

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, and 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 |
| g — pull back, around, up, down, and back | t — pull down and cross |
| h — pull down, up, over, and down | u — pull down, over, up, and down |
| i — pull down and dot | v — down and up |
| j — pull down, curve back, and dot | w — down, up, down, and up |
| k — pull down, pull in, and pull out | x — down and down |
| l — pull down | y — pull in and down |
| m — pull down, up, over, down, up, over, and down | z — across, in, and across |

Uppercase Letter Formation

A — pull down, pull down, and across
B — pull down, up, around and in, back and around
C — pull back and around
D — pull down, up, and around
E — pull back, down, across, and across
F — pull down, across, and across
G — pull back, around, and across
H — pull down, pull down, and across
I — pull down, across, and across
J — pull down, curve back, and across
K — pull down, pull in, and pull out
L — pull down and across
M — pull down, up, in, up, and down

N — pull down, up, in, and 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 down
S — pull back, in, around, down, and back
T — pull down and across
U — pull down, over, up, and down
V — down and up
W — down, up, down, and up
X — down and down
Y — pull in, pull in, and down
Z — across, pull in, and across

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