

Lesson - 5

Alternative forms of 'R' and 'H'

5.1 INTRODUCTION

In this lesson you will learn that consonants 'R' and 'H' can be written in two ways. 'R' can be represented either by a downward 'R' or upward 'R'. Similarly 'H' can be represented either by Downward 'H' or by upward 'H' Further, the sound of 'H' can be represented by a tick and also by a dot.

In lesson one you have learnt that there are 24 consonants, but they are represented by 26 strokes in shorthand. Two more strokes are there because consonant 'H' & 'R' are represented by two strokes each.

5.2 OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lesson, you will be able to :

- explain the rules for using the alternative forms of 'R' upward and downward;
 - identify the cases where upward 'R' is not used and where downward 'R' is not used;
 - explain the rules for using the alternative forms of 'H'upward
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and downward;

- represent the sound of 'H' through a light dot or by a small tick.

5.3 RULES FOR WRITING UPWARD AND DOWNWARD 'R'

- (i) When 'R' comes in the beginning of a word and there is a vowel before 'R', downward stroke is used.

For example:

early army

argue air

- (ii) When 'R' comes in the beginning of a word and vowel after 'R', upward stroke is used.

For example:

ready relief..... retail.....

role route rush

- (iii) In the middle of a word 'R' is generally written upward.

For example:

authority party charge

forty park march

- (iv) When 'R' comes at the end of a word and vowel comes after 'R', upward stroke is used.

For example :

thorough narrow

factory injury

- (v) When 'R' comes at the end of a word and there is no vowel or a vowel comes before 'R', downward stroke is used.

For example

appear fear assure

bear door share

- (vi) When 'R' comes before consonant 'M', downward stroke of 'R' is always used even if it comes in the middle of a word. (exception to rule (iii))

For example:

remove remedy form

alarm room

- (vii) Before T,D, Chay, Jay and ith, upward stroke is used, even if 'R' is preceded by a vowel. (exception taken to rule)

For example:

artery raid arch

urge earth

- (viii) When 'R' comes after upstraight strokes, upward stroke is used.

For example:

rare aware

hurry lawyer

- (ix) If 'R' comes after two upstraight strokes, downward stroke is used.

For example:

roarer rarer

SHORT FORMS/GRAMMALOGUES:

..... your year whose
..... large thank or thanked

INTEXT QUESTIONS 5.1

1. Fill in the blanks:
 - (i) 'R' is represented by strokes, written in & direction.
 - (ii) In the beginning of a word 'R' is written-
 - (a) Downward
 - (b) Upward
 - (iii) In the middle of a word, 'R' is generally written in direction.
 - (iv) In the end of a word-
 - (a) When there is no vowel stroke is used.
 - (b) When vowel comes after 'R' stroke is used.
 - (v) Before 'M' 'R' stroke is used.
 - (vi) Before T, D, Chay, Jay and ith, 'R' stroke is used.
 - (vii) After upstraight strokes 'R' stroke is used.
 - (viii) After two upstrokes 'R' is used in direction.

5.4 CONSONANT 'H'

The consonant H is heard in words like hockey, huge, hotel, higher etc. Likewise there are many other words which could be written with either Upward or downward H.

The consonant H is written in two forms because of the following reasons:-

- (i) **For the purpose of legible outline:-** Upward H may join more legibly with certain strokes than downward H and hence upward H is used, similarly downward H may join more legibly with certain strokes hence downward H is used.
- (ii) **In order to avoid awkward joining:-** These two forms have been formed so that the awkward joining of phrases is avoided.

CASES OF UPWARD AND DOWNWARD H

Downward H

We use downward H in the following cases:-

- (i) **When it is standing alone:-**

high he hay hue

In all the above cases you will notice that H is the only consonant in the word. There is no other consonant. These strokes have been positioned according to the first heard vowel in them.

Note:

You may be knowing by now that a consonant is positioned according to the principle of 'position writing'. Two factors determine the position of a consonant:-

1. The first heard vowel and
2. The first upstroke and downstroke

The rule can therefore, be described as- "In the case of first place vowel, the first upstroke or downstroke will be written above the line and the rest of the consonants will follow."

This rule similarly applies for the position writing of IInd place and IIIrd Place vowels.

- (ii) **When H is followed either by k or g:-**

Downward H is used whenever it is immediately followed either by K or G.

hug hike hook hockey

In all the above cases, H is written downward because according to the rule if H is followed by K or G, downward H is used. For example, in the word Hug H is followed by g, in Hike, Hook and Hockey, H is followed by K, therefore downward form of H is used.

It is important to mention here that there can be a vowel occurring between the stroke H-K and H-G but there should not be any consonant in between them.

3. In derivatives and compound words:-

Downward H is used in the derivatives of words written with downward H. In other words if in the root word downward H is written then in the derivative and compound words it is maintained.

For example, High is a root which is written with downward H. Therefore, the derivatives of high will also be written with downward H only.

high highly..... higher.....

Similarly Hay is written with downward H and Hayrick is a derivative so Hayrick will be written with downward H.

hay hayrick

Upward H

In all the cases than those mentioned above, 'H' is written upward when joined to other consonants. It is a light stroke written with upward direction. For example,

happy hope..... head.....

heavy..... hung..... hurry.....

You will notice that in all the above examples, with use of upward form of H, we get legible outline and a sharp angle. With downward H we may not get such legible outlines when joined with the above combination of consonants.

CONTRACTION FORM OF HOPE

The word 'Hope' can be contracted to the stroke P..... to be used in phrases like-

I hope I hope you are I hope you will
..... We hope..... We hope you are

In other words, in order to gain speed and write quickly the word 'hope' which occurs too often in official letters, is contracted to P consonant.

