

We have been working on writing letters correctly through a program called Handwriting Without Tears. We use a small chalkboard, chalk, water and sponges when practicing correct letter formation. We also write on paper. Below you will find how the letters are grouped for teaching and the words that go along with each letter. I thought this might be helpful for extra practice at home.

Frog Jump Letters (F, E, D, P, B, R, N, M)

F-Big line down, frog jump! little line across top, little line across middle

E-Big line down, frog jump! little line across top, middle, bottom

D-Big line down, frog jump! big curve to bottom corner

P-Big line down, frog jump! little curve to middle

B-Big line down, frog jump! little curve to middle, little curve to bottom

R-Big line down, Frog Jump! little curve to middle, little line slides to bottom

M-Big line down, frog Jump! big line slides down, up and down

N-big line down, frog jump! big line slides to bottom, big line goes up

Starting Corner Capitals (H, K, L, U, V, W, X, Y, Z)

H-Big line down, big line down, little line across

K-Big line down, lift pencil to top right corner, kick to middle, slide away

L-Big line down, little line across (Do not pick pencil.)

U-Down, travel and up

V-Big line slides down and up

W-Big line slides down and up, down and up

X-Big line slides down, big line slides down

Y-Little line slides down, little line slides down, big line slides down

Z-Across, big line slides down, across

Center Starters (C, O, Q, G, S, A, I, T, J)

C-Big curve (Magic C)

O-Make a Magic C, keep on going around, stop at the top

Q-Make a Magic C, keep on going around, stop at the top, add a little line

G-Make a Magic C, go up, add a little line across

S-Make a little curve (little magic c), turn, make another little curve

A-Big line slides down, big line slides down, little line across

I-Big line down, little line across the top, little line across the bottom

T-Big line down, little line across top

J-Big line down, turn, stop, little line across top

Lowercase Letters

a-magic c up like a helicopter, bump back, down bump

b-dive down, swim up, and over, around, bump

c-a capital c is tall, tall, tall, a lowercase c is small, small, small

d-magic c up like a helicopter, up higher, back down, bump

e-start, hit the ball, run the bases, stop

f-up, down, cross

g-magic c up like a helicopter, bump back down, turn

h-dive down, bump the line, swim up, over, down

i-down, dot

j-down, turn, dot

k-down, bump the line, kick, slide away

l-down bump the line

m-start with n, swim up, over, down

n-dive down, swim up, over, one hump, down

o-magic c, keep on going, stop

p-dive down, swim up, over, around, bump

q-magic c, up like a helicopter, bump back down, u turn

r-dive down, swim up, over

s-little magic c, turn down, curve around

t-down, bump the line, cross

u-down, travel up, back down

v-slide down, slide up

w-slide down, up, down, up

x-slide down, slide down

y-slide down, slide down

z-go across, slide down, go across

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