Writing Numerals 1: Start at the top. Keep the slant consistent when 0: Start at the top and go counterclockwise writing numerals, like you do when writing letters. (to the left). Keep an oval shape. 2: Start at the top left. In italics, there is no loop in a 2. NO backward numbers. 3: Start at the top left. NO backward numbers. 4: Start at the top left to draw an L in the upper half of the space. Then pick up your pencil to draw the line down on the right side of the L. Two-stroke numerals: 4 and 5. The dotted line is the second stroke. 5: Start at the top left, go down then draw a backward C that touches the floor. Pick up your pencil to draw a hat or straight line from the starting point to the right. Two-stroke numerals: 4 & 5. The dotted line is stroke 2. 6: Start at the top. NO backward numbers. 7: Start at the top left and go straight across to the right. Remember: NO backward numbers. 8: Draw an S, then close it by continuing to the starting point. (One stroke; the dots show the S more clearly.) 9: Write a lowercase α in the air, then extend the line going down to touch the floor line.