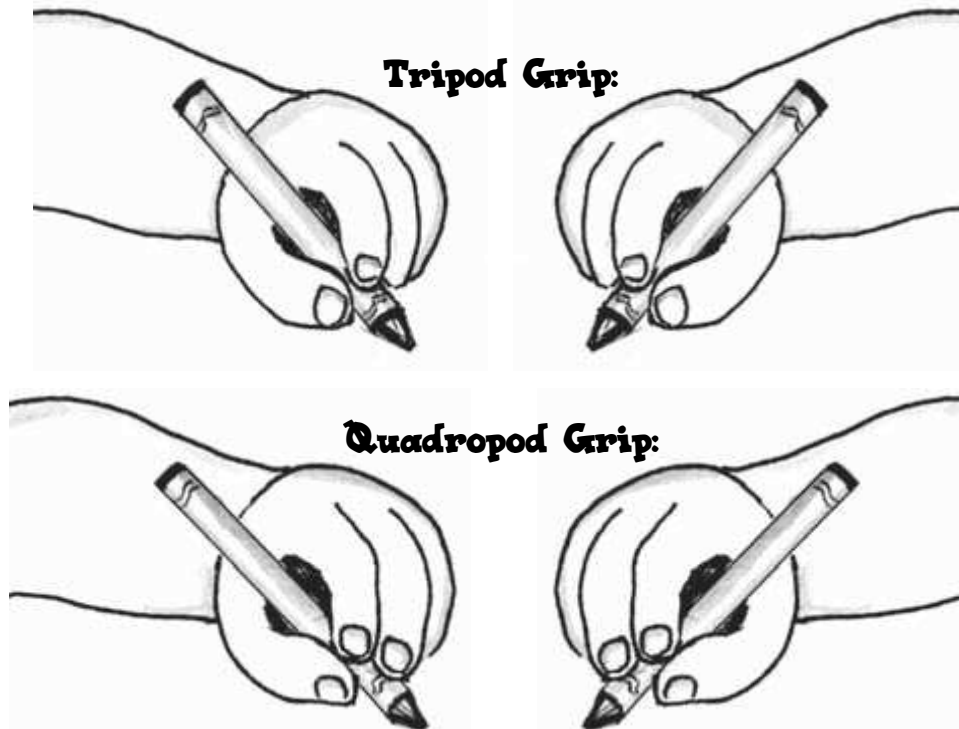


What is the Correct Grip?

Here's a picture. Notice that there is a choice. Some children like to pinch with the thumb and pointer. That's the tripod (pinch with thumb and pointer, pencil rests on tall man). Others like the quadropod (pinch with thumb and pointer/tall man together, pencil rests on ring finger).



What else can I do?

Pick up and Drop it! This is a fun way to practice placing the fingers correctly. Help your child pick up the pencil or crayon and get all the fingers placed. Then drop it! See if your child can put all the fingers back in the right place again. Repeat two or three times.

Show your child how to hold and move the crayon to make different strokes, back and forth, up and down, round and round. Help the pencil or crayon hand rest on the paper, with the elbow down and the hand touching the paper. Help the helper hand hold the paper.