

# Handwriting Phrases to Support Correct Letter Formation

When children learn to form letters correctly, they are taught a short phrase for each letter to help them remember how to form the letter correctly. Below you can find the phrase for each letter and in brackets, the picture associated with that letter.

	Phrase	Picture
a	Round the apple down the leaf	apple
b	Down the laces to the heel, round the toe	boot
c	Curl around the caterpillar	caterpillar
d	Round his bottom up his tall neck and down to his feet	dinosaur
e	Lift off the top and scoop out the egg	egg
f	Down the stem, and draw the leaves	flower
g	Round her face down her hair and give her a curl	girl
h	Down the head to the hooves and over his back	horse
i	Down his body, and dot for his head	insect
j	Down his body curl and dot	jack-in-the box
k	Down the kangaroo's body, tail and leg	kangaroo
l	Down the long leg	leg
m	Down Maisie, over the mountain over the mountain	Maisie & Mountains
n	Down Nobby, over his net	football net
o	All around the orange	orange
p	Down his plait and around his head	pirate
q	Round her head, up past her earrings and down her hair	queen
r	Down his back, then curl over his arm	robot
s	Slither down the snake	snake
t	Down the tower across the tower	castle tower
u	Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle	umbrella
v	Down a wing, up a wing	vulture
w	Down up down up	worm
x	Down the arm and leg and repeat the other side	Exercise
y	Down a horn up a horn and under his head	yak
z	Zig-zag-zig	zip

## Correct Letter and Number Formation

Below you can find examples of correct letter and number formation that your child will learn at school. It would be helpful if you could help them to practise the same formation at home.

Please use a capital letter for the first letter in your child's name only.

Start on the star!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

a b c d e f g h i j

k l m n o p q r s t

u v w x y z