

WRITING PRACTICE

If this book is your first experience writing italic, continue to trace the models before copying.

We use the 26 letters of our alphabet

W

daily in reading and writing, but seldom

d

are we aware of their beginnings.

The body height is now 1mm less (4mm) than on previous pages.

The word ALPHABET

I

¹fr → ¹fi
You may connect fr and fi.

comes from the Greek

I

names of the first two

I

letters of their alpha-

I

bet, ALPHA and BETA.

I

CHECKLIST
 ___ shape
 ___ size
 ___ slope
 ___ spacing

Some time before 1,300 B.C., the Phoeni-

S

cian alphabet was brought to Greece.

I

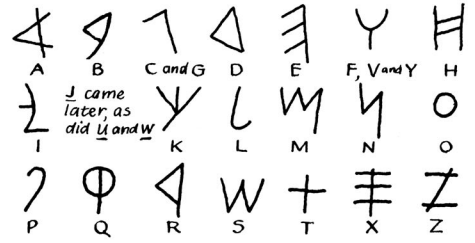
The Greeks added vowels to the alphabet.

I

SELF-ASSESSMENT: Are you beginning *ā d g q c s* with a horizontal line? 4mm
 Are you ending *b p* with a horizontal line?

• THE PHOENICIAN ALPHABET •
 about 2,000 BC

Many historians feel we can thank the Phoenicians for the beginning of our alphabet. It is thought that their alphabet of 22 letters* was developed from Egyptian hieroglyphs. The Phoenicians used all of their symbols as consonants.



Can you translate this? **
 + 𐤀𐤁𐤂𐤃𐤄𐤅𐤆𐤇𐤈𐤉𐤊𐤋𐤌𐤍𐤎𐤏𐤐𐤑𐤒

All of those who came in touch with the Phoenicians borrowed their alphabet and changed it to suit their own needs.

* ⊕ (th) and ⊔ (ts) complete the 22 symbols.

** The Phoenicians wrote from right to left.