

# Verbal Path for the Formation of Letters

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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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| <b>a</b> — pull back, around, up, and down                 | <b>n</b> — pull down, up, over, and down          |
| <b>b</b> — pull down, up, around                           | <b>o</b> — pull back and around                   |
| <b>c</b> — pull back and around                            | <b>p</b> — pull down, up, and around              |
| <b>d</b> — pull back, around, up, and down                 | <b>q</b> — pull back, around, up, and down        |
| <b>e</b> — pull across, back, and around                   | <b>r</b> — pull down, up, and over                |
| <b>f</b> — pull back, down, and cross                      | <b>s</b> — pull back, in, around, and back around |
| <b>g</b> — pull back, around, up, down, and under          | <b>t</b> — pull down and cross                    |
| <b>h</b> — pull down, up, over, and down                   | <b>u</b> — pull down, around, up and down         |
| <b>i</b> — pull down, dot                                  | <b>v</b> — slant down, up                         |
| <b>j</b> — pull down, curve around, dot                    | <b>w</b> — slant down, up, down, up               |
| <b>k</b> — pull down, pull in, pull out                    | <b>x</b> — slant down, slant down                 |
| <b>l</b> — pull down                                       | <b>y</b> — slant in, slant and down               |
| <b>m</b> — pull down, up, over, down and up, over and down | <b>z</b> — 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