

Progression Benchmarks for Transcription



End of
Year 1

Secure, consistent letter formation; appropriate size; correct orientation; ability to write simple sentences with developing stamina

Jack went to the market.

Joined handwriting is increasingly automatic; improved speed and legibility; writing stamina increases.

End of
Year 2

After saying farewell to his mother, Jack carefully climbed the gigantic beanstalk until he reached the magnificent castle in the clouds.

Year
3 - 4

Fluent, automatic letter formation; beginning to join; able to sustain several sentences; transcription does not impede writing

Jack got magic beans from the old man but his mum was angry.

Year
5 - 6

Fluent, efficient, legible handwriting at sustained pace; pupils choose appropriate handwriting style for the task; transcription is fully automatic in extended writing

Through the small crack in the castle door, Jack could see the enormous giant who was asleep in the kitchen. A magnificent castle, which had a huge front door, stood on top of the clouds.

