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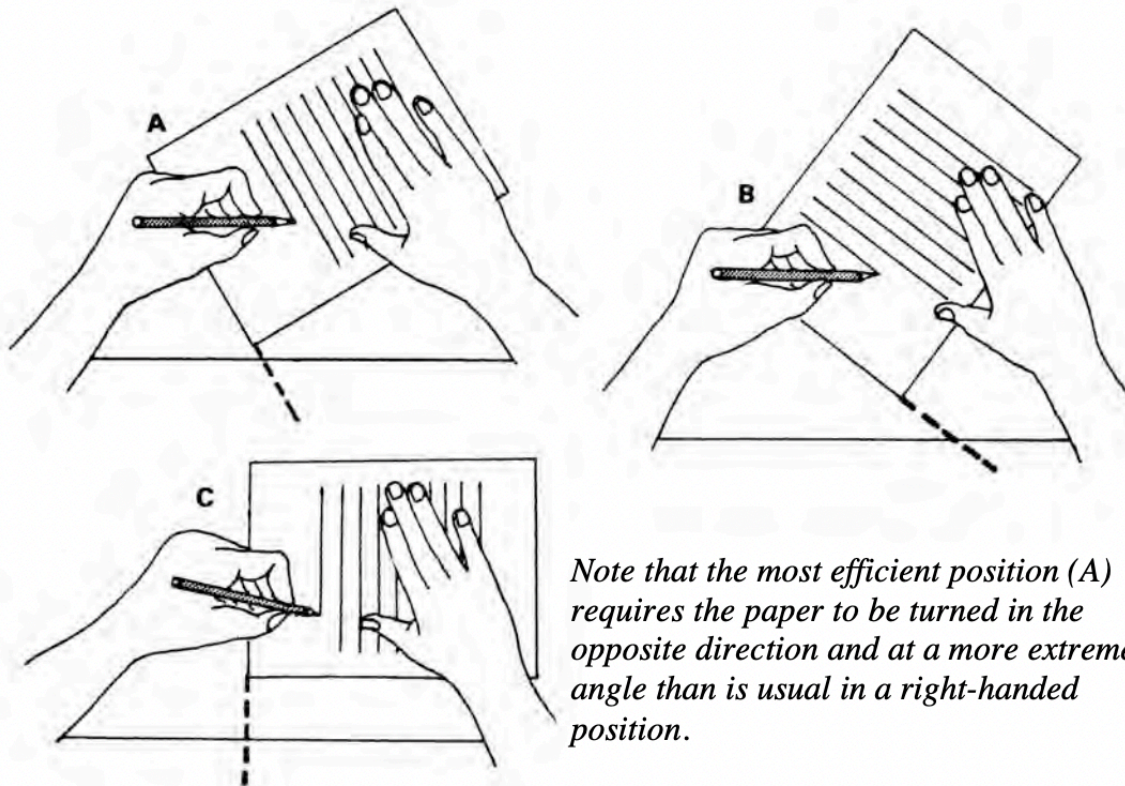
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Left-handed Children

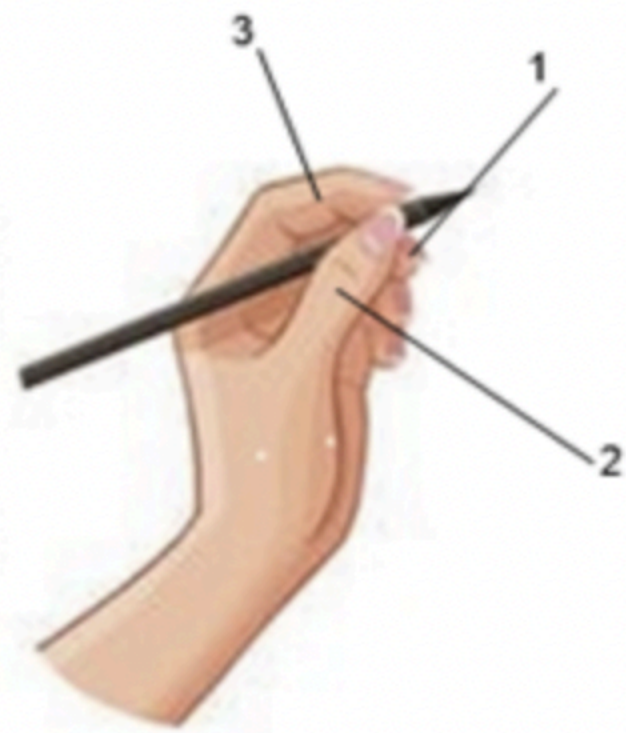
Left-handed children must overcome two major difficulties. First, they must push the pen rather than pull it and, second, their left-hand tends to obscure their writing as it moves across the page. Right-handed adults can experience something of the left-handed child's difficulties by trying mirror writing, beginning at the right-hand side of the page. Potential difficulties for both right-handers and left-handers in holding a pen can be avoided by early and regular teaching. Given this, left-handers are just as capable as right-handers of high achievement in handwriting, and should on no account be forced to use their right hands.

Left-handed children may be helped in the following ways.

- They should turn the paper from the vertical in a clockwise direction (the opposite direction from the right-handed position). Diagrams A, B, and C show, in order, the three most efficient positions. (Enstrom¹⁴)



Note that the most efficient position (A) requires the paper to be turned in the opposite direction and at a more extreme angle than is usual in a right-handed position.



1. Tall Finger (side)
 2. Thumb (pad)
 3. Pointing Finger (tip)
- All fingers are slightly bent.