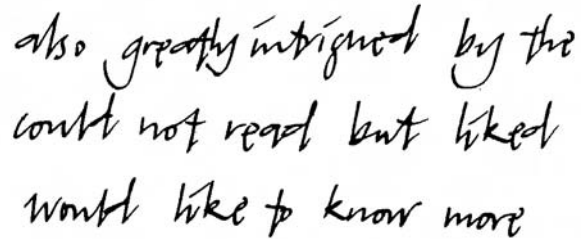


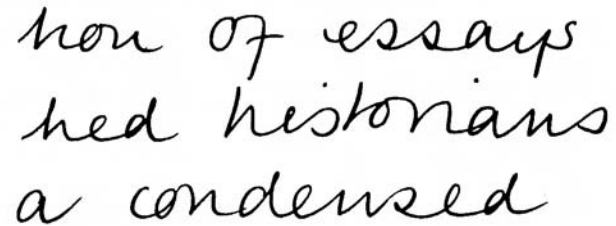
Spiky letters or round letters

Why are there so many differently shaped letters and different kinds of handwriting? It is partly because of what we have been taught. There are so many models and each one is what someone at some time decided the ideal letter shape should be. Teachers know that good, clear writing will help a student to get on. They cannot be blamed for trying to get you to write well in the conventional sense. However, many people will not follow a conventional model. A very tense person may also be unable to do so. When it comes to style, what one person admires the next person may hate. That is why this book stresses the need for an efficient personal handwriting and does not suggest any special model.



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Our handwriting is also part of what we are like ourselves and how our arm and body works. Quite understandably we like our own kind of writing, though sometimes we might like to be a bit better at it. That is where the problem lies. A son who wants to be an artist or perhaps a footballer, is unlikely to have the same writing as a father who works in a bank. He probably has quite different tastes and interests. A girl who might want to be a hairdresser or perhaps a bio-chemist, will probably be a different kind of person with different writing from her English teacher. One is not right and the other wrong. They are just different.