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# Using Cursive Today



Hawaii Hawaii Hawaii  
 dolphin dolphin dolphin  
 flower flower flower flower  
 surf surf surf surf surf  
 mountain mountain mountain  
 hike hike hike hike

Hi Aunt Kate,  
 We are having a lot of  
 fun in Hawaii! Today  
 we hiked up a mountain  
 and saw a tall waterfall.  
 Tomorrow we will swim  
 with dolphins!  
 Wish you were here,  
 Belinda

Aunt Kate  
 897  
 Houston



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## Learning Cursive

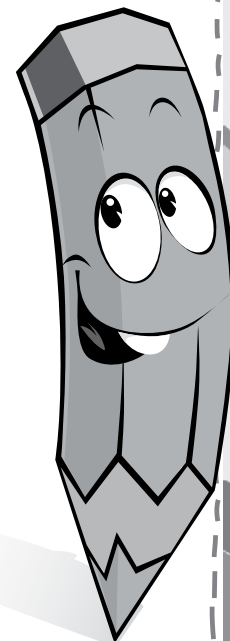
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# How to Use This Book (cont.)

## Practicing cursive

Once students have learned how to write letters and letter combinations in cursive, have them complete the themed activity sheets (pages 45–74). In each section, all of the pages lead up to the final page where students create a real-life connection piece. (Answer keys for the appropriate pages can be found in Appendix A.) Each theme includes the following pages:

### Introduction

Allows students to read a brief introductory text (in cursive) about each theme. Students read the information and then answer questions in cursive writing.



### Graphic Organizer

Students continue practicing their cursive by writing words and sentences that are associated with each theme.



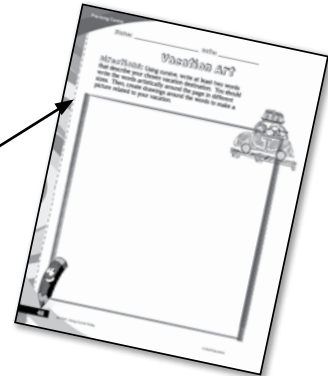
### Puzzle

To make learning even more enjoyable, students complete a puzzle associated with each theme.



### Artwork

Students use creative thinking skills to bring cursive writing and art together when creating masterpieces.



### Reading

This provides opportunities for students to interact with cursive in real-world situations. After reading information related to the theme, students answer text-dependent questions.



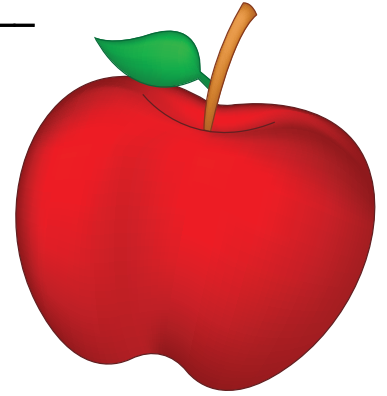
### Real-World Connection

Students put their mastery of cursive to use and create real-world pieces such as friendly letters, postcards, and check writing.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Trace each letter. Then, write your own to fill the lines.



*A a*

*a a a a a*

*a a a a a*

**Directions:** Trace each letter. Then, write each missing letter.

*April*      *pril*

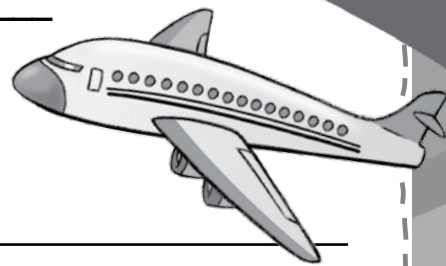
*art*      *rt*

*apple*      *pple*

*aerial*      *eri l*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Trace each letter combination.  
Then, write your own to fill the lines.



pl pl pl pl

pr pr pr pr

pa pa pa pa

**Directions:** Trace the combinations, and write the missing combinations.

party

rty

praise

aise

plane

ane

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Fun Vacation Activities

**Directions:** Read the paragraph about vacations. Then, use cursive writing to answer the questions.



There are many places where you can vacation. Some places include the Caribbean, Italy, and Japan. There are many activities that you can do on vacation. You might go on a hike to a waterfall. You might enjoy skiing on a mountain. You may even like buying souvenirs at a gift shop. No matter where you decide to go on vacation, be sure to take photographs.

1. Which activity above sounds like the most fun to you?

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2. Where would you like to go on vacation?

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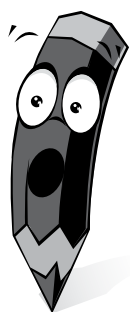
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Vacation Postcards

**Directions:** Read the cursive note on the postcard.  
Then, use cursive to answer the questions.

<p><i>Dear Aunt Kate,</i></p> <p><i>We are having a lot of fun in Hawaii. Today we hiked up a mountain and saw a tall waterfall. Tomorrow we will swim with dolphins!</i></p> <p><i>Wish you were here, Belinda</i></p>	 <p><i>Aunt Kate Singh 4321 Hawthorne Road Portland, OR 12345</i></p>
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1. What did Belinda do on the day she wrote this note?

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2. What will Belinda do tomorrow?

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Writing about Vacations

**Directions:** Imagine that you are on vacation. Use cursive to write a postcard about your travels. Include an address and draw a stamp. Then, cut it out and draw a picture of your destination on the back.

The form is a rectangular postcard template. It features a decorative border with diagonal stripes. In the top-left corner, there is a square box with a scalloped edge, intended for a stamp. Below the stamp box, the postcard is divided into two sections by a horizontal line. Each section contains seven vertical writing lines: a solid line on the left, a dashed line in the middle, and a solid line on the right, designed to guide cursive handwriting.