

Dealing with descenders

1

butterfly lays eggs
independently

These descenders are at a different angle to the rest of the writing.

flying high

Try words with several descenders.

y y y y
y g

First develop good separate letters to suit the rest of your writing.

flying high

Repeat until they work well.

ing ing ing
thy thy thy

Practise them in groups of letters such as common word endings.

flying high

The 'f' crossbar is still too low.

2

suffer sist

New 'f's and 's's are needed here. These words are meant to be 'suffer' and 'fist'.

energetically

underground

Descenders suffer as the writing gets small and tense.

caged

How to design a simpler, well shaped 'g' with the help of its letter family.

g ge age

gave got going

The new 'g' now works well when looped.

sist fist fist

Simplify the 'f'. It should be at the same angle as the other letters.

fig gift

figs figs

What a difference after just a few minutes' practice.