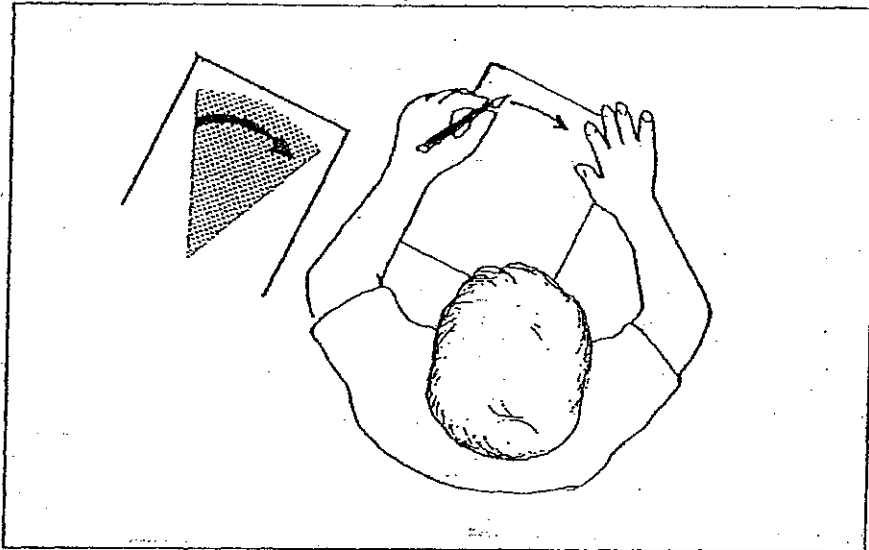


10. LEFT HANDEDNESS

- Try not to sit a left-hander on the right of a right-hander during writing activities or their arms will bump into each other and restrict movement.
- Place paper to the left of the body midline and tilt the paper clockwise to avoid the child's hand obscuring the view of the line. It may be useful to place a tape on the table to outline where it should be positioned until the child gets used to it.



- Encourage the child to steady the paper with their right hand in the middle or towards the right edge of the paper, not under the line where they are writing.
- The left fore arm should remain parallel with the sides of the paper to prevent development of a 'hooked' hand.
- Check the child has left handed scissors for cutting.
- Left handed products and advice: www.anythingleft-handed.co.uk
- Sometimes having a sloped surface can help maintain correct posture:

Details for supplier of desk slopes (see page 61)
Writing slope – IKEA, www.LDAlearning.com
Phillip & Tracy 01634 332171