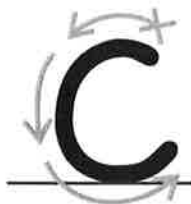


Letter Formation

C Shapes

Make each 'clockwise' stroke go up and over to 1 o'clock in a wide rounded way like this. The letter 'c' is a 'half-way' letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards. Imagine you are on a swing pushing your legs up in the air to get higher. If the 'c shape' is at the beginning of a word, start **at** 1 o'clock



When joining from another letter, say, as you write, "**Join up over to one o'clock** - swing back and round - **join up over to one o'clock** - swing back and round - **join**"

Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

C C C

cc cc cc

C C C

cc cc cc

Now try these letter pairs and words:

ca ca

co co

cod cod

coal coal

coach coach

cocoon cocoon

Letter Formation

C Shapes

The letter 'a' is a halfway letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards.

Start at the cross and say as you write,
" Circle right round and up and down - **join up over to one** - circle right round and up and down"



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

a a a

aa aa aa

a a a

aa aa aa

Now try these letter pairs and words:

ac ac

ad ad

cad cad

dad dad

ladle ladle

canal canal

Letter Formation

C Shapes

The letter 'g' is a tail letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Circle right round, right down, loop round - **join up and over to one** - circle right round, right down.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

g g g

gg gg gg

g g g

gg gg gg

Now try these letter pairs and words:

go go

ga ga

gag gag

dog dog

good good

gaggle gaggle

Letter Formation

C Shapes

The letter 'g' is a tail letter which does not join to the next letter.

Start at the cross and
say as you write,
"Circle right round, right
down hook and off.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

g g g

gg gg gg

g g g

gg gg gg

Now try these letter pairs and words:

go go

ga ga

gag gag

dog dog

good good

gaggle gaggle

Letter Formation

C Shapes

The letter 'd' is a tall letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards. A 'd' is one of the few letters that starts in the middle and not at the top.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Circle right round, right up and down - **join up and over to one (o'clock)** - circle right round right up and down.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

d d d

dd dd dd

d d d

dd dd dd

Now try these letter pairs and words:

do do

da da

add add

did did

doodle doodle

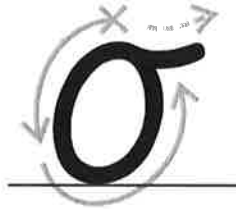
paddle paddle

Letter Formation

C Shapes

The letter 'o' is a half way letter with a horizontal join to the next letter across the top.

Start at the cross and say as you write,
"Circle right round and **join across**,
circle right round and **join across**.....".
If you are coming from a diagonal join
to an 'o' you must say, "**Join up and**
over to one - circle right round and
join across.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

o o o

oo oo oo

o o o

oo oo oo

Now try these letter pairs and words:

to to

oa oa

cool cool

moon moon

doomed doomed

round round

Letter Formation

C Shapes

The letter 'q' is a tail letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the tail upwards.

Start at the cross and say
or sing, "Circle right
round, right down **join up**
and -



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

q q q

q q q

q q q

q q q

Now try these letter pairs and words:

qu qu

qua qua

quad quad

quite quite

quote quote

quarter quarter

Letter Formation

n shapes

Make each 'bridge' stroke go over in a wide rounded way like this:

Start at the cross and say, "Straight down low, right back up, and circle right round - **join up**.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

p p p

pp pp pp

p p p

pp pp pp

Now try these letter pairs and words:

pa pa

pip pip

pet pet

pond pond

paid paid

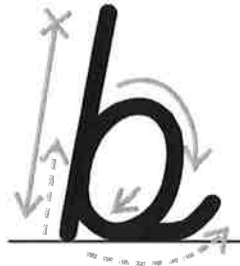
pepper pepper

Letter Formation

n shapes

Make each 'bridge' stroke go over in a wide rounded way like this:

Start at the cross and say as you write , "Straight down, half back circle round and back - **join up**....." .



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

b b b

bb bb bb

b b b

bb bb bb

Now try these letter pairs and words:

ba ba

be be

bob bob

boot boot

bomb bomb

rubber rubber

Letter Formation

n shapes

Bridge shapes - Say as you write, "Over and over and over".. Make each 'bridge' stroke go over in a wide rounded way like this.

The letter 'n' is a half-way letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards.

Start at the cross and say,
"Straight down, back right up,
and over the bridge - **join up** -
straight down"



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

n n n

nn nn nn

n n n

nn nn nn

Now try these letter pairs and words:

no no

an an

run run

none none

ninth ninth

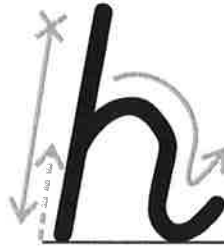
runner runner

Letter Formation

n shapes

The letter 'h' is a tall letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards.

