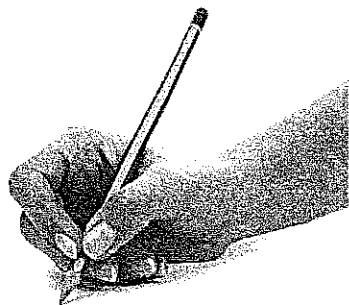


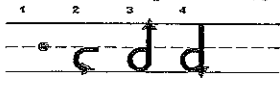
Letter Formation Guide

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Letter Formation for d

d is a plane line round letter.
It starts on the plane line, just like c.



1. Point to the plane line.
2. Go back, down and around to the grass line,
3. all the way back up to the sky line.
4. Trace back down to the grass line.

Letter Formation for h

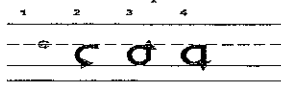
h is a sky line letter.
It starts on the sky line.



1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Trace back up the plane line,
4. and make a hump.

Letter Formation for a

a is a plane line round letter.
It starts on the plane line.



1. Point to the plane line.
2. Go back on the plane line then down and around on the grass line,
3. and up to the plane line.
4. Trace back down to the grass line.

Letter Formation for e

e is a plane line round letter, but it is special.
e starts below the plane line.



1. Point between the plane line and the grass line.
2. Fly under the plane line.
3. Then go up to the plane line,
4. and around the grass line.

Letter Formation for i

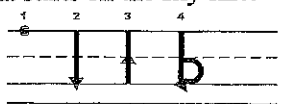
i is a plane line letter.
It starts on the plane line.



1. Point to the plane line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Add a dot.

Letter Formation for b

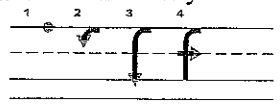
b is a sky line letter.
It starts on the sky line.



1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Trace up to the plane line,
4. and around to the grass line.

Letter Formation for f

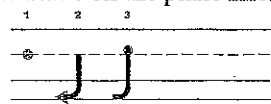
f is a sky line letter.
It starts on the sky line.



1. Point to the sky line.
2. Trace back on the sky line,
3. and then way down to the grass line.
4. Cross it on the plane line.

Letter Formation for j

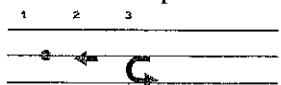
j is a plane line letter.
It starts on the plane line.



1. Point to the plane line.
2. Go all the way down to the worm line, and make a curve.
3. Add a dot.

Letter Formation for c

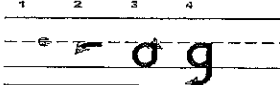
c is a plane line round letter.
It starts on the plane line.



1. Point to the plane line.
2. Start to fly backwards,
3. and go down and around to the grass line.

Letter Formation for g

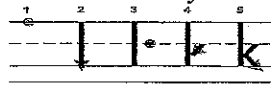
g is a plane line round letter.
It starts on the plane line, just like c.



1. Point to the plane line.
2. Trace back on the plane line,
3. down and around all the way back to the plane line.
4. Trace back down all the way to the worm line and make a curve.

Letter Formation for k

k is a sky line letter.
It starts on the sky line.

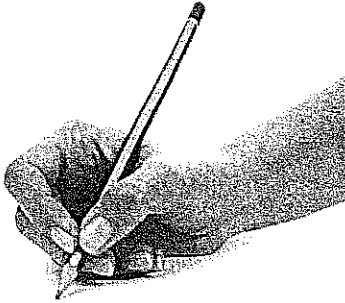


1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go all the way down to the grass line.
3. Point to the plane line and leave a space.
4. Slide over and touch your tall line,
5. and slide back to the grass line.

