

MIRROR WRITING



What is Mirror Writing?

Leonardo da Vinci wrote most of his personal notes and dictations backwards. To read them, you would have to hold them up to a mirror! This ensured that his writings could not be easily understood by anyone else. Although it's unclear who da Vinci was hiding his notes from, it is still a fascinating process!

Activity Time!

Supplies Needed: pen/pencil, blank sheet of paper, mirror

On a separate sheet of paper, practice writing the following sentences backwards! For each sentence, remember to start with the last word of the sentence and write each letter backwards. Once you have each sentence written, hold your paper up to a mirror to see how well you did! If you need help, refer to the backwards alphabet on the next page.

Leonardo da Vinci was an Italian artist and scientist.

One of his most famous paintings was the Mona Lisa.

He was also a great inventor.

He drew designs for bicycles, airplanes, and parachutes.

He was fascinated with how things worked, not just how they looked.

Mirror Writing Alphabet

a d e b e f g h
i j k l m n o p
q r s t u v w x
y z