

1.8 ASCENDERS AND DESCENDERS

DIRECTIONS: Using only lowercase letters, five typographic terms introduced in chapter 1 are written below using a visual code. White boxes represent consonants. Gray boxes represent vowels. The shapes also indicate the shapes of the letters with ascenders and descenders as appropriate. Write the appropriate letter in the box.

Write the lowercase letters that have NO ascenders or descenders. _____

Write the lowercase letters that have ascenders. _____

Write the lowercase letters that have descenders. _____

The visual code consists of 15 individual typographic terms arranged in five rows of three. Each term is represented by a box with a specific height and width relative to a baseline. Gray boxes represent vowels, and white boxes represent consonants. The shapes indicate ascenders (taller than the baseline) and descenders (shorter than the baseline).

- Row 1: [Gray box, short] [White box, short] [Gray box, short] [White box, tall] [Gray box, short] [Gray box, short] [White box, tall] [White box, short] [Gray box, short] [White box, tall]
- Row 2: [White box, tall] [White box, tall] [Gray box, short] [White box, tall] [Gray box, short] [White box, short] [White box, short] [Gray box, tall] [Gray box, short] [White box, tall]
- Row 3: [White box, short] [Gray box, short] [White box, tall] [White box, tall] [Gray box, short] [White box, short] [Gray box, short]
- Row 4: [White box, short] [White box, tall] [Gray box, short] [White box, short] [White box, tall] [Gray box, short] [White box, short] [White box, tall] [White box, tall] [Gray box, short] [Gray box, short] [White box, tall]
- Row 5: [White box, tall] [Gray box, short] [Gray box, short] [White box, short] [White box, tall] [White box, short] [Gray box, short] [White box, short] [Gray box, short]