Note : It is however, important to mention here that 'hope' will be written full when written alone.

INTEXT QUESTIONS 5.2

1. Fill in the blanks:

- (a) The two forms of H are and
- (b) The direction of writing upward H is
- (c) 'High' is written with H.
- (d) H is written when it is standing alone.
- (e) 'Highly' is a derivative of H is written in it.
- (f) 'Hope' is contracted to consonant.

2. Correct the outlines of the following words:

- (a) Hang..... (b) Hook..... (c) Highway.....
 - (d) Head.....(e) Higher.....
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5.1 DRILL EXERCISE

Transcribe the following :-

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5.2 DRILL EXERCISE

Write in shorthand

1. I will be leaving early to see the hockey match.
 2. The car was going on the highway.
 3. The hotel usually pay higher revenue to the bank.
 4. He was happy and was laughing at a higher pitch.
 5. They will go to see the hockey match on Monday.
 6. I should like the head of your firm to see our huge new factory.
 7. We are happy to go to the lake and I hope you will enjoy the voyage.
 8. I admire the head of the hotel.
 9. I hope to go to Canada via Nigeria.
 10. The hotel had a huge lounge.
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KEY TO DRILL QUESTIONS

1. They hope to have the bill of lading in the mail today.
2. I hope he will come to see it for I think it will appeal to him.
3. He was enjoying holiday at hotel when he was caught up by the authority.
4. I will be happy to go with him to see your nephew.
5. I shall be happy to see him and you if you can come too.
6. He may get the higher wage for the job.
7. He was in a hurry to see the huge hotel.

KEY TO DRILL QUESTIONS

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5.5 'H' TICK

- (a) 'H' sound is represented by a small tick in the beginning before 'M', 'L' and downward 'R', when not preceded by a vowel. 'H' tick is written in the
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direction of downward 'H'.

For Example :-

hall

health

home

harm

(b) 'H' tick is also employed medially in Phraseography but not in words:-

Thus:- for whom but Inhumanity

of her but Lahore

'H' Dot

Where upward or downward. 'H' cannot conveniently be joined with the preceding stroke, the 'H' dot is used. 'H' dot is indicated by placing light dot before the vowel which is to be aspirated. 'H' dot is used in the middle of a word.

Note the following examples:-

uphill

vehicle

manhood

5.6 WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNT

Consonant 'R' is represented by two strokes-written upward and downward:

Uses of Upward 'R'

1. In the beginning of a word when followed by a vowel, upward 'R' is used.
 2. In the middle generally upward 'R' is used.
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3. In the end of a word when followed by a vowel, upward 'R' is used.
4. Before T, D, Chay, Jay and Ith, upward 'R' is used.
5. After upstraight strokes, upward 'R' is used.

Uses of Downward 'R'

1. In the beginning of a word when 'R' is preceded by a vowel, downward 'R' is used.
2. Before 'M', always downward 'R' is used.
3. In the end of a word when there is no vowel either preceding or following, downward 'R' is used.
4. After two upstrokes, downward 'R' is used.

There are two forms of 'H'. Upward H and downward 'H'. The downward 'H' is written in downward direction and upward H is written in upward direction. There are certain cases where downward H is used:-

1. H standing alone
2. H followed by K or G
3. Derivative of root word written with downward H

In all other cases, upward H is used. In order to facilitate quick writing, 'hope' word is contracted to 'p' stroke in a phrase.

Abbreviated 'H' is used in two forms i.e. 'H' tick and 'H' dot. 'H' tick is used initially with the consonants 'L', 'M' and downward 'R'. It is used medially in phraseography but not in words.

Where it is not convenient to write upward or downward 'H', then 'H' sound is represented by a dot in the middle of a stroke with the vowel.

INTEXT QUESTIONS 5.3

1. (a) A small tick is represented initially with L, M & downward R for the sound of
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- (b) 'H' is represented medially by a small.....written with the vowel.
 - (c) 'H' tick is also used medially in.....
2. Correct the outlines of the following words :-
- (a) uphill
 - (b) for whom
 - (c) healthy
 - (d) perhaps
 - (e) hoghead
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Extensive use of 'H' tick & dot

The following vocabulary will help you to do the extensive use of Dot and tick 'H' in various outlines.

- 1. hall
- 2. humanity
- 3. hearth
- 4. heartily
- 5. mishap
- 6. homing
- 7. uphill
- 8. downhill

5.7 TERMINAL QUESTIONS

- 1. Explain with examples any four rules for use of upward form of 'R'
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2. What do you understand by Dot 'H' & Tick 'H'? Explain by giving suitable examples.
3. Write the rules for use of downward form of 'R'. Give suitable examples.
4. State the cases where upward H is used.
5. Highly and Higher are written with downward H, why?
6. What is the purpose of contracting the word 'Hope'?
7. State with examples the circumstances under which 'H' tick is used.
8. State the circumstances where dot 'H' is used. Support your answer with suitable examples.

5.8 ANSWERS TO INTEXT QUESTIONS

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- (i) Two, upward and downward.
- (ii) (a) When preceded by a vowel.
(b) When followed by a vowel.
- (iii) Upward.
- (iv) (a) Downward
(b) Upward
- (v) Downward
- (vi) Upward
- (vii) Upward
- (viii) Downward

5.2

1. (a) upward and downward
(b) upward
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- (c) downward
 - (d) downward
 - (e) high; downward
 - (f) P
2. (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

5.3

1. (a) 'H'
- (b) DOT
- (c) Phraseography
2. (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

MATERIAL FOR EXTENDED LEARNING/ACTIVITY

You may consult Chapter IV, Chapter XVII of Pitman Shorthand (New Era Edition).
