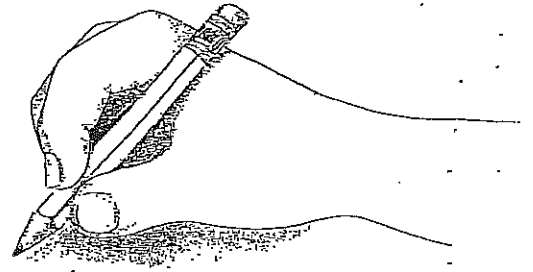
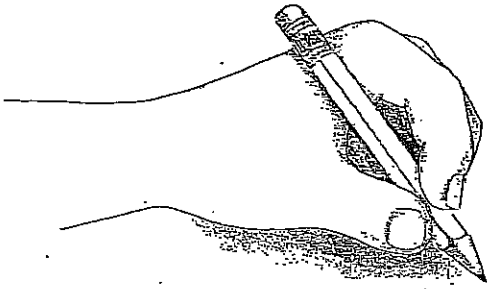


The Correct Grip

The standard way for children to hold their pencil is illustrated below. If you write using a grip that is different than tripod or quadropod, alter your grip for classroom demonstration.

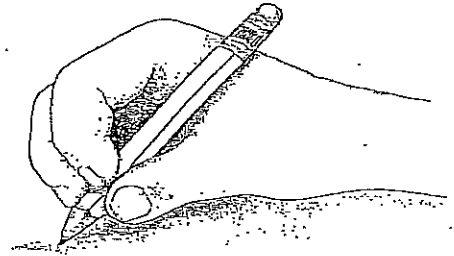
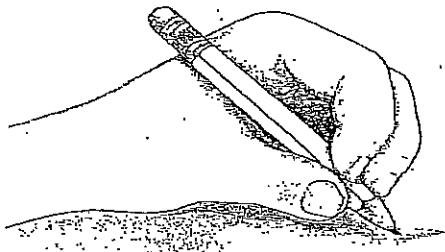
Tripod Grip

Thumb, Index Finger, Middle Finger

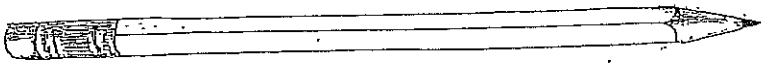


Quadropod Grip

Thumb, Index Finger, Middle Finger, Ring Finger



A Note About Pencil Size

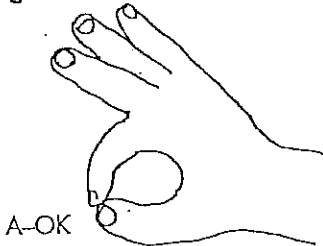


Start by using golf size pencils in kindergarten and first grade. As children gain handwriting experience, their control will improve. At that time, transition them to a standard pencil.

The tips shown here will help your students hold the pencil with the right combination of mobility and control. These exercises make it easy and fun for children to learn a correct pencil grip.

A-OK

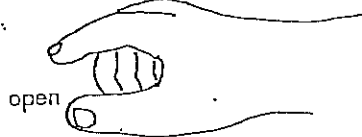
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A-OK

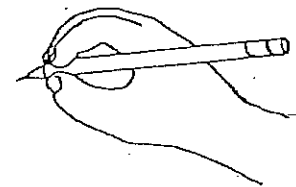
Step 1.
Make the A-OK sign.

drop fingers



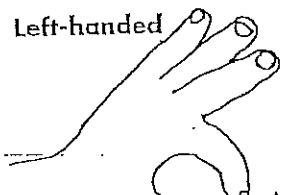
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Step 2.
Drop the fingers.
Open the A-OK.

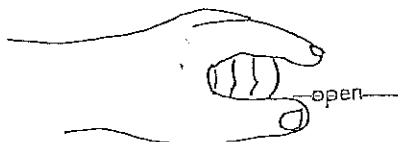


Step 3.
Pinch the pencil.

Left-handed



drop fingers



open