


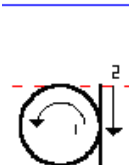

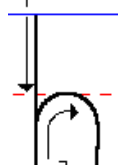

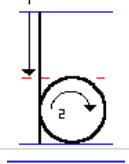

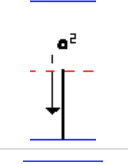



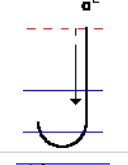

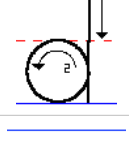

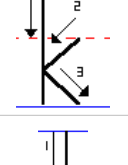



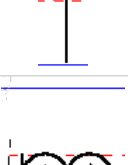

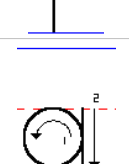
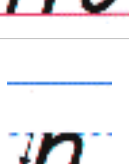
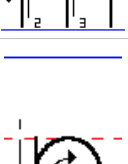


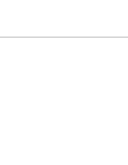

Writing the Alphabet




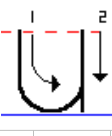

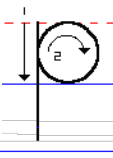

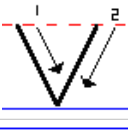

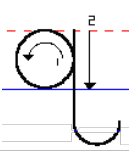

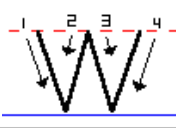

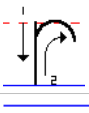
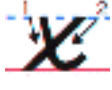
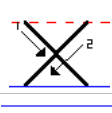



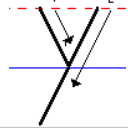

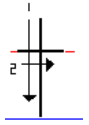
Writing the alphabet in the 'correct' order is not as strict as writing *kanji* or *kana*, but there is a generally agreed stroke order, and getting the order right makes your writing faster and more efficient to write, and easier to read, especially when writing cursive (or 'joined-up').

Look at the letters below and practice the correct stroke order. Read the notes carefully, these are letters many Japanese people get wrong.

Vocabulary:

Curve _____ Horizontal _____ Tail _____ Vertical _____

Cursive	Print	Notes	Cursive	Print	Notes
					make sure the vertical is long
					Vertical then the point. Notice that it is a <i>point</i> , not a <i>dash</i> .
					Vertical then the point. The 'tail' goes below the line.
					
					
		Vertical then horizontal			
		The tail goes below the line.			make sure the vertical is short

Cursive	Print	Notes	Cursive	Print	Notes
		start at the top or to the right, NOT the bottom			
		The tail goes below the line.			make sure the second line is away from the first
		The tail goes below the line.			Print can also be done as one line, the same as cursive.
		make sure the curve is close to the vertical			
					The tail goes below the line.
		Vertical then horizontal	