













How to write letters

Use this document to ensure correct letter formation when you are teaching children to write letters.

| Mnemonic | Grapheme | Formation phrase |
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|  S | S | Down the snake from head to tail. |
|  a | a | Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space. |
|  t | t | Down the tiger and across its neck. |
|  p | p | Down the penguin's back, up and around its head. |
|  i | i | Down the iguana and dot the leaf. |
|  n | n | Down, up and over the net. |
|  m | m | Down, up and over the mouse's ears. |
|  d | d | Round the duck's body, up to its head and down to its feet. |
|  g | g | Round the goat's face and curl under its chin. |
|  o | o | All around the octopus. |
|  c | c | Curl around the cat. |
|  k | k | Down the kite, up to the top corner and down to the bottom corner. |
|  ck | ck | c Curl around the heel of the sock. k Down the sock, up and back down to the toe. |

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|  | e | Around the elephant's eye and down its trunk. |
|  | u | Down the umbrella, around and back to the ground. |
|  | r | From the cloud to the ground and over the rainbow. |
|  | h | Down, up and over the helicopter. |
|  | b | Down the bear's back, up and round its tummy. |
|  | f | Down the flamingo to its foot and across its wings. |
|  | l | Down the lollipop stick. |
|  | j | Down the jellyfish and dot its head. |
|  | v | Down to the bottom of the volcano and back up to the top. |
|  | w | Down and up and down and up the waves. |
|  | x | From the top, across the box to the bottom. From the top again across the box to the bottom. |
|  | y | Down, around the yo-yo and curl round the string. |
|  | z | Across the top of the zebra's head, zig-zag down its neck and along. |
|  | qu | q Round the queen's face, down her robe and a flick at the end. u Down and around the umbrella and back to the ground. |