



Read Write Inc.
Phonics

RWI Handwriting

Handwriting Stage 1a: Letter formation

- These letters are now taught in handwriting groups:

- 'Around' letters: **c a o d g q**

- 'Down' letters: **l t b p k h i j m n r u y**

- 'Curly' letters: **e f s**

- 'Zig-zag' letters: **v w z x.**

Children write on plain paper.



Demonstrate

TOL as you use your mental checklist to write the letter

Practise

Check that the children are still sitting in the perfect handwriting position.

Rub out the picture and any letters from the board – the children must not copy.

Ask the children to write one letter, slowly and carefully. (Do not ask them to draw the handwriting picture.)

Model again how you repeat writing the letter, getting a bit quicker each time.

Review

Write the letter on the board and make one error, drawing on children's common errors.

Ask the children to **TTYP** to find your 'two best bits', for example, you remembered to start at the

bobble. Then ask children to **TTYP** to find 'one to fix'.

Rewrite the letter perfectly, correcting using children's feedback.

Ask children to practise again.

Let's get ready!

feet flat on
the floor

bottom at the
back of the
chair

body one fist
from the table

shoulders
down and
relaxed

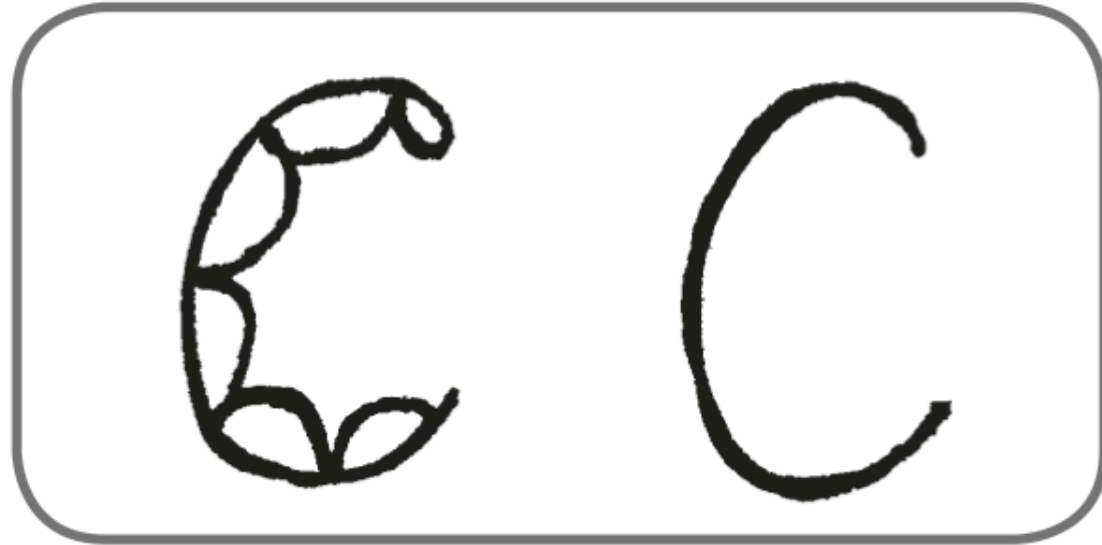
back leaning
forward
slightly

left/right hand
holding the
page

left/right hand
ready in a
tripod grip.



Around letters



Checklist: caterpillar

- ✓ start at the caterpillar's head
- ✓ curl around the body

Around letters



Checklist: apple

- ✓ start at the stalk
- ✓ draw a nice round apple
- ✓ go back up to the stalk, then down
- ✓ curl the leaf at the bottom