Start at the cross and say, "Straight down, half back, and over the bridge - join up.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

h h h

hh hh hh

h h h

hh hh hh

Now try these letter pairs and words:

ho ho

ah ah

hot hot

ham ham

hutch hutch

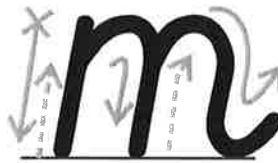
thatch thatch

Letter Formation

n shapes

The letter 'm' is a half-way letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards.

Start at the cross and say, "Straight down, right back up, and over and over - join up"



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

m m m

mm mm mm

m m m

mm mm mm

Now try these letter pairs and words:

mo mo

am am

man man

harm harm

murmur murmur

hammer hammer

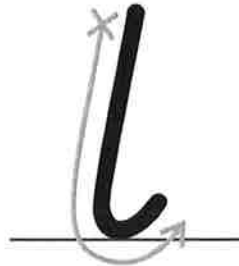
Letter Formation

L shapes

Imagine you are a conductor directing an orchestra with a baton. Make sure that when you are joining to another 'l' shape, you come down the same line that you went up when you reach the top of the joining stroke.

The letter 'l' is a tall letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards

Start at the cross and say,
"Right down - **join up** -
right up, right down"



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

l l l

ll ll ll

l l l

ll ll ll

Now try these letter pairs and words:

lo lo

al al

lot lot

tall tall

line line

tiller tiller

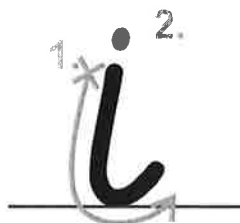
Letter Formation

L shapes

The letter 'i' is a half way letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards.

Start at the cross and say,
"Right down - join up"

Dot your 'i' when you have
finished the word.



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

i i i

ii ii ii

i i i

ii ii ii

Now try these letter pairs and words:

it it

li li

hit hit

item item

limit limit

idiotic idiotic

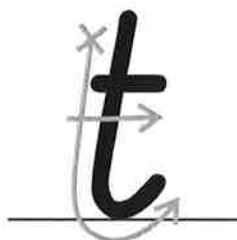
Letter Formation

L shapes

The letter 't' is a tall letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards. Make sure that when you are joining to another 'l' shape, you come down the same line that you went up when you reach the top of the joining stroke.

Start at the cross and say, "
Straight down - **join up**

Make sure you cross your 't'
when you have finished the
whole word.



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

t t t

tt tt tt

t t t

tt tt tt

Now try these letter pairs and words:

to to

at at

hit hit

tent tent

title title

matter matter

Letter Formation

L shapes

The letter 'u' is a small letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards.

Start at the cross and say,
"Straight down under up
back down - **join up**"



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

u u u

uu uu uu

u u u

uu uu uu

Now try these letter pairs and words:

mu mu

un un

nut nut

hunt hunt

unic unic

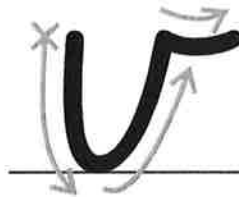
until until

Letter Formation

L shapes

The letter 'v' is a half way letter with a horizontal join to the next letter across the top.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Straight down, round and up - **join across**.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

v v v

vv vv vv

v v v

vv vv vv

Now try these letter pairs and words:

ve ve

ov ov

vet vet

dive dive

novel novel

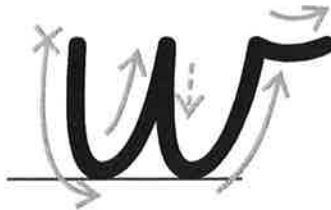
remove remove

Letter Formation

L shapes

The letter 'w' is a small letter with a horizontal join to the next letter.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Straight down and under and up and down and under and **join across**".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

w w w

ww ww ww

w w w

ww ww ww

Now try these letter pairs and words:

we we

ow ow

wet wet

wool wool

lower lower

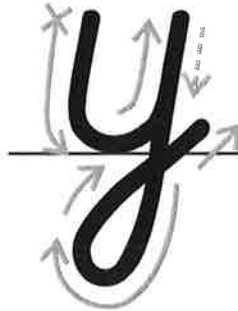
willow willow

Letter Formation

L shapes

The letter 'y' is a tail letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards. Make sure that when you are joining to another 'l' shape, you come down the same line that you went up when you reach the top of the joining stroke.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Straight down and under and up and down, and hook loop round join up.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

y y y

yy yy yy

y y y

yy yy yy

Now try these letter pairs and words:

ay ay

yo yo

boy boy

yoyo yoyo

yearly yearly

beyond beyond

Letter Formation

The left-over shapes - e, f, j, k, r, s, x and z.

The letter 'e' is a 'half way' letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards. It is one of those few letters that does not start at the top. An 'e' joins lower down when it is next to a letter with a diagonal join.

