

## Start joining in easy stages

If you have always printed, then you might like to start by feeling what it is like to write flowing, separate letters. This is the first group of letters with joining strokes at the base *iltuhmnd.*

They will help you to loosen up and change your movement. You can make patterns of these letters.

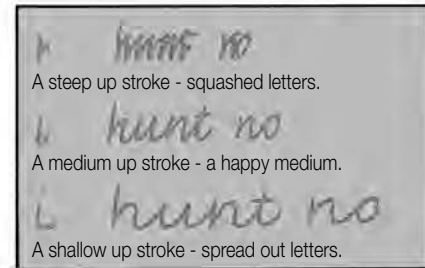
*lillil unen nhenh mumen nheey*

Try words like 'mill', 'hunt', 'hum', 'hill' and 'nut' using only this group of letters. Write them faster and faster and you will soon find that you are joining up automatically. It is really easy this way.

*in my tin hut it hut my hill mimumum*

Check the joining stroke at the base of your letters.

- 1 If it is too steep and jagged then your letters are too close together and get muddled up.
- 2 If it is too shallow then your writing becomes too spread out. Your joining stroke spaces your letters, so try to find a middle way. Then your writing will look even and be easy to read.



You do not need to stop in the middle of short words to dot your 'i' and cross your 't'.

*lille little unen thin*

You should write the whole word without stopping and then you can go back to finish off the bits.