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TOPIC --

Here are some handwriting tips to help your Newton to recognize your
handwriting.

DISCUSSION ---

These handwriting tips will help your Newton to recognize your handwriting:

• Write capital letters and tall letters (such as t and l) so they are
  about as tall as the width between solid lines on Newton's screen.
  Lowercase letters should be about half as tall.

• Put a full character's width of space between words, but not too much;
  Newton may assume you want it to insert a tab.

• Write in straight lines. Use the lines on the screen as a guide.

• When dotting your i's, keep the dot close to the i.

• When crossing letters, make sure the cross is straight, not slanted, and
  that it does not cross any other tall letters that should not be crossed
  (such as h).

• Make parentheses taller than your tallest letters.

• Don't go back to a letter after you've written it to try to improve its
  legibility. Newton only understands a letter as it's written
  originally.

• Don't write too near the edge of the screen. Newton cannot sense the
  stylus on the screen's edges.

- Don't pause in the middle of a word.

- Write from left to right.

- Use thicker ink. Newton recognizes bold lines better. To change the thickness of the lines your stylus produces, go to the Extras drawer and tap Styles. Tap one of the bottom two squares on the far-right side.

- Keep punctuation close to the word it follows.

- Write colons and semicolons as tall as capital letters. Draw them from top to bottom.

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