

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 |

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 up, 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