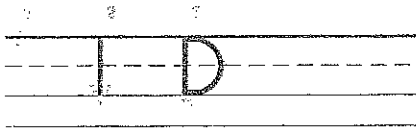
<p><u>Letter Formation for l</u></p> <p>l is a sky line letter. It starts on the sky line.</p> <p>1. Point to the sky line. 2. Go down to the grass line and stop.</p>	<p><u>Letter Formation for q</u></p> <p>q is a plane line round letter. It starts on the plane line. Remember that q is the chicken letter so in the end it wants to point up to its buddy, u.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Trace back and go down to the grass line around, back to the plane line. 3. trace back down to the worm line, 4. and point up to his "buddy" u.</p>	<p><u>Letter Formation for v</u></p> <p>v is a plane line slide letter. It starts on the plane line and slides.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Slide down to the grass line. 3. Slide up to the plane line.</p>
<p><u>Letter Formation for m</u></p> <p>m is a plane line letter. It starts on the plane line.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Go down to the grass line. 3. Trace back up to the plane line, 4. and make a hump, 5. and the back-up to the plane line and make another hump.</p>	<p><u>Letter Formation for r</u></p> <p>r is a plane line letter. It starts on the plane line.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line, 2. Go down to the grass line. 3. Trace back up to the plane line, 4. and make a little curve.</p>	<p><u>Letter Formation for w</u></p> <p>v is a plane line slide letter. It starts on the plane line and slides.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Slide down to the grass line. 3. Slide up to the plane line. 4. Slide down to the grass line. 5. Slide up to the plane line.</p>
<p><u>Letter Formation for n</u></p> <p>n is a plane line letter. It starts on the plane line.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Go down to the grass line. 3. Trace back up to the plane line, 4. and make a hump.</p>	<p><u>Letter Formation for s</u></p> <p>s is a plane line round letter. It starts on the plane line.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Trace back and it curves in, 3. and goes back again and lands on the grass line.</p>	<p><u>Letter Formation for x</u></p> <p>x is a plane line slide letter. It starts on the plane line and slides.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Slide down to the grass line. 3. Leave a space and point to the plane line. 4. Slide back to the grass line.</p>
<p><u>Letter Formation for o</u></p> <p>o is a plane line round letter. It starts on the plane line, just like a c.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Trace back, then down to the grass line. 3. and around back up to the plane line.</p>	<p><u>Letter Formation for t</u></p> <p>t is a sky line letter. It starts on the sky line.</p> <p>1. Point to the sky line. 2. Go down to the grass line. 3. Cross it on the plane line.</p>	<p><u>Letter Formation for y</u></p> <p>y is a plane line slide letter. It starts on the plane line and slides.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Slide down to the grass line. 3. Pick up your pencil and leave a space and point to the plane line. 4. Slide back-all the way to the worm line.</p>
<p><u>Letter Formation for p</u></p> <p>p is a plane line round letter. It starts on the plane line.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Go down to the worm line. 3. Trace back up to the plane line, 4. and curve all the way around to the grass line.</p>	<p><u>Letter Formation for u</u></p> <p>u is a plane line letter. It starts on the plane line.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Go down to the grass line. 3. Curve up to the plane line, 4. and trace straight down to the grass line.</p>	<p><u>Letter Formation for z</u></p> <p>z is a plane line slide letter, but it doesn't slide right away. Before it slides, the z goes on the plane line.</p> <p>1. Point to the plane line. 2. Go on the plane line. 3. Slide back to the grass line. 4. Then go on the grass line.</p>

Capital Letter Formation Guide

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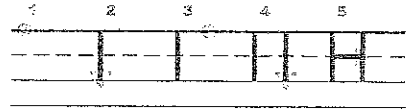


Letter Formation for D



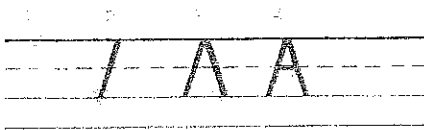
1. Point to the sky line.
 2. Go down to the grass line.
- Start back on the sky line and go all the way around to the grass line.

Letter Formation for H



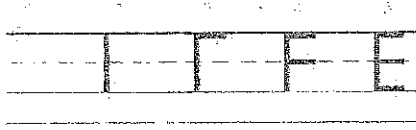
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Leave a space and point to the sky line.
4. Go down to the grass line.
5. Cross straight on the plane line.

Letter Formation for A



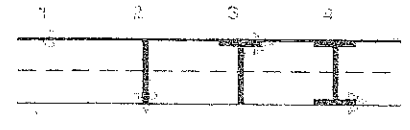
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Slide back to the grass line.
3. Start back at the sky line and slide down to the grass line.
4. Cross on the plane line.

Letter Formation for E



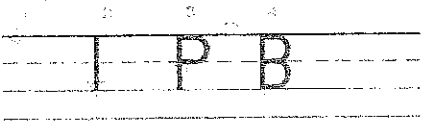
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Make a line on the sky line.
4. Make a line on the plane line.
5. And a line on the grass line.

Letter Formation for I



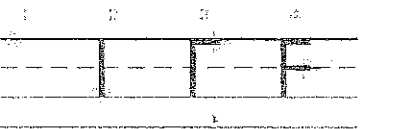
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Cross in the sky line.
4. And Cross in the grass line.

Letter Formation for B



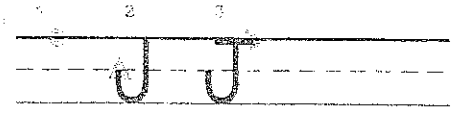
1. Point to the skyline.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Start back at the skyline and go around to the plane line.
4. And around again to the grass line.

Letter Formation for F



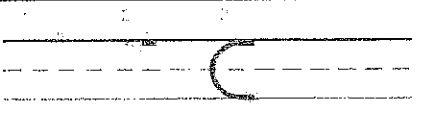
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Make a line on the sky line.
4. Make a line on the plane line.

Letter Formation for J



1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line and curve back.
3. Cross it on the sky line.

