

SHORTCUT TO CURSIVE

FLASHCARDS

FOR CURSIVE WRITING

AND

READING PRACTICE

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Shortcut to Cursive - 258 Words

Coded by Groups for Making Flashcards

Group 1: *abcd*: 1-1 Ab, 1-2 Bab, 1-3 cab, 1-4 Cab; 1-5 dab, 1-6 dad, 1-7 bad, 1-8 cad, 1-9 Dac.

Group 2: *efg*: 2-1 be, 2-2 bee, 2-3 bed, 2-4 cede, 2-5 deed, 2-6 ace, 2-7 ebb, 2-8 Ed, 2-9 fed, 2-10 feed; 2-11 fade, 2-12 deaf, 2-13 beef, 2-14 face, 2-15 Fab; 2-16 bag, 2-17 bagged, 2-18, gab, 2-19 age, 2-20 caged, 2-21 gaff, 2-22 egg, 2-23 Gaff.

Group 3: *hijk*: 3-1 had, 3-2 head, 3-3 heed, 3-4 hedge; 3-5 big, 3-6 hid, 3-7 hide, 3-8 Hebb; 3-9 if, 3-10 fib, 3-11 ice, 3-12 dice, 3-13 chief, 3-14 fife, 3-15 Ida; 3-16 jag, 3-17 jig, 3-18 jab, 3-19 jade, 3-20 Jade; 3-21 kid, 3-22 back, 3-23 kick, 3-24 deck, 3-25 kaki, 3-26 Kidd.

Group 4: *lmnop*: 4-1 lad, 4-2 led, 4-3 lid, 4-4 black 4-5 bell, 4-6 fled, 4-7 ball 4-8 ill, 4-9 bill 4-10 glad, 4-11 lake, 4-12 lice, 4-13 lilac, 4-14 hail, 4-15 eagle, 4-16 Lee; 4-17 mad, 4-18 made, 4-19 ham, 4-20 lamb, 4-21 blame, 4-22 Mac; 4-23 name, 4-24 hand, 4-25, fan, 4-26 fine, 4-27 knee, 4-28 glean, 4-29 mine, 4-30 Nan; 4-31 on, 4-32 mom, 43-33 of, 4-34 off, 4-35, ok, 4-36 oh, 4-37 coal, 4-38 goad, 4-39 goal, 4-40 old, 4-41 hole, 4-42 cob, 4-43 job, 4-44 joke, 4-45 odd, 4-46 oil, 4-47 foil, 4-48 hoe, 4-49 book, 4-50 ocean, 4-51 log, 4-52 local 4-53 Oden; 4-54 pan, 4-55 pen, 4-56 pig, 4-57 pond, 4-58 lamp, 4-59 happen, 4-60 lip, 4-61 pill, 4-62 phone, 4-63 hope, 4-64 mapped, 4-65 plane, 4-66 opened, 4-67 pal, 4-68 Pam.

Group 5: *qrs*: 5-1 ran, 5-2 brand 5-3 grand, 5-4 friend, 5-5 car, 5-6 rag, 5-7 red, 5-8 for, 5-9 from, 5-10 hard, 5-11 error, 5-12 roar, 5-13 fire, 5-14 fir, 5-15 firm, 5-16 robe, 5-17 garage, 5-18 more, 5-19 Ronald; 5-20 sad, 5-21 sadness, 5-22 mass, 5-23 hose, 5-24 glass, 5-25 labs, 5-26 flags, 5-27 science, 5-28 occasion, 5-29 ship, 5-30 Sam.

Group 6: *tuv*: 6-1 tan, 6-2 tape, 6-3 past, 6-4 potter, 6-5 other, 6-6 fit, 6-7 bright, 6-8 get, 6-9 giant, 6-10 tasted, 6-11 tattle, 6-12 debt, 6-13 ghost, 6-14 projector, 6-15 station, 6-16 Ted; 6-17 up, 6-18 but, 6-19 rubber, 6-20 putter, 6-21 tube, 6-22 blue, 6-23 outside, 6-24 use, 6-25 bud, 6-26 suit, 6-27 judge, 6-28 guard, 6-29 quick, 6-30 quack, 6-31 quit; 6-32 quiet, 6-33 unplugged, 6-34 could, 6-35 cloud, 6-36 put; 6-37 fur, 6:38 nurse, 6-39 push, 6-40 Uncle, 6-41 Queen; vat 6-42, van, 6-43 love, 6-44 vine, 6-45 valve, 6-46 vote, 6-47 Victor.