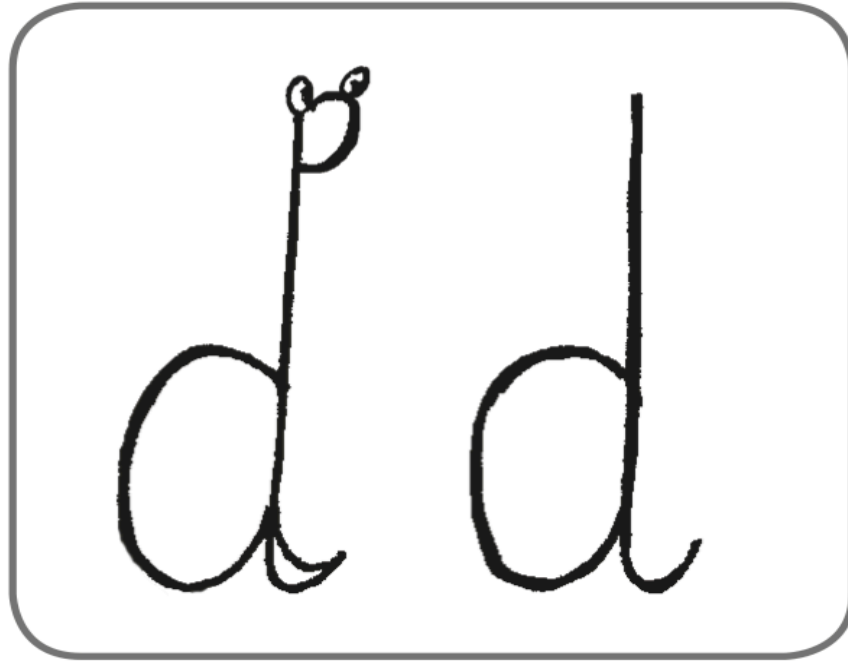
Around letters



Checklist: orange

- ✓ start at the stalk
- ✓ draw a nice round orange

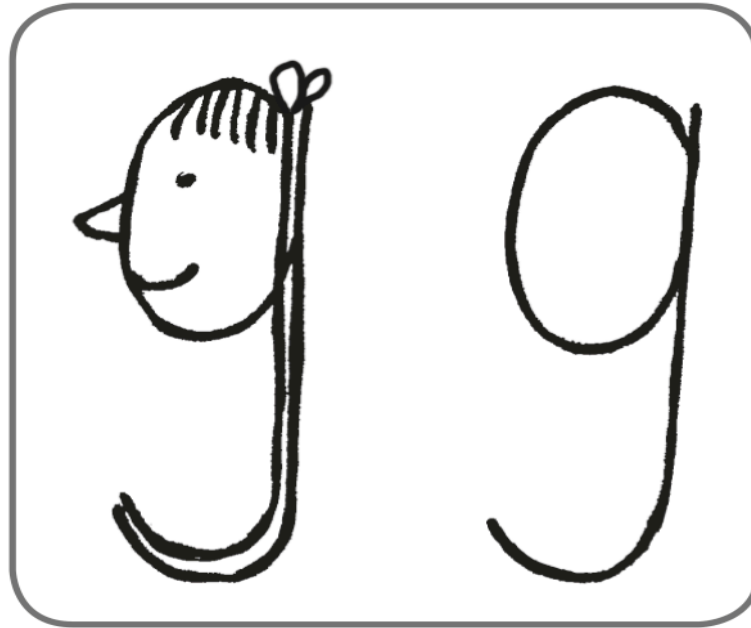
Around letters



Checklist: dinosaur

- ✓ draw a big round bottom
- ✓ up the tall neck
- ✓ down the straight line to the feet
- ✓ draw a curl for the feet

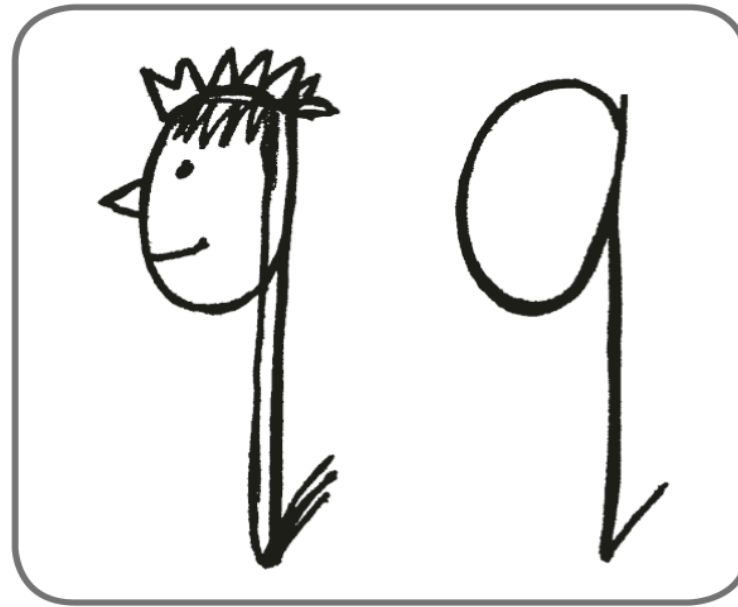
Around letters



Checklist: girl

- ✓ start at her hair bobble on top of her head
- ✓ draw a nice round face
- ✓ go back up to her bobble
- ✓ down her very straight hair
- ✓ draw a round curl to finish

