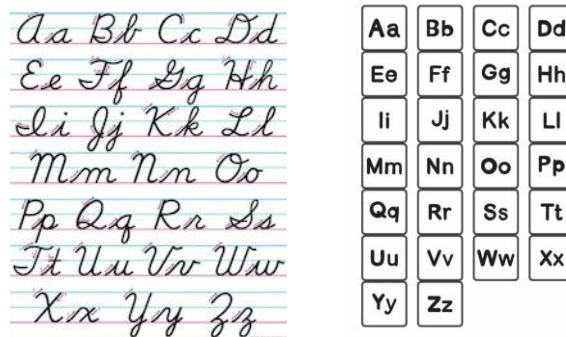


“CURSIVE” VS “BLOCK” HANDWRITING®

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Of late, many of us have heard all about the above subject and the associated opinions. I've read that given the deterioration of today's educational standards, some students are unable to write their own names in the cursive style! Well, maybe so, maybe not! After all, when we all first learned the English language alphabet during our early years of school, the English language alphabet was introduced to us via large wall charts usually only in block letters with both upper and lower case examples. But eventually in our later school years we saw the same letters in cursive and we all learned to write in both forms - albeit probably block form was our first preference because cursive and its use came later in life as we all matured. I don't think our writing style was ever a matter of education and brilliant minds versus the run-of-the mill students with a lower intellect; it always was a matter of personal choice.

Following are examples of typical charts of the English alphabet in cursive & block style as were mounted on the walls of school classrooms.



Today, much of our writing is done on a computer with a word processor that has a wide array of font styles – in both upper and lower cases and in block and cursive styles. However, there remains many occasions during which we must handwrite greeting cards and in filling in the blanks in various paper documents, etc. As always as individuals, the choice is ours in these situations as to whether to write things in block or cursive style - depending on the importance of the matter being addressed. For example, in my career as a commercial aviation field service representative, long before computers, e-mail and word processors existed, I hand wrote in block letters or used a typewriter (using block letters) for my messages to the airline Customers I supported - simply to ascertain that my Customer could completely understand what I had written.

Even today, although I have my computer keyboard/word processor at my disposal and am perfectly capable of writing cursive, when I do actually handwrite something, I much prefer to write in block letter style to assure legibility/readability.

Whatever you may choose to WRITE, the style is what is RIGHT for you!