Group 7: *wxyz*: 7-1 we, 7-2 wet, 7-3 win, 7-4 walk, 7-5 write, 7-6 cows, 7-7 saw, 7-8 was, 7-9 lawn, 7-10 woke, 7-11 work, 7-12 strewn 7-13 what, 7-14 swinging, 7-15 whole, 7-16 Walter; 7-17 ax, 7-18 axes, 7-19 tax, 7-20 taxes, 7-21 wax, 7-22 waxes, 7-23 box, 7-24 boxes, 7-25 fox, 7-26 foxes, 7-27 Xavier; 7-28 yawn, 7-29 yes, 7-30 by, 7-31 buy, 7-32 bylaws, 7-33 cry, 7-34 baby, 7-35 navy, 7-36 yearly, 7-37 you, 7-38 yip, 7-39 vinyl, 7-40 boys, 7-41 toy, 7-42 cherry, 7-43 Yolanda; 7-44 jazz, 7-45 zoo, 7-46 zebra, 7-47 lazy, 7-48 crazy, 7-49 buzz, 7-50 puzzle, 7-51 cozy, 7-52 zucchini, 7-53 zephyr, 7-54 Zeke.

The words in each group were numbered on January 12, 2015 by Mr. Donald Potter to aid in labeling the *Shortcut to Cursive Flashcards*. Note that these words were chosen to make sure that every conceivable cursive joining stroke is represented at least once. Other words were added to make sure that all 44 English speech sounds and their major spelling patterns were included, making the program good review of essential spelling patterns. For example, the first word is coded 1-1 (1) be. The first 1 is the number of the group and the second 1 is the number of the card in that group. The number in parenthesis (1) is the consecutive number in the whole program.

Thanks to Randy Nelson of Peterson Directed Handwriting for providing me with a comprehensive list of connecting strokes and pointing out the advantages of direct instruction over trace and copy. Dr. Bob Rose encouraged me to teach student the alphabet in alphabetical order so they can develop fluency writing the alphabet from A to Z from the start. The cursive was typed with software purchased from www.educationalfontware.com.

Shortcut to Cursive - 258 Words

Coded by Groups and Consecutively for Making Flashcards

Group 1: *abcd*: 1-1 (1) Ab, 1-2 (2) Bab, 1-3 (3) cab, 1-4 (4) Cab; 1-5 (5) dab, 1-6 (6) dad, 1-7 (7) bad, 1-8 (8) cad, 1-9 (9) Dac.

Group 2: *efg*: 2-1 (10) be, 2-2 (11) bee, 2-3 (12) bed, 2-4 (13) cede, 2-5 (14) deed, 2-6 (15) ace, 2-7 (16) ebb, 2-8 (17) Ed, 2-9 (18) fed, 2-10 (19) feed; 2-11 (20) fade, 2-12 (21) deaf, 2-13 (22) beef, 2-14 (23) face, 2-15 (24) Fab; 2-16 (25) bag, 2-17 (26) bagged, 2-18 (27) gab, 2-19 (28) age, 2-20 (29) caged, 2-21 (30) gaff, 2-22 (31) egg, 2-23 (32) Gaff.

Group 3: *hijk*: 3-1 (33) had, 3-2 (34) head, 3-3 (35) heed, 3-4 (36) hedge; 3-5 (37) big, 3-6 (38) hid, 3-7 (39) hide, 3-8 (40) Hebb; 3-9 (41) if, 3-10 (42) fib, 3-11 (43) ice, 3-12 (44) dice, 3-13 (45) chief, 3-14 (46) fife 3-15 (47) Ida, 3-16 (48) jag, 3-17 (49) jig, 3-18 (50) jab, 3-19 (51) jade, 3-20 (52) Jade; 3-21 (53) kid, 3-22 (54) back, 3-23 (55) kick, 3-24 (56) deck, 3-25 (57) kaki, 3-26 (58) Kidd.

Group 4: *lmnop*: 4-1 (59) lad, 4-2 (60) led, 4-3 (61) lid, 4-4 (62) black 4-5 (63) bell, 4-6 (64) fled, 4-7 (65) ball 4-8 (66) ill, 4-9 (67) bill 4-10 (68) glad, 4-11 (69) lake, 4-12 (70) lice, 4-13 (71) lilac, 4-14 (72) hail, 4-15 (73) eagle, 4-16 (74) Lee; 4-17 (75) mad, 4-18 (76) made, 4-19 (77) ham, 4-20 (78) lamb, 4-21 (79) blame, 4-22 (80) Mac; 4-23 (81) name, 4-24 (82) hand, 4-25, (83) fan, 4-26 (84) fine, 4-27 (85) knee, 4-28 (86) glean, 4-29 (87) mine, 4-30 (88) Nan; 4-31 (89) on, 4-32 (90) mom, 43-33 (91) of, 4-34 (92) off, 4-35 (93) ok, 4-36 (94) oh, 4-37 (95) coal, 4-38 (96) goad, 4-39 (97) goal, 4-40 (98) old, 4-41 (99) hole, 4-42 (100) cob, 4-43 (101) job, 4-44 (102) joke, 4-45 (103) odd, 4-46 (104) oil, 4-47 (105) foil, 4-48 (106) hoe, 4-49 (107) book, 4-50 (108) ocean, 4-51 (109) log, 4-52 (110) local 4-53 (111) Oden; 4-54 (112) pan, 4-55 (113) pen, 4-56 (114) pig, 4-57 (115) pond, 4-58 (116) lamp, 4-59 (117) happen, 4-60 (118) lip, 4-61 (119) pill, 4-62 (120) phone, 4-63 (121) hope, 4-64 (122) mapped, 4-65 (123) plane, 4-66 (124) opened, 4-67 (125) pal, 4-68 (126) Pam.

Group 5: *qrs*: 5-1 (127) ran, 5-2 (128) brand 5-3 (129) grand, 5-4 (130) friend, 5-5 (131) car, 5-6 (132) rag, 5-7 (133) red, 5-8 (134) for, 5-9 (135) from, 5-10 (136) hard, 5-11 (137) error, 5-12 (138) roar, 5-13 (139) fire, 5-14 (140) fir, 5-15 (141) firm, 5-16 (142) robe, 5-17 (143) garage, 5-18 (144) more, 5-19 (145) Ronald; 5-20 (146) sad, 5-21 (147) sadness, 5-22 (148) mass, 5-23 (149) hose, 5-24 (150) glass, 5-25 (151) labs, 5-26 (152) flags, 5-27 (153) science, 5-28 (154) occasion, 5-29 (155) ship, 5-30 (156) Sam.

Group 6: *tuv*: 6-1 (157) tan, 6-2 (158) tape, 6-3 (159) past, 6-4 (160) potter, 6-5 (161) other, 6-6 (162) fit, 6-7 (163) bright, 6-8 (164) get, 6-9 (165) giant, 6-10 (166) tasted, 6-11 (167) tattle, 6-12 (168) debt, 6-13 (169) ghost, 6-14 (170) projector, 6-15 (171) station, 6-16 (172) Ted; 6-17 (173) up, 6-18 (174) but, 6-19 (175) rubber, 6-20 (176) putter, 6-21 (177) tube, 6-22 (178) blue, 6-23 (179) outside, 6-24 (180) use, 6-25 (181) bud, 6-26 (182) suit, 6-27 (183) judge, 6-28 (184) guard, 6-29 (185) quick, 6-30 (186) quack, 6-31 (187) quit; 6-32 (188) quiet, 6-33 (189) unplugged, 6-34 (190) could, 6-35 (191) cloud, 6-36 (192) put, 6-37 (193) fur, 6:38 (194) nurse, 6-39 (195) push, 6-40 (196) Uncle, 6-41 (197) Queen; 6-42 (198) vat, 6-43 (199) van, 6-44 (200) love, 6-45 (201) vine, 6-46 (202) valve, 6-47 (203) vote, 6-48 (204) Victor.

Group 7: *wxyz*: 7-1 (205) we, 7-2 (206) wet, 7-3 (207) win, 7-4 (208) walk, 7-5 (209) write, 7-6 (210) cows, 7-7 (211) saw, 7-8 (212) was, 7-9 (213) lawn, 7-10 (214) woke, 7-11 (215) work, 7-12 (216) strewn 7-13 (217) what, 7-14 (218) swinging, 7-15 (219) whole, 7-16 (220) Walter; 7-17 (221) ax, 7-18 (222) axes, 7-19 (223) tax, 7-20 (224) taxes, 7-21 (225) wax, 7-22 (226) waxes, 7-23 (227) box, 7-24 (228) boxes, 7-25 (229) fox, 7-26 (230) foxes, 7-27 (231) Xavier; 7-28 (232) yawn, 7-29 (233) yes, 7-30 (234) by, 7-31 (235) buy, 7-32 (236) bylaws, 7-33 (237) cry, 7-34 (238) baby, 7-35 (239) navy, 7-36 (240) yearly, 7-37 (241) you, 7-38 (242) yip, 7-39 (243) vinyl, 7-40 (244) boys, 7-41 (245) toy, 7-42 (246) cherry, 7-43 (247) Yolanda; 7-44 (248) jazz, 7-45 (249) zoo, 7-46 (250) zebra, 7-47 (251) lazy, 7-48 (252) crazy, 7-49 (253) buzz, 7-50 (254) puzzle, 7-51 (255) cozy, 7-52 (256) zucchini, 7-53 (257) zephyr, 7-54 (258) Zeke.

Shortcut to Cursive

Instructional Words in Alphabetical (Instructional) Sequence

258 Words – Covering all Joining Strokes and Major English Spelling Patterns

Group 1: *abcd* (9 words)

Lesson 1. **a:** A a

Lesson 2. **b:** Ab Bab

Lesson 3. **c:** cab Cab

Lesson 4. **d:** dab dad bad cad Dac

Group 2: *efg* (23 words)

Lesson 5. **e:** be bee bed cede deed ace ebb Ed

Lesson 6. **f:** fed feed fade deaf beef face Fab

Lesson 7. **g:** bag bagged gab age caged gaff egg Gaff

Group 3: *hijk* (26 words)

Lesson 8. **h:** had head heed hedge Hebb

Lesson 9. **i:** big hid hide if fib ice dice chief fife Ida

Lesson 10. **j:** jag jig jab jade Jade

Lesson 11. **k:** kid back kick deck kaki Kidd

Group 4: *lmnop* (68 words)

Lesson 12. **l:** lad led lid black bell fled ball ill bill glad lake lice lilac hail eagle Lee

Lesson 13. **m:** mad made ham lamb blame Mac

Lesson 14. **n:** name hand fan fine knee glean mine Nan

Lesson 15. **o:** on mom of off ok oh coal goad goal old hole cob job joke odd oil foil hoe book ocean log
local Oden

Lesson 16. **p:** pan pen pig pond lamp happen lip pill phone hope mapped plane opened pal Pam

Group 5: *qrs* (30 words)

Lesson 17. **q:** See Lesson 21 (**u**)

Lesson 18. **r:** ran brand grand friend car rag red for from hard error roar fire fir firm robe garage more
Ronald

Lesson 19. **s:** sad sadness mass hose glass labs flags science occasion ship Sam

Group 6: *tuv* (47 words)

Lesson 20. **t:** tan tape past potter other fit bright get giant tasted tattle debt ghost projector station Ted

Lesson 21. **u:** up but rubber putter tube blue outside use bud suit judge guard quick quack quit quiet
unplugged could cloud put fur nurse push Uncle Queen

Lesson 22. **v:** vat van love vine valve vote Victor

Group 7: *wxyz* (54 words)

Lesson 23. **w:** we wet win walk write cows saw was lawn woke work strewn what swinging whole
Walter

Lesson 24. **x:** ax axes tax taxes wax waxes box boxes fox foxes Xavier

Lesson 25. **y:** yawn yes by buy bylaws cry baby navy yearly you yip vinyl boys toy cherry Yolanda

Lesson 26. **z:** jazz zoo zebra lazy crazy buzz puzzle cozy zucchini zephyr Zeke

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Practice Cards

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Here are 258 words that I chose for practicing cursive. The words were written with three criteria in mind: 1) Words use only cursive strokes that have been previously taught. 2) All possible cursive connecting strokes are represented. 3) All 44 English speech sounds and the most used spelling correspondences are represented.

By combining handwriting and phonics, *Shortcut to Cursive* teaches fluent cursive writing skills and fluent phonics reading skills in a single convenient program. The words are to be taught with direct instruction as the children write all the words in wide-lined notebooks. Code: 2-1 (6) *be* = Group 2 - Word 1, 6th word in program.

The entire *Shortcut to Cursive* program is available on the Handwriting Page of the www.donpotter.net website.

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A large, black, cursive-style lowercase 'a' followed by a lowercase 'b'. The 'a' is formed with a single continuous stroke, and the 'b' is formed with two strokes: a vertical stem and a loop that crosses the stem.

Bab

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Final Note

The last changes to the cards were made on Aug. 18, 2016.

Mr. Potter is continually improving all of his instructional materials. You can always determine if you are using the most current update by checking the date on this card.

I would like to thank Dr. Bob Rose and Mr. Randy Nelson for encouraging me to teach handwriting fluency by instructing the students in fluent cursive handwriting in ABC order. The cards will help the students to increase their ability to read cursive fluently and to read, write, and spell better.

Many thanks to my students, who won national acclaim in *The Cursive is Cool Nationwide Cursive Handwriting Contest*.