

# Verbal Path for the Formation of Letters

---

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

**a** — pull back, around, up, and down

**b** — pull down, up, around

**c** — pull back and around

**d** — pull back, around, up, and down

**e** — pull across, back, and around

**f** — pull back, down, and cross

**g** — pull back, around, up, down, and under

**h** — pull down, up, over, and down

**i** — pull down, dot

**j** — pull down, curve around, dot

**k** — pull down, pull in, pull out

**l** — pull down

**m** — pull down, up, over, down and up, over and down

**n** — pull down, up, over, and down

**o** — pull back and around

**p** — pull down, up, and around

**q** — pull back, around, up, and down

**r** — pull down, up, and over

**s** — pull back, in, around, and back around

**t** — pull down and cross

**u** — pull down, around, up and down

**v** — slant down, up

**w** — slant down, up, down, up

**x** — slant down, slant down

**y** — slant in, slant and down

**z** — 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