

Verbal Path for the Formation of Letters

Sometimes it helps children to say aloud the directions for “making” a letter. This “verbal path” helps them to understand the directional movement that is essential. In addition, it gives the teacher and child a language to talk through the letter and its features. Here, we suggest language for creating a verbal path to the distinctive features of letters.

Lowercase Letter Formation

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| a — pull back, around, up, and down | n — pull down, up, over, and down |
| b — pull down, up, around | o — pull back and around |
| c — pull back and around | p — pull down, up, and around |
| d — pull back, around, up, and down | q — pull back, around, up, and down |
| e — pull across, back, and around | r — pull down, up, and over |
| f — pull back, down, and cross | s — pull back, in, around, and back around |
| g — pull back, around, up, down, and under | t — pull down and cross |
| h — pull down, up, over, and down | u — pull down, around, up and down |
| i — pull down, dot | v — slant down, up |
| j — pull down, curve around, dot | w — slant down, up, down, up |
| k — pull down, pull in, pull out | x — slant down, slant down |
| l — pull down | y — slant in, slant and down |
| m — pull down, up, over, down and up, over and down | z — across, slant down, across |

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Uppercase Letter Formation

A — slant down, slant down, across

B — pull down, up, around and in, back and around

C — pull back and around

D — pull down, up, around

E — pull down, across, across, and across

F — pull down, across, across

G — pull back, around, across

H — pull down, pull down, across

I — pull down, across, across

J — pull down, curve around, across

K — pull down, slant in, slant out

L — pull down, across

M — pull down, slant down, slant down, pull down

N — pull down, slant down, pull up

O — pull back and around

P — pull down, up, and around

Q — pull back and around and cross

R — pull down, up, around, in, and slant down

S — pull back, in, around, down, and back around

T — pull down, across

U — pull down, around, up, and down

V — slant down, slant up

W — slant down up, down up

X — slant down, slant down

Y — slant in, slant, and down

Z — across, slant down, across