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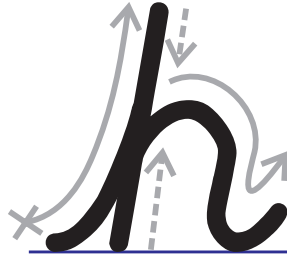
- Large shaded lines
- Medium shaded lines
- Small shaded lines
- Large ruled lines
- Medium ruled lines

# 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 as you write, "Sweep right up, straight down, half back up, bridge over - **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, "Sweep up, straight down, bridge 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

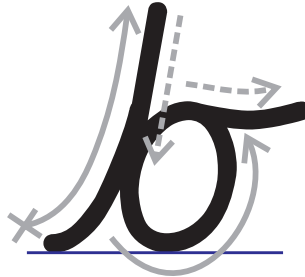
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## L Shapes

This letter 'b' is a tall letter with a either a horizontal or a upwards or downwards diagonal join to the next letter from half way across depending on the following letter.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Sweep right up, straight back down, curl under right round and join (either **straight across** or **up**) ....

Make sure that you do go right round to '11 o'clock' on this letter .



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

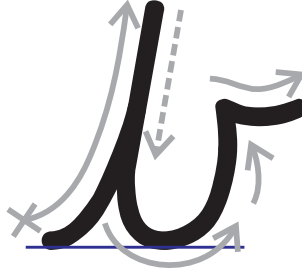


# Letter Formation

## L Shapes

This letter 'b' is a tall letter with a either a horizontal or upwards or downwards diagonal join to the next letter from half way across depending on the following letter. It is called an 'open' b.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Sweep right up, straight back down, curl under and up, and join (either **straight across** or **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

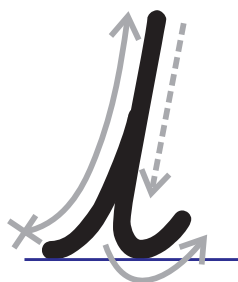
# Letter Formation

## 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,  
"Sweep right up, straight  
back down, **join up** ....."



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

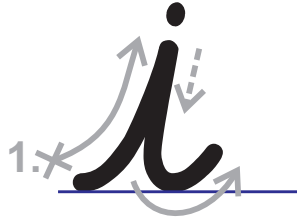
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# Letter Formation

## 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, "Sweep half way up, straight back 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*

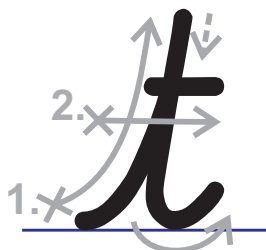
# Letter Formation

## L shapes

The letter 't' is a tall letter (but not quite as tall as an 'l'), 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, "  
Sweep right up, straight back  
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, "Sweep up, straight down, under and 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

tunic tunic

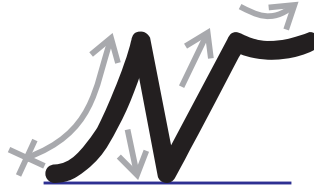
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# Letter Formation

## L shapes

The letter 'v' is a half way letter with either a horizontal or upwards or downwards diagonal join to the next letter.

Start at the cross and say as you write, "Sweep up, slant down, slant 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

Name .....

Date .....

Trace the following text first and then copy it again underneath.

## THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE

Once upon a time there was a hare who, boasting how he could run faster than anyone else, was forever teasing tortoise for its slowness.

Then one day, the irate tortoise answered back: "Who do you think you are? There's no denying you're swift, but even you can be beaten!"