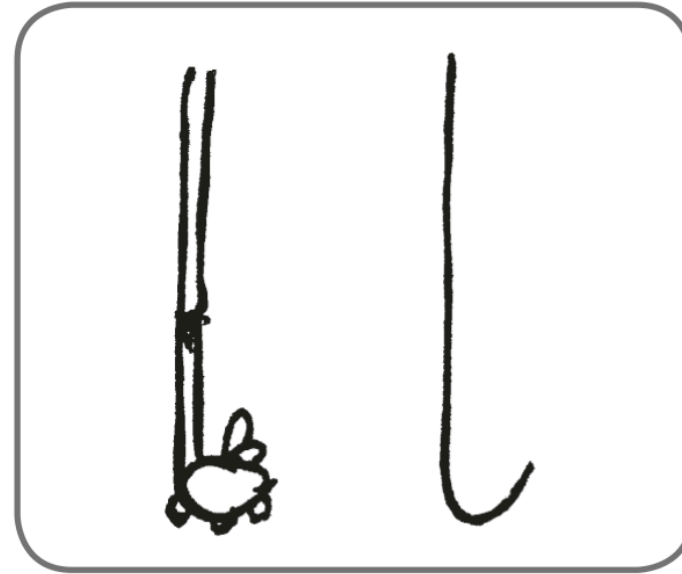
Around letters



Checklist: queen

- ✓ start at her hair bobble on top of her head
- ✓ draw a nice round face
- ✓ go back up to her bobble
- ✓ down her very straight hair
- ✓ add a sharp flick to finish

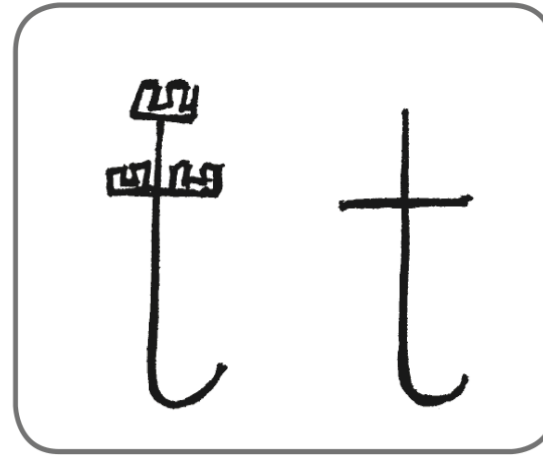
Down letters



Checklist: Liam's leg

- ✓ start at the top of his leg
- ✓ go down his long leg
- ✓ add a curl for the shoe to kick the ball

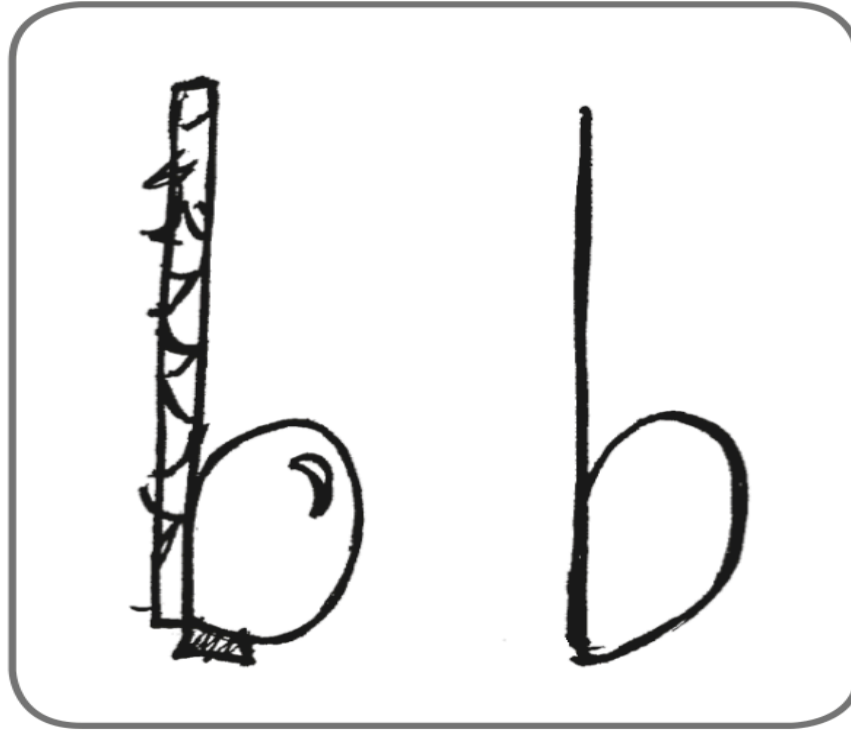
Down letters



Checklist: tower

- ✓ start at the top of the tower
- ✓ draw a straight line down the tower
- ✓ add a curl at the bottom – then lift the pencil off the page
- ✓ draw a straight line across the tower

