



Get Writing!

Handwriting Stage I

a) Letter formation – Letter checklists

‘Around’ letter checklists (c a o d g q)

‘Down’ letter checklists (l t b p k h i j m n r u y)

‘Curly’ letters (e f s)

‘Zig-zag’ letters (v w z x)

'Around' letters

c



caterpillar

Checklist

- ✓ Start at the caterpillar's head
- ✓ Curl body

a



apple

Checklist

- ✓ Start at the stalk
- ✓ Draw a nice round apple
- ✓ Go back up to the stalk then down
- ✓ Draw the leaf
- ✓ Curl leaf at the bottom

o

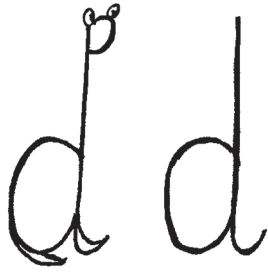


orange

Checklist

- ✓ Start at the stalk
- ✓ Draw a nice round orange

d

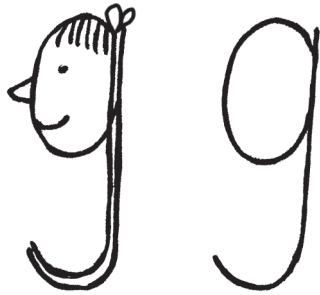


dinosaur

Checklist

- ✓ Draw a big round bottom
- ✓ Tall neck
- ✓ Straight line to feet
- ✓ Draw curl for feet

g

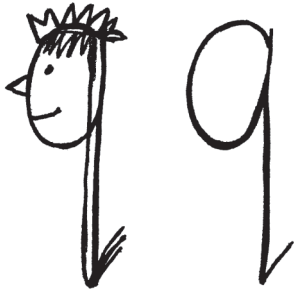


girl

Checklist

- ✓ Start at her hair bobble on top of her head
- ✓ Round face
- ✓ Back up to bobble
- ✓ Very straight hair
- ✓ Round curl to finish

q



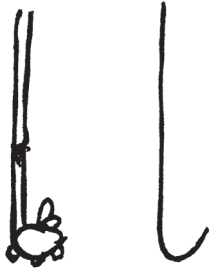
queen

Checklist

- ✓ Start at her hair bobble on top of her head
- ✓ Round face
- ✓ Back up to bobble
- ✓ Very straight hair
- ✓ Sharp flick to finish

'Down' letters

l

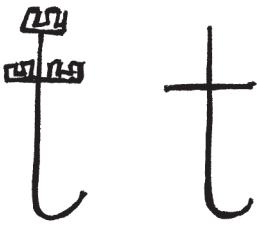


Liam's leg

Checklist

- ✓ Long leg
- ✓ Flick for the shoe to kick the ball

t



tower

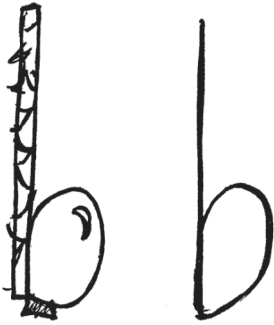
Phrase

'Down the tower, across the tower.'

Checklist

- ✓ Princess looks out of the tower towards the sun
- ✓ Tall tower
- ✓ Draw line for tower towards the sun
- ✓ Grass growing on the sun side

b



boot

Checklist

- ✓ Draw down the boot
- ✓ Round the toe
- ✓ Back to the heel

p

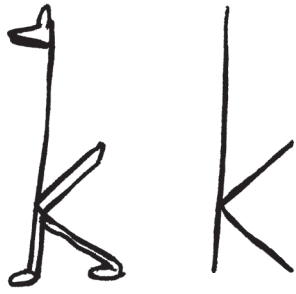


Polly Pirate

Checklist

- ✓ Long straight plait
- ✓ Round face that looks at the sun

k



kangaroo

Checklist

- ✓ Tall letter
- ✓ Long straight body
- ✓ Straight tail coming out halfway down
- ✓ Straight leg

h



horse

Checklist

- ✓ Long straight neck
- ✓ Down to his feet
- ✓ Round back
- ✓ Straight back leg
- ✓ Little flick of dust as horse runs away

i



insect

Checklist

- ✓ Short straight body
- ✓ Small round tail
- ✓ Little dot for the head

j



jack-in-a-box

Checklist

- ✓ Long straight body
- ✓ Smooth curl for the legs
- ✓ Dot for the head

m



Maisie and the mountains

Checklist

- ✓ Small letter
- ✓ Straight body for Maisie
- ✓ Over the mountains
- ✓ Small flick for the grass

n



Nobby and his net

Checklist

- ✓ Straight body for Nobby
- ✓ Over the net – same height as Nobby
- ✓ Small flick for the grass next to the net

r

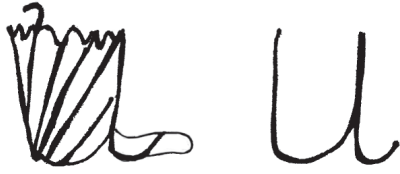


robot

Checklist

- ✓ Straight body
- ✓ Round the robot's arm

u

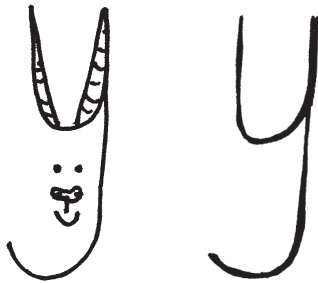


umbrella

Checklist

- ✓ Straight line for the handle
- ✓ Round underneath the broolly
- ✓ A little flick for the puddle

y



yak

Checklist

- ✓ Straight line for the horn
- ✓ Round underneath the horns
- ✓ Straight line up for the second horn
- ✓ Round the face

'Curly' letters

e

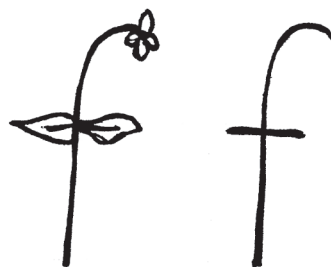


egg

Checklist

- ✓ Small letter
- ✓ Draw the shell that needs to be cut off the boiled egg
- ✓ Go round underneath the egg

f



flower

Checklist

- ✓ Around and down the flower stem
- ✓ Draw leaves

s



snake

Checklist

- ✓ Curl one way
- ✓ Curl the other

'Zig zag' letters (these all 'float')

v



vulture

Checklist

- ✓ Small letter
- ✓ Two straight lines for the wings

w



worm

Checklist

- ✓ Three straight lines – all the same length

z

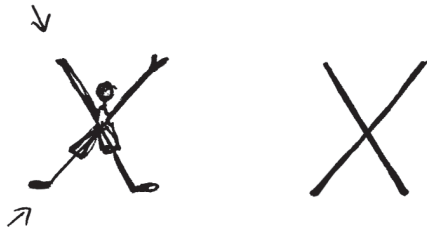


zig zag

Checklist

- ✓ Three straight lines

x



exercise

Checklist

- ✓ One straight line
- ✓ Cross with another – same length