Letter Formation for C



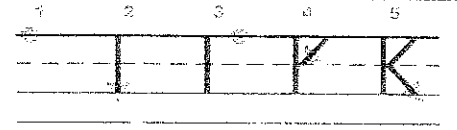
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Fly back on the sky line.
3. And down around to the grass line.

Letter Formation for G



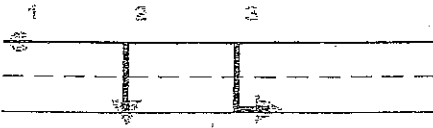
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Fly back on the sky line.
3. Around to the grass line.
4. Up to the plane line.
5. And back straight on the plane line.

Letter Formation for K



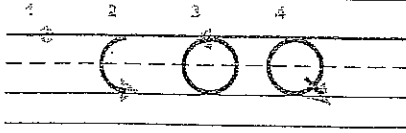
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Leave a space and point to the sky line.
4. Slide back to the plane line.
5. Slide over to the grass line.

Letter Formation for L



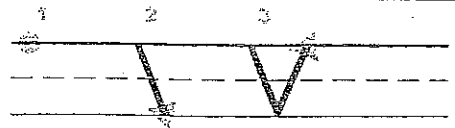
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Make a line across the grass line.

Letter Formation for Q



1. Point to the sky line.
2. Trace back, then down around to the grass line.
3. And around back up to the sky line.
4. Make a tail.

Letter Formation for V



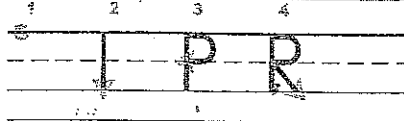
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Slide down to the grass line and
3. Slide back up to the sky line.

Letter Formation for M



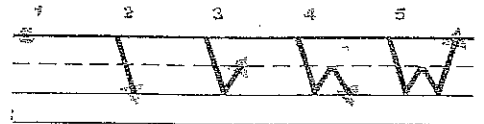
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Point to the sky line.
4. Slide down to the plane line, and slide back up to the sky line.
5. Go down to the grass line.

Letter Formation for R



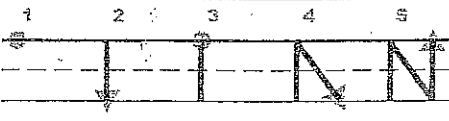
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Point to the sky line and go around to the plane line.
4. And slide down to the grass line.

Letter Formation for W



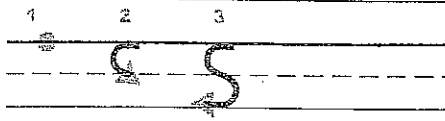
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Slide down to the grass line.
3. Slide up to the plane line.
4. Back down to the grass line.
5. And slide all the way back to the sky line.

Letter Formation for N



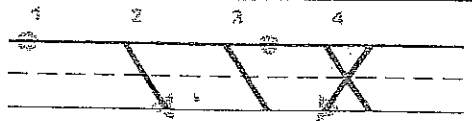
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Point to the sky line.
4. Slide down to the grass line.
5. Go straight up to the sky line.

Letter Formation for S



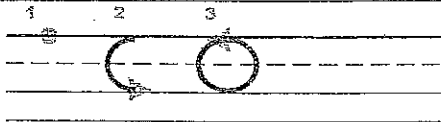
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Trace back and curve in to the plane line.
3. And curve back to the grass line.

Letter Formation for X



1. Point to the sky line.
2. Slide down to the grass line.
3. Leave a space and point to the sky line.
4. Slide back down to the grass line.

Letter Formation for O



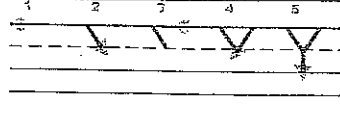
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Trace back, then down around to the grass line.
3. And around back up to the sky line.

Letter Formation for T



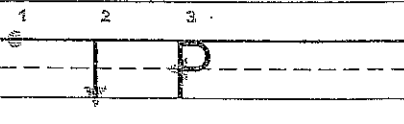
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Cross on the sky line.

Letter Formation for Y



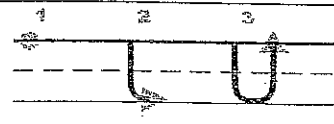
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Slide down to the plane line.
3. Leave a space and point to the sky line.
4. And then slide back to the plane line.
5. Go straight down to the grass line.

Letter Formation for P



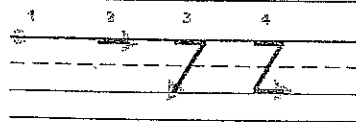
1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go down to the grass line.
3. Point to the sky line and go around to the plane line.

Letter Formation for U



1. Point to the sky line.
2. Go to the grass line and
3. Curve up to the sky line.

Letter Formation for Z



1. Point to the sky line.
2. Make a line.
3. And then slide back to the grass line.
4. And make a line.