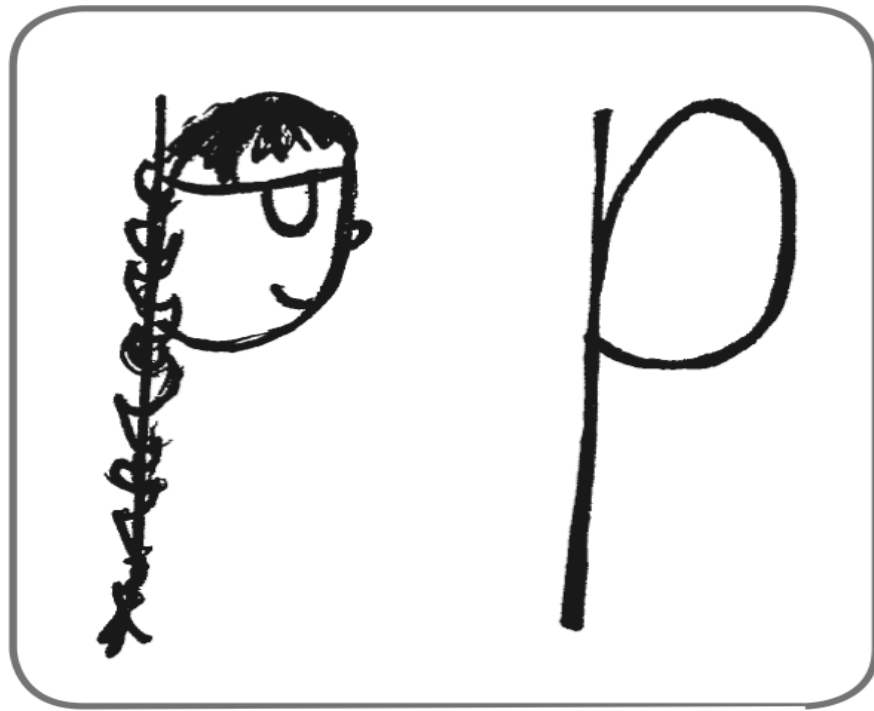
Down letters



Checklist: boot

- ✓ start at the top of the boot
- ✓ draw a straight line down the boot
- ✓ go round over the toe
- ✓ go back to the heel

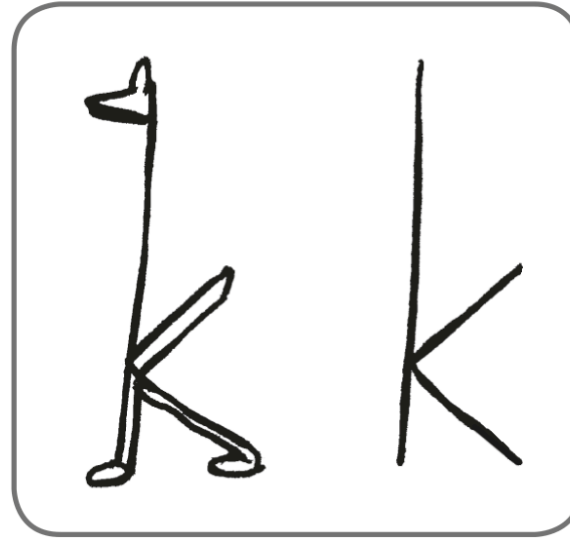
Down letters



Checklist: Polly Pirate

- ✓ start at the top of her plait
- ✓ draw down her long straight plait
- ✓ go round over her face
- ✓ finish under her chin

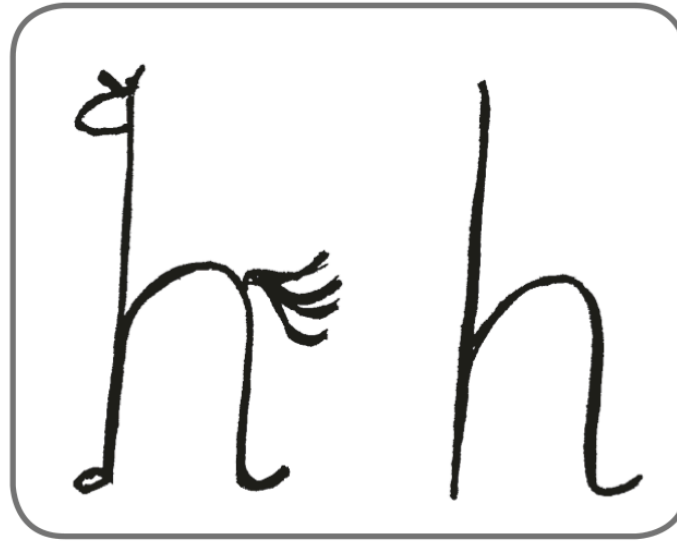
Down letters



Checklist: kangaroo

- ✓ start at the kangaroo's head
- ✓ draw down the long straight body – then lift the pencil off the page
- ✓ draw a straight tail to the body – two-thirds of the way down
- ✓ draw a straight back leg from the body

