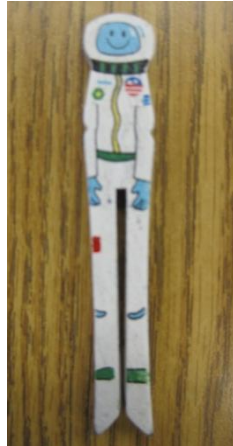




## **Intervention:** Spacer, space man



*Description:* Use of a popsicle stick, finger, or plastic spacer to show the proper spacing between words.

*When and why would you use this intervention?* A spacer would be appropriate to use with students whose spaces between words are either too close together or too far apart. The spacer provides a visual guide for the proper spacing between words, helping to increase overall writing legibility.

*How do you use this intervention?* A spacer should be used in all writing tasks to provide consistent input of the proper spacing between words. A spacer would be especially helpful to use in extended periods of writing.

*Expected outcome:* Students will produce handwriting with appropriate spaces in between words.

*Anticipated problems:* A potential problem with using a spacer is that the student may not always remember to use it. The instructor may need to frequently remind students to use spacers during writing activities and should make them available and visible on the writing surface. Another problem with using a spacer could come from increased time required for writing; using the spacer is an extra step and for slower writers, this could increase the amount of time needed to complete written work.