

Handwriting Template for the Question Mark

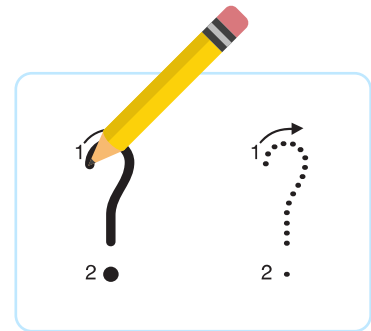
Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to explicitly teach your students how to accurately form a question mark and allow them to practice. This helps students develop efficient handwriting, which supports fluent writing in the future.

Materials:

- Copy of the Handwriting Template for the Question Mark (one for each student)
- Pencils

Directions:

1. Display this activity sheet on the board.
2. Show students where to start by placing your pen on the tip of the curve of the first question mark.
3. Trace the first question mark showing students the direction in which your pen moves to form the symbol. Explain that the arrows help you remember where to start and the direction to move in.
4. Trace a few more question marks thinking-aloud about how you form the question mark as you write it.
5. Have your students trace the first row of question marks. Check their work and provide feedback.
6. Have your students trace the second row. Help them make adjustments based on your feedback.
7. Have students write a row of question marks without tracing them. Monitor their work, provide feedback, and help them make adjustments.
8. You can keep going if you'd like and have your students write more question marks.



Teacher Tip (optional): If your students have difficulty forming letters, you can use a marker to dot the starting spot on each of the question marks. Another idea is to make more rows of the dotted question marks for students to trace before writing without a guide.

Name _____

Date _____