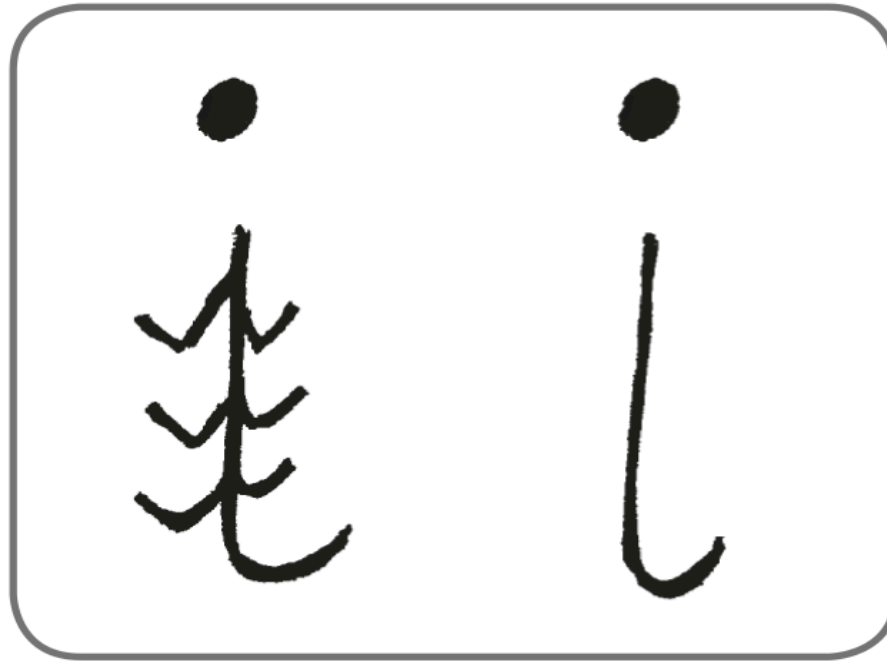
Down letters



Checklist: horse

- ✓ start at the horse's head
- ✓ draw down her long straight neck
- ✓ continue down to her feet
- ✓ go round her back
- ✓ draw a straight back leg
- ✓ add a little curl of dust as the horse runs away

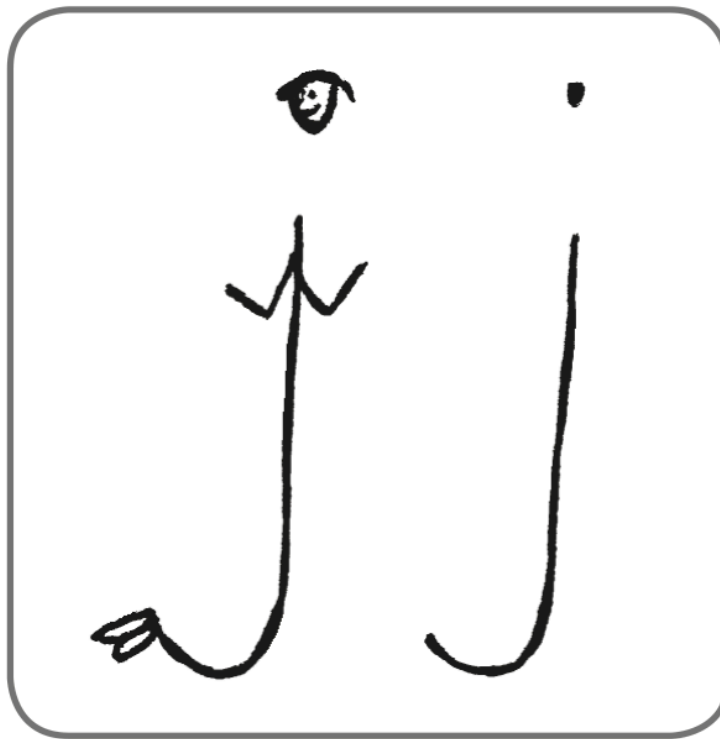
Down letters



Checklist: insect

- ✓ start at the top of the insect's neck
- ✓ draw down the short straight body
- ✓ draw a curl for a small round tail
- ✓ add a little dot for the head

Down letters



Checklist: jack-in-a-box

- ✓ start at the top of the jack-in-a-box's neck
- ✓ draw down the long straight body
- ✓ draw a smooth curl for the legs
- ✓ add a dot for the head

Down letters



Checklist: Maisie and the mountains

- ✓ start at Maisie's head
- ✓ draw a straight body for Maisie
- ✓ go over the mountains – from Maisie's waist
- ✓ check the mountains are the same height as Maisie
- ✓ add a small curl for the grass

Down letters



Checklist: Nobby and his net

- ✓ start at Nobby's head
- ✓ go straight down Nobby
- ✓ go over the net – from Nobby's waist
- ✓ check the net is the same height as Nobby
- ✓ add a small curl for the grass

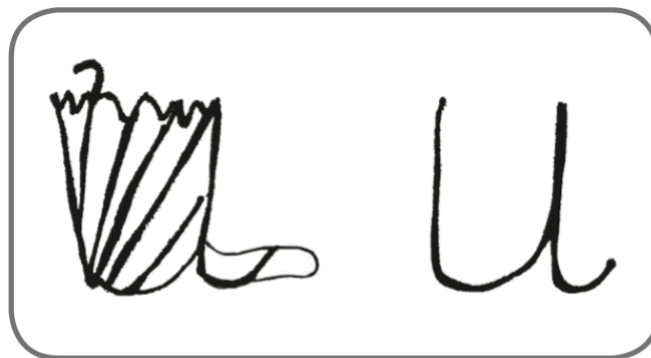
Down letters



Checklist: robot

- ✓ start at the robot's head
- ✓ go straight down its body
- ✓ go over the robot's arm – from its waist

