

LESSON PLAN 59 : CREATE A HANDWRITING FONT

Objective: Write on your computer in your own handwriting

Age range: 7-14

Have you ever wanted to type in your own handwriting? Now you can thanks to Pilot Handwriting, a fantastic online tool that turns your own handwriting into a digital font that you can use to write emails.

YOU WILL NEED

Computer, Internet access, digital camera/scanner, printer, pen.

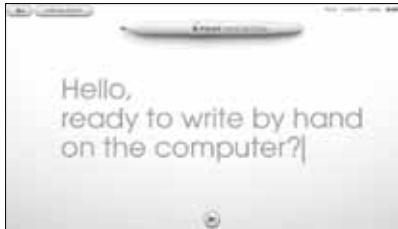
DEVELOPING SKILLS

Writing, letter writing, calligraphy, communication, design.

METHOD

Creating your own handwriting font couldn't be easier. Just follow these simple steps.

1. Visit pilothandwriting.com/en/
2. Create an account.
3. Click on arrow/play button.



4. Watch the introductory video.



5. Print squared template. This contains empty spaces in front of each font character.



6. Fill in each of the empty squares with your own handwritten letters (or whatever writing you want the font to be in).

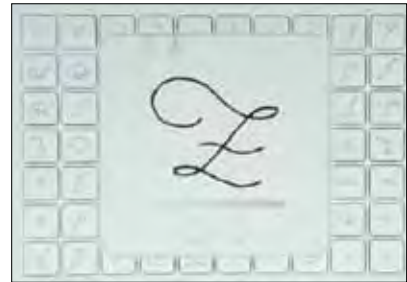


7. Record an image of the filled-out template and submit to the site. You can do this by scanning the image or taking a snapshot with a digital camera or even a webcam (so add another use to Lesson Plan 58!).

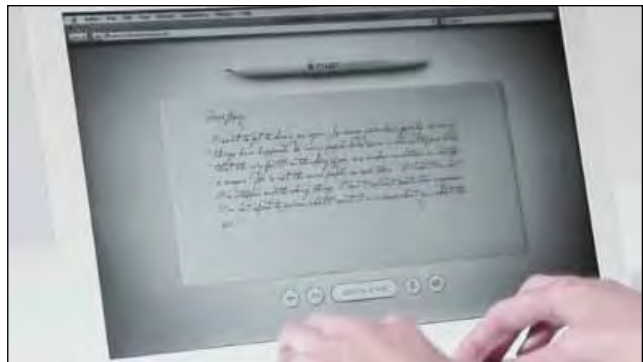
For specific instructions on how to carry out each method click the appropriate button.



8. The site then analyses and records each of your handwritten characters and provides you with the option to modify each one – for example, you can make it thicker or change the length of the pen strokes.



9. Once you've finished editing and you're happy with your font, give it a name and save it.



10. Use the font – or any that you have created – to write a letter on the site and email it.

Unfortunately, the site does not let you download the font you create. Apart from writing emails the only other thing you can currently do with your created font is use it to publish handwritten messages on Facebook. But still, we think being able to send 'e-letters' in your own handwriting is still a pretty neat thing to do.



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