All you need to know about Letter Formation Worksheets

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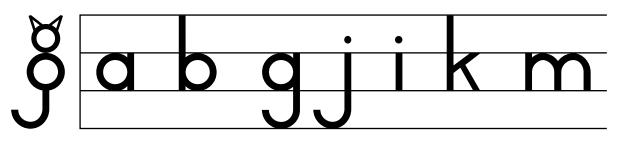
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Tips

• Correct letter formation is not just important for developing legible handwriting, but also to increase writing speed. Furthermore, correct letter formation help prevent reversals such as /b/ and /d/ i.e. /d/ goes around to the left, just the /g/ and /a/, but /b/ goes down and up and around to the right, like /p/.



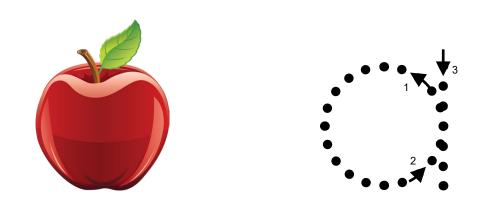
- Introduce the sound and letter formation using a rhyme, song or catchy saying e.g. /a/ for apple around the apple, up the branch and down the branch.
- Practise writing the letter in the air.
- Practise writing the letter on newspaper, small chalkboards or whiteboards. First write the letters big, before transitioning to smaller and smaller letters.
- Use a picture on the left side of the page where letters are placed within the line, e.g. /a/ is placed in the line where the "cat's body" is.

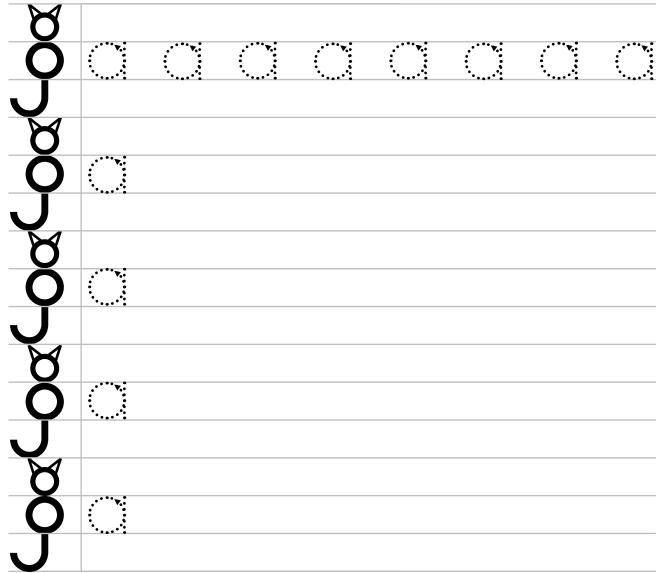


• Teach children the commonalities between letters, e.g. /a/, /d/ and /g/ - all start by going around to the left, whereas /b/ and /p/ go down and up and then only around to the right.



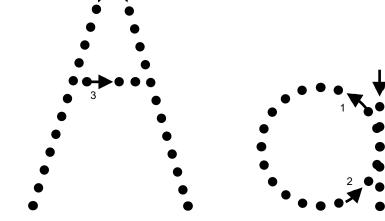
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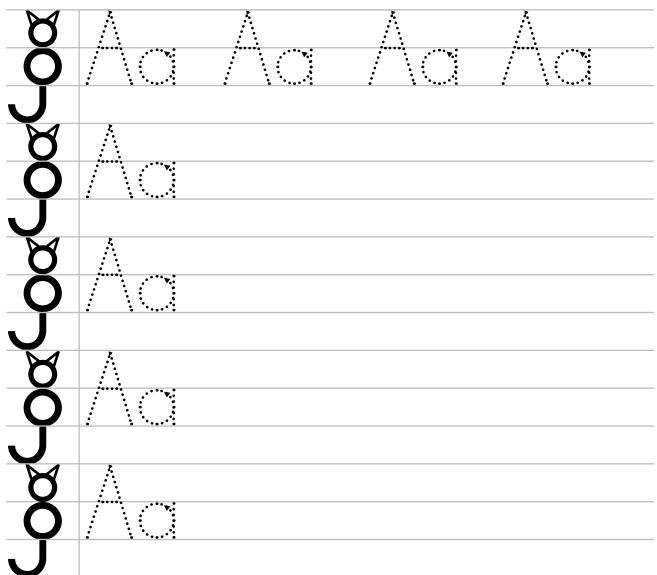






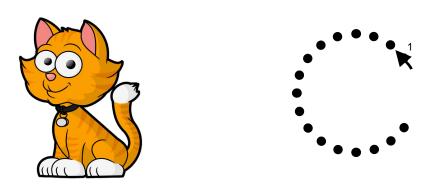
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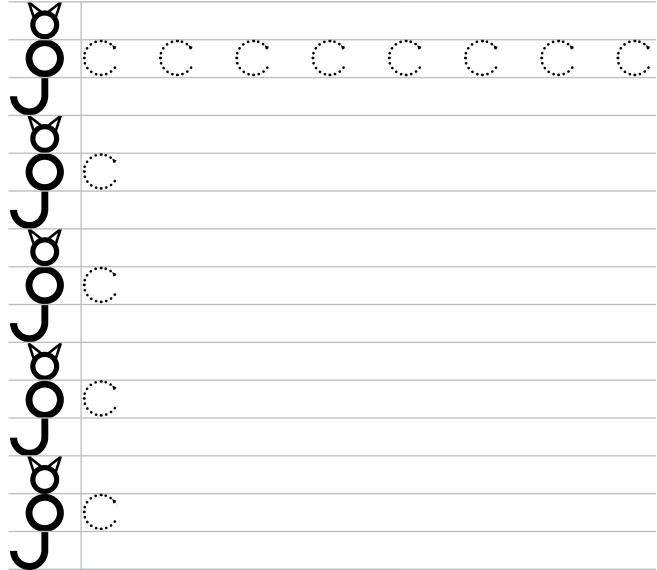




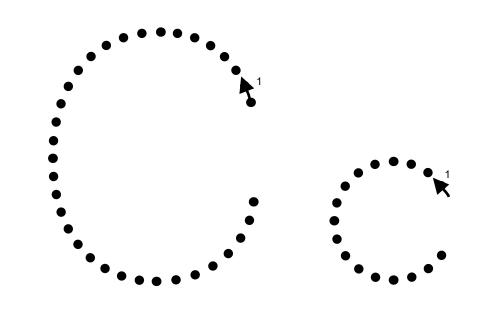