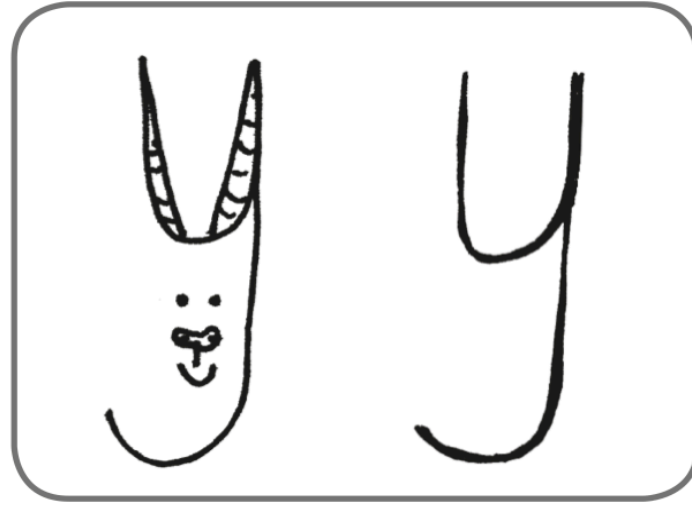
Down letters



Checklist: umbrella

- ✓ start at the top of the handle
 - ✓ draw down the straight line for the handle
 - ✓ go round underneath the umbrella and back up the other side
 - ✓ go down the umbrella
 - ✓ add a little curl for the puddle
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Down letters



Checklist: yak

- ✓ start at the top of the first horn
- ✓ draw down the straight line for the first horn
- ✓ go round underneath the horns
- ✓ draw a straight line up for the second horn
- ✓ go down and curl under its head

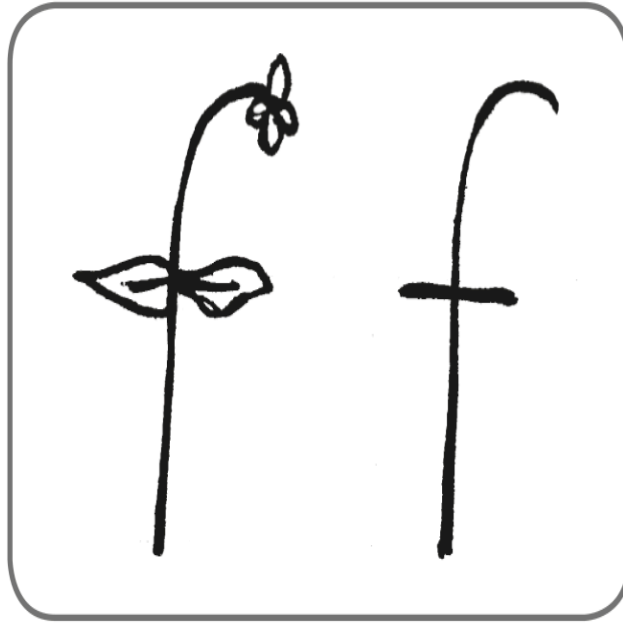
Curly letters



Checklist: egg

- ✓ draw up around the shell that needs to be cut off the boiled egg
- ✓ go round underneath the egg

Curly letters



Checklist: flower

- ✓ start at the top of the flower
- ✓ draw around and down the flower stem – then lift the pencil off the page
- ✓ draw a straight line across the leaves

