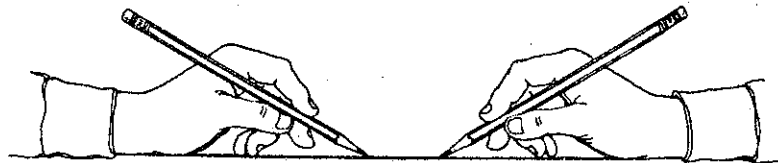


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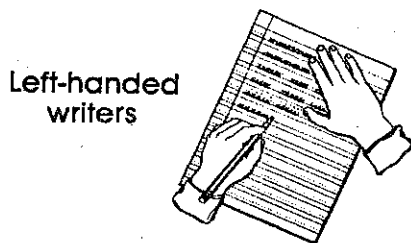


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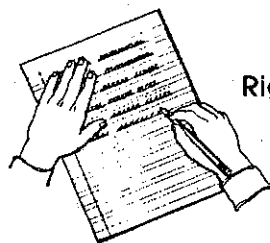
Right-handed writers

- A right-handed student should grasp the pencil or pen loosely about one inch above the point, between the thumb and middle finger.
- A left-handed student should hold the pencil or pen up to one half inch farther away from the point.
- The writing hand should be held with the palm down and the wrist almost level with, but slightly raised from, the desk.
- The student's index finger should rest lightly on top of the pencil or pen.

Position of Paper for Cursive Writing



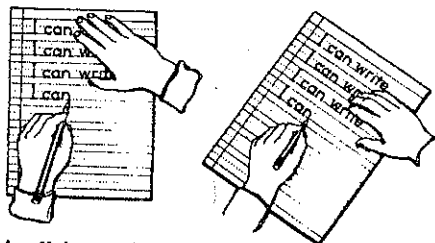
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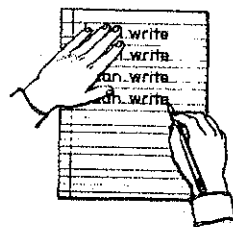
Right-handed writers

- The paper or text should be slanted so that its vertical edges are parallel to the student's writing arm.
- The paper is slanted to the left for right-handed writers and to the right for left-handed writers.
- The student's writing hand should be kept well below the writing. The free hand should hold the paper still.

Position of Paper for Manuscript Writing



Left-handed writers



Right-handed writers

- The paper or text should be straight in front of the student, with edges parallel to the edges of the desk.
- A left-handed writer may find it easier to write on paper that is slanted to the right, parallel to the left forearm.
- The student's writing hand should be kept well below the writing. The free hand should hold the paper still.