

# 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 |
| <b>g</b> — pull back, around, up, down, and back        | <b>t</b> — pull down and cross            |
| <b>h</b> — pull down, up, over, and down                | <b>u</b> — pull down, over, up and down   |
| <b>i</b> — pull down, dot                               | <b>v</b> — down, up                       |
| <b>j</b> — pull down, curve back, dot                   | <b>w</b> — down, up, down, up             |
| <b>k</b> — pull down, pull in, pull out                 | <b>x</b> — down, down                     |
| <b>l</b> — pull down                                    | <b>y</b> — pull in and down               |
| <b>m</b> — pull down, up, over, down, up, over and down | <b>z</b> — across, in, across             |

## Uppercase Letter Formation

- A** — pull down, pull down, across
- B** — pull down, up, around and in, back and around
- C** — pull back and around
- D** — pull down, up, around
- E** — pull back, down, 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 back, across
- K** — pull down, pull in, pull out
- L** — pull down, across
- M** — pull down, up, in, up and down
- N** — pull down, up, in and 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 down
- S** — pull back, in, around, down, and back
- T** — pull down, across
- U** — pull down, over, up and down
- V** — down up
- W** — down up, down up
- X** — down, down
- Y** — pull in, pull in and down
- Z** — across, pull in, across