

Why and when to join up

Reasons for joining once you're used to it:

- 1 It is usually faster.
- 2 It is more mature.
- 3 It helps the flow of writing and this also makes it easier for your hand.
- 4 It spaces your writing as well as joining it.

Reasons against joining if you are not used to it:

- 1 Sometimes it is less legible.
- 2 At first it may not be so neat.
- 3 It may be slower until you have practised.

You do not need to join all your letters all the time. Your hand needs a rest, and a chance to move along the line too. Continuous joining of long words makes writing slower, not quicker. Start with the joins that come easiest to you and join when it is comfortable.

Simple joins have groups too

Letters that can join from the base *iltuhmnadcek*

Letters that can join from the top *orvw*

Letters that can join from the crossbar *ft*

Letters that can join with loops at speed *fgjya*

Letters that are joined over the top and back *acdegoo*

Letters that you can join or leave unjoined *bpxz*