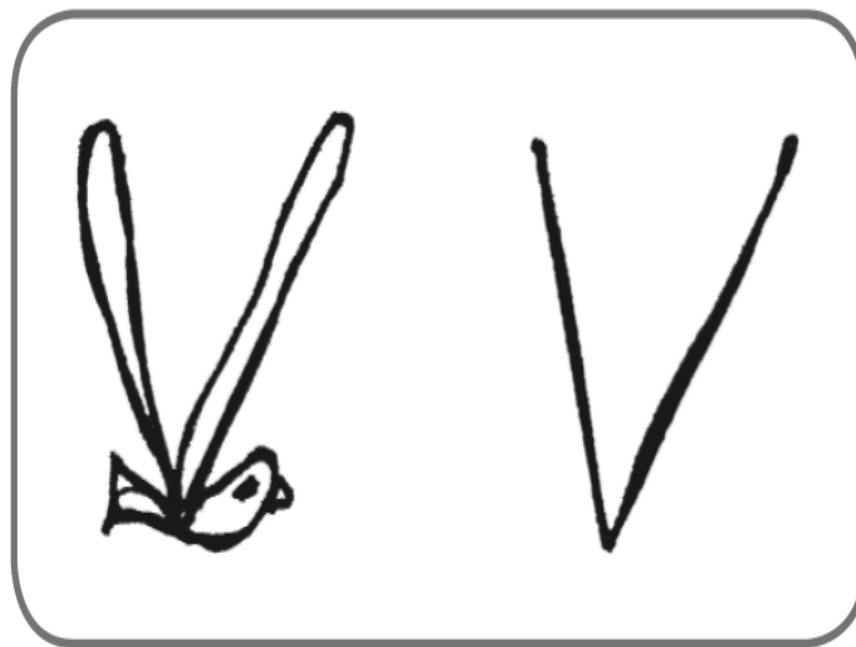
Curly letters



Checklist: snake

- ✓ start at the snake's head
- ✓ curl one way
- ✓ curl the other

Zig zag letters



Checklist: vulture

- ✓ draw two straight lines for the wings – down, up

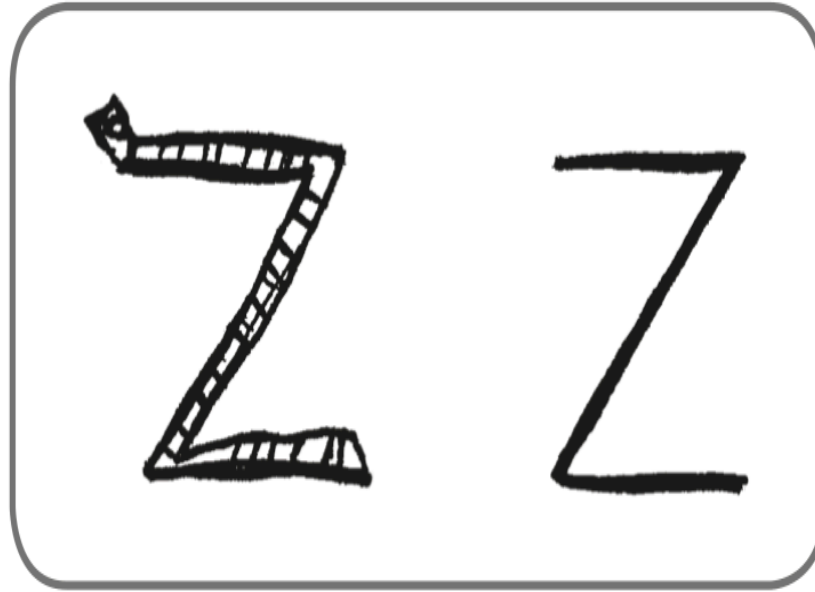
Zig zag letters



Checklist: worm

- ✓ draw four straight lines, all the same length – down, up, down, up

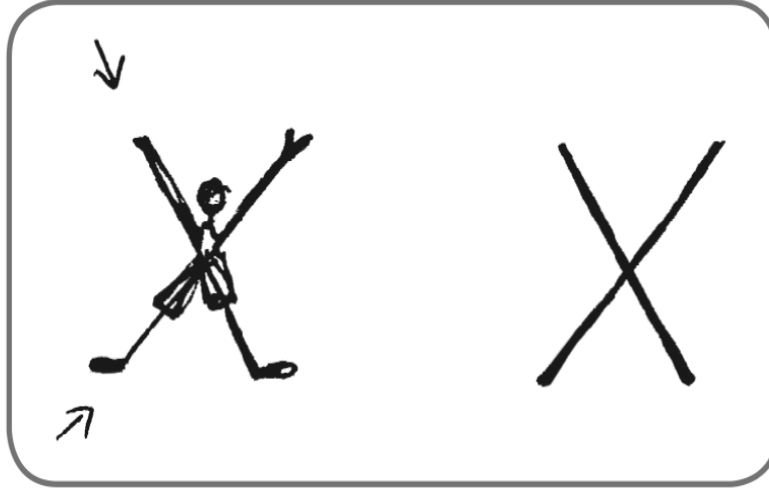
Zig zag letters



Checklist: zigzag

- ✓ draw three straight lines – across, diagonally back, across

Zig zag letters



Checklist: exercise

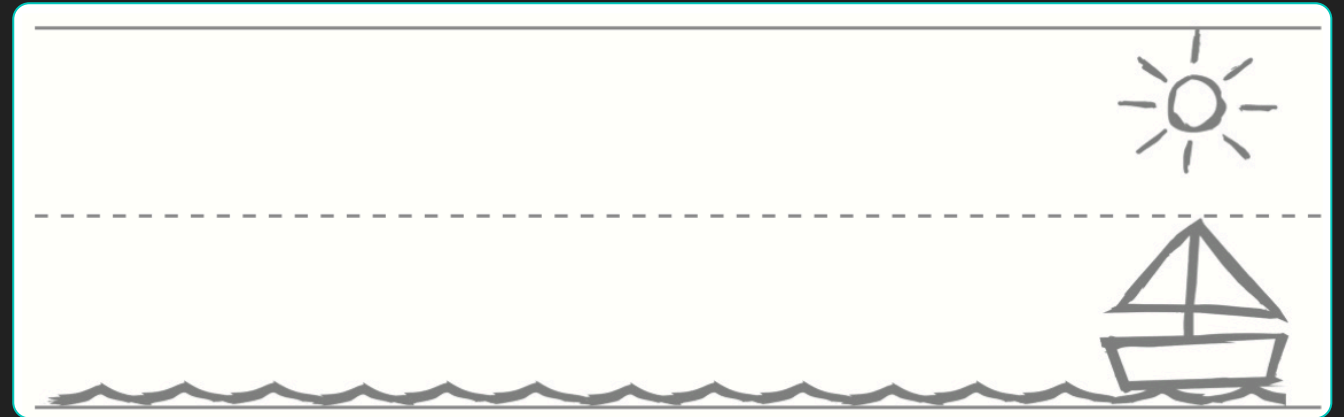
- ✓ start at the top left
- ✓ draw one straight line diagonally down – lift the pencil off the page
- ✓ start at the bottom left
- ✓ go diagonally up

