## How to hold a Pencil

Show your student how to hold a pencil in the tripod position and check to see that they use this grip while they draw and write with you. The first few days may be challenging, but it won't be long before you see improvement. Any student of any age, can change to the tripod grip. Just remember that it may take longer to change the habits of an older child.

## Explanation

The tripod grip allows a person to write faster and with ease, while a tight or awkward grip can slow writing down. The tripod grip avoids physical problems to the hand and wrist.

While writing, please supervise your child to make sure he/she forms all letters from the top (sky or fence) to the bottom (grass or into the ocean). This proper formation makes writing faster and neater.

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