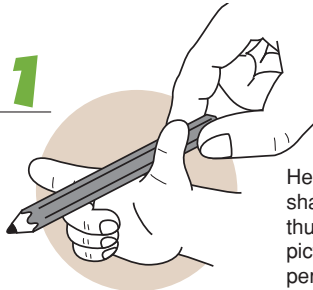


How to hold a pencil properly

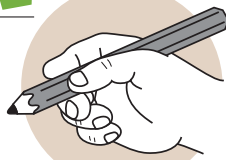
There are several ways to teach children to hold a pencil properly. Here is one example.

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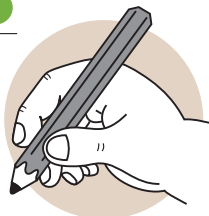
Help your child form an "L" shape with his or her thumb and forefinger as pictured here. Place the pencil against the top of the bent middle finger and on the thumb joint.

2



Now, have your child squeeze the pencil with the thumb and forefinger.

3



Check the way that your child is holding the pencil against the picture to decide whether or not it is the proper way.

It can be difficult for a child who does not yet have enough strength in his or her hand and fingers to hold the pencil properly. Please teach this skill gradually, so that your child will remain interested and willing to hold a pencil naturally.