Handwriting Stage 1b: Relative size of letters

'Sun letters': **b d h k l** (f and t are just a little bit smaller)

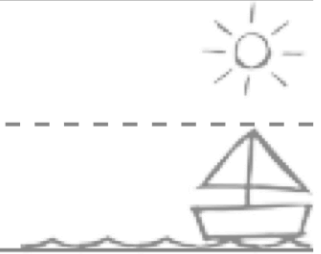
'Boat letters': **a c e i m n**
o r s u v w x z

'Water letters': **g j p q y**



'Around' letters

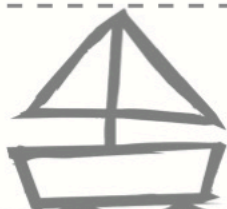
a d g c o q



Example words

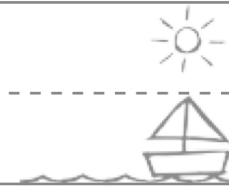
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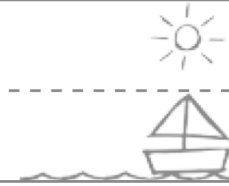


'Down' letters

l h k b i j m

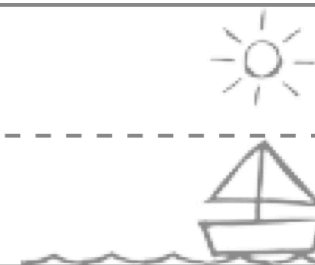


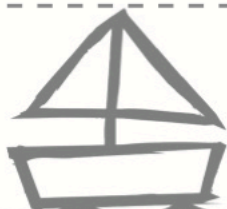
n p r t u y



Example words

bit lip rip hip





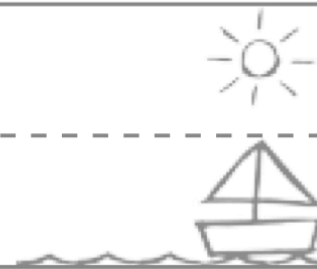
'Curly' letters with 'down' letters

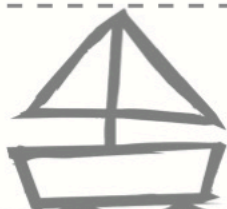
e f s



Example words

let bet sit set





'Zigzag' letters with all other letters

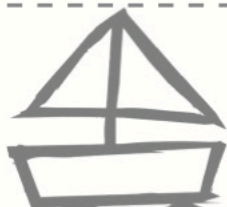
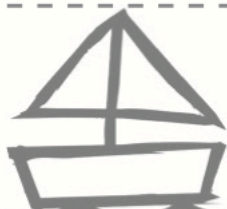
v w z x

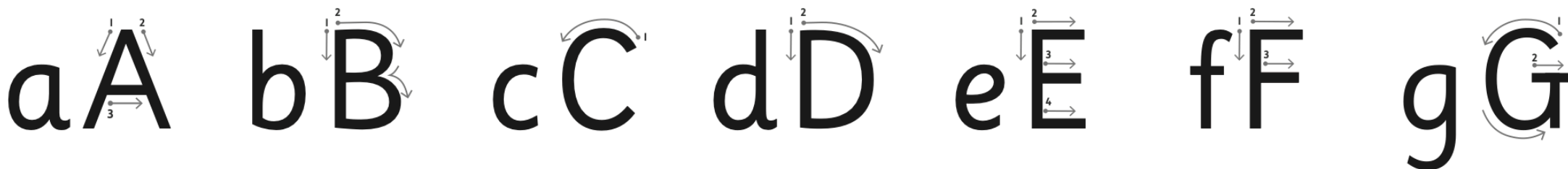


Example words

zap fox win







Teaching capital letters

h H

i I

j J

k K

l L

m M

Teaching capital letters

n N o O p P q Q r R s S t T

Teaching capital letters

u U

v V

w W

x X

y Y

z Z

Teaching capital letters