8” – around-lift-around Letter “Y” – slant down-slant up-lift-down
Verbal Directions*	Several different terms are used to describe strokes – letters are taught in sequence building on the terminology
Preventing/Correcting Problems	
Reversals	Teaches strokes used to match terminology
Size	Use of interlined paper
Numbers	
Teaching Method	Same as letters, teaches in numerical order
Cursive – no cursive component	
Slanted or Vertical Style	
Loops or No Loops	
Connections	
Age Introduced	
Letter Order	
Teaches letters with lead-ins	
Verbal Directions	
Curriculum Analysis of	

Support Services	
In-service Training	None
Website Support	None
Parent Support	None
Curriculum adaptable for special needs	
Workbook Design – worksheets provided in manual that can be reproduced	
Organization of Pages*	Portrait, one letter/stroke per page, page divide in half – top half has model and tracings that are faded out, bottom half has model room for self-practice *inconsistencies with each page: the number of models and tracing for each letter varies
Page Incorporates Other Activities*	no
Use of Capitals/Lowercase	Lowercase taught first: no need to lift pencil in 20 letters, faster and easier to learn, occur more frequently in daily life, vast majority of written work is in lower case, learn to write in spell in capitals – relearn in lower case create additional, unnecessary work
Letter Models*	Models same size
Left-handed Friendly	Model at the top and on left of the page
Spacing*	Pre-spaced
Type of Paper Used*	Interlined; lower case pages are wider lined than capital pages
Illustrations	
Placement	Varies
Type	Line drawings
Color/Black and White	Black and white
Price	
Individual Teacher's Guide	http://www.atclearning.com/sensiblepencil.asp \$74.95 US – book which contains everything: assessment, worksheets, progress checklist, instructions, classroom tips \$149.00 US – CD with all the reproducibles \$195.00 US – Kit (book and CD)
Group Teacher's Guide Discount	No group discount
Individual Workbooks	Worksheets are reproducible as needed
Group Workbook Discount	No group discount
Parent Cost	Same as individual teacher's guide

* Sample Letter Instructions

** Sample Letter Chart