Start at the cross and say
as you write, "Across,
circle round **join up**"



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

e e e

ee ee ee

e e e

ee ee ee

Now try these letter pairs and words:

en en

he he

tee too

meet meet

edar edar

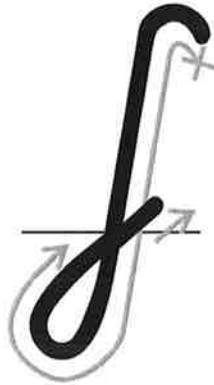
heater heater

Letter Formation

The left-over shapes - e, f, j, k, r, s, x and z.

This letter 'f' is both a tall **and** tail letter with a join to the next letter from the loop across.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Swing over, round and down, loop round the back, **join** up".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

f f f

ff ff ff

f f f

ff ff ff

Now try these letter pairs and words:

fa fa

of of

fair fair

deaf deaf

fifth fifth

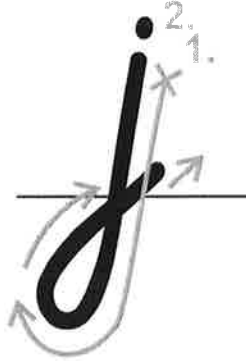
fluffy fluffy

Letter Formation

The left-over shapes - e, f, j, k, r, s, x and z.

The letter 'j' is a tail letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards. Dot the 'j' after you have finished the word.

Start at the cross and say,
"Straight down, loop round -
join up....." as you write.



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

j j j

jj jj jj

j j j

jj jj jj

Now try these letter pairs and words:

jo jo

aj aj

jot jot

jeer jeer

ajar ajar

jettted jettted

Letter Formation

The left-over shapes - e, f, j, k, r, s, x and z.

The letter 'r' is a 'half way' letter with a horizontal join to the next letter across the top.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Straight down, straight back up, and over and off.....". An 'r' looks clearer when it is not joined to some other letters.



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

r r r

rr rr rr

r r r

rr rr rr

Now try these letter pairs and words:

re re

or or

are are

rare rare

retreat retreat

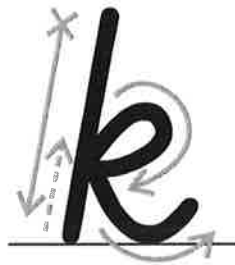
terrier terrier

Letter Formation

The left-over shapes - e, f, j, k, r, s, x and z.

The letter 'k' is a tall letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Straight down, half back loop over and round, slant down - join up.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

k k k

kk kk kk

k k k

kk kk kk

Now try these letter pairs and words:

ko ko

ak ak

kit kit

talk talk

make make

tricked tricked

Letter Formation

The left-over shapes - e, f, j, k, r, s, x and z.

The letter 's' is a 'half way' letter with a diagonal join to the next letter from the bottom upwards. However, like the 'r' it is sometimes better left unjoined.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Circle over to the left up over to the right, **join up**.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

s s s

ss ss ss

s s s

ss ss ss

Now try these letter pairs and words:

as as

so so

sit sit

hiss hiss

stress stress

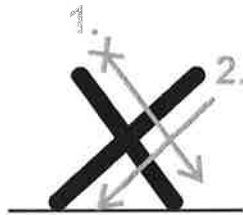
masses masses

Letter Formation

The left-over shapes - e, f, j, k, r, s, x and z.

The letter 'x' is a 'half way' letter which is difficult to join to the next letter unless you do a mathematical x . It is like two 'c's back to back. If you do a crossed 'x' then you must take your pen off the paper twice.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Slant down off, slant back.....".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

x x x

x x x

x x x

x x x

Now try these letter pairs and words:

ox ox

xi xi

mix mix

exit exit

toxic toxic

excited excited

Letter Formation

The left-over shapes - e, f, j, k, r, s, x and z.

The letter 'z' is a half-way letter which is a zigzag shape.

Start at the cross and say
as you write, "*Straight
across, slant down, straight
back.....*".



Copy these letters as accurately as you can:

Date:

z z z

zz zz zz

z z z

zz zz zz

Now try these letter pairs and words:

z o z o

a z a z

z o o z o o

zero zero

zinc zinc

dazzle dazzle

Further Practice 1 - Predominantly C Shapes

Name

Date

dug

odd

cog

dace

good

quota

gauge

caddy

caged

garden

dodged

coded

graced

judged

dagger

Further Practice 3 - Predominantly L Shapes

Name

Date

lit

wet

tow

tilt

well

treat

lower

little

metal

woven

litter

tallow

waiter

worrier

wolverine

Further Practice 4 - Predominantly Left-over Shapes

Name

Date

off

fog

fun

flit

find

form

offer

fling

filthy

fillet

friend

muffled

funnier

reformed

offended