

## Pushing Pencils

The first pencil with an eraser top was patented on March 30, 1858 by Hymen Lipman. But today, many people write and correct their words with another device.



To find out what it is, follow each step below. Write the letters that result from each step in the blanks. Be sure to work with a pencil and eraser in case you need to change an answer!

1. Begin with PENCIL.

PENCIL

2. Add INK at the beginning.

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3. Drop the last consonant.

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4. Add AD in front of the last vowel.

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5. Replace the 7<sup>th</sup> letter with the letter that comes just before it in the alphabet.

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6. Insert YOU between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> letters.

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7. Remove the 3<sup>rd</sup> consonant.

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8. Move the 6<sup>th</sup> letter so that comes immediately after the B.

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9. Remove any letters that appear in FUN.

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10. Add an R so that it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from the right.

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11. Remove the first and last letters.

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## Answers for Pushing Pencils

2. INKPENCIL
3. INKPENCI
4. INKPENCADI
5. INKPENBADI
6. INKPEYOUNBADI
7. INKEYOUNBADI
8. INKEYUNBOADI
9. IKEYBOADI
10. IKEYBOARDI
11. KEYBOARD



Reference: <https://pencils.com/hymen-lipman-pencil-patent/>

