Cursive Writing Workbook — Grade 4

Cursive Writing Workbook for Grade 4 — Complete Course Practice

Cuaderno de Escritura y Cursiva — 4.º grado

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How to Use This Workbook

(En español: Cómo usar este cuaderno)

Welcome to the **Cursive Writing Workbook — Grade 4** by MKLDesignsShop! This workbook is specially designed for 4th-grade students in Florida and Puerto Rico who already know how to form cursive letters and are ready for the next step: cursive writing that anyone can read. English is used as the primary language, with helpful Spanish subtitles (En español: …) to support bilingual learners.

Your friendly guide throughout this workbook is **Lola the Turtle** (Lola la tortuga), who reminds us that steady practice leads to great writing! This edition is an ink-saving edition featuring clean line drawings designed for coloring so you can personalize your book as you learn.

Aligned with Florida / Alineado con Florida: This workbook practices Florida's B.E.S.T. benchmark **ELA.4.C.1.1: Demonstrate legible cursive writing skills.** Florida law (SB 182) requires cursive writing instruction in grades 3–5, and by the end of grade 5 each student demonstrates proficiency: writing upper- and lowercase letters, words and sentences legibly, with proper spacing and alignment, and reading and applying cursive writing. (En español: Este cuaderno practica el estándar B.E.S.T. de Florida **ELA.4.C.1.1: Demostrar destrezas legibles de escritura cursiva.** La ley de Florida (SB 182) exige la enseñanza de la escritura cursiva en los grados 3 a 5, y al final de 5.º grado cada estudiante demuestra dominio: escribir letras mayúsculas y minúsculas, palabras y oraciones de forma legible, con el espaciado y la alineación adecuados, y leer y aplicar la escritura cursiva.)

What is inside this workbook / Qué contiene este cuaderno:

- **6 core units** covering legibility, the letters readers mix up, smooth joins, punctuated sentences, reading cursive, and short texts with a polished signature.
- **1 Starter Mini-Lesson** with a coloring visual and warm-up activity.
- **Unit Mini-Lessons** with simple explanations and coloring drawings.
- **2 Worked Examples** per unit with step-by-step guidance.
- **4 Guided Practice items** per unit for writing with support.
- **6 Independent Practice items** per unit for self-directed writing practice.
- **Unit Mini-Quizzes** (4 multiple-choice questions per unit) to test legibility rules, joins, punctuation, and reading skills.
- **Final Exam** with 20 cumulative questions.
- **Bilingual Glossary** with 30 key handwriting terms.
- **Complete Answer Key** with full explanations at the end of the workbook.

Course Map

(En español: Mapa del curso)

- **Unit 1:** Legible Cursive: The Four Keys / Cursiva legible: las cuatro claves
- **Unit 2:** Letters That Readers Mix Up / Letras que los lectores confunden
- **Unit 3:** Bridge Letters and Smooth Joins / Letras puente y uniones suaves

- **Unit 4:** Sentences with Punctuation / Oraciones con puntuación
- **Unit 5:** Reading Cursive / Leer la cursiva
- **Unit 6:** Short Texts and My Signature / Textos cortos y mi firma

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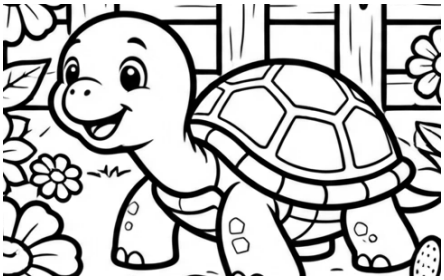
Starter Mini-Lesson

(En español: Mini-lección de arranque)



In third grade you learned to form every cursive letter. Now, in fourth grade, your goal grows: your cursive must be **legible**, which means that anyone who picks up your page can read it easily, the first time, without guessing. Legible cursive is what teachers, family members, and future employers hope to see, and it is the goal of this workbook.

Lola the Turtle says: "Beautiful letters are good. Letters everyone can read are even better!" (En español: Lola la tortuga dice: "Las letras bonitas son buenas. ¡Las letras que todos pueden leer son aún mejores!")

Starter activity: Write your full name in cursive, then copy this sentence: The river is wide and calm.

Model · Modelo:

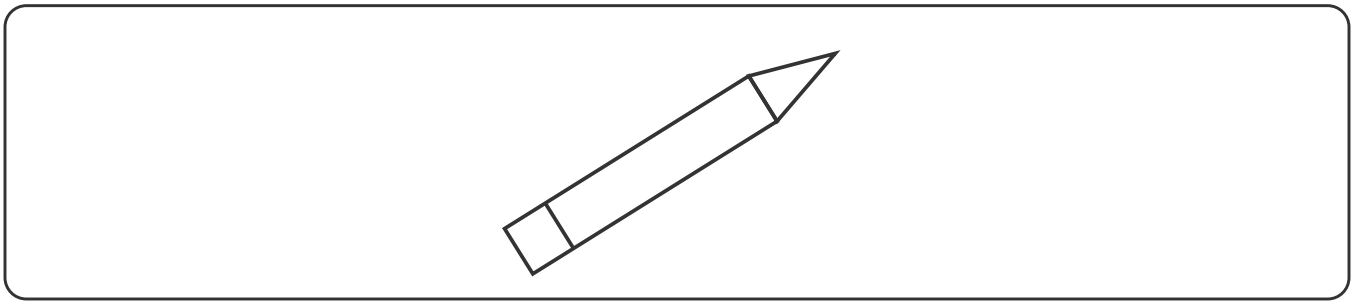
The river is wide and calm.

The river is wide and calm.

UNIT 1: Legible Cursive: The Four Keys

(En español: Unidad 1: Cursiva legible: las cuatro claves)

Mini-Lesson



1. What "Legible" Means

Legible writing is writing that other people can read easily and correctly. A word can be beautifully shaped and still be hard to read if the letters change size, lean in different directions, or float off the line. In fourth grade, every piece of cursive you write, from a spelling list to a full paragraph, should pass one simple test: **someone else can read it.**

2. The Four Keys of Legible Cursive

1) **Size (tamaño):** Small letters reach the midline, tall letters reach the top line, and the same letter keeps the same size every time you write it. 2) **Slant (inclinación):** All letters lean the same way, slightly forward, like trees in the same wind. 3) **Spacing (espaciado):** Letters inside a word stay close but never crowded, and between words you leave a space about the width of a small letter o. 4) **Alignment (alineación):** Letters sit on the baseline. Only the tail letters (g, j, p, y) travel below the line, and they return to their place.

3. The Reader Test

When you finish a line, read it as if you had never seen it before. Better yet, let a partner read it out loud. If your reader reads it smoothly, your four keys are working. If your reader stops, one of the keys needs attention in that word. (En español: La prueba del lector: al terminar una línea, léela como si nunca la hubieras visto, o deja que un compañero la lea en voz alta. Si la lee sin detenerse, tus cuatro claves están funcionando.)

Worked Examples

Example 1

Task: The word "sun" looks messy because the u is much taller than the s and the n. Which key is broken, and how do you fix the word?

Step 1: Compare the height of each small letter: s is small, u reaches almost to the top line, n is small again.

Step 2: Name the broken key: size. Small letters must all stop at the midline.

Step 3: Rewrite the word with s, u, and n all reaching exactly the midline.

Solved answer: The size key is broken. In the corrected word "sun", all three small letters reach the midline and none reaches higher.

In cursive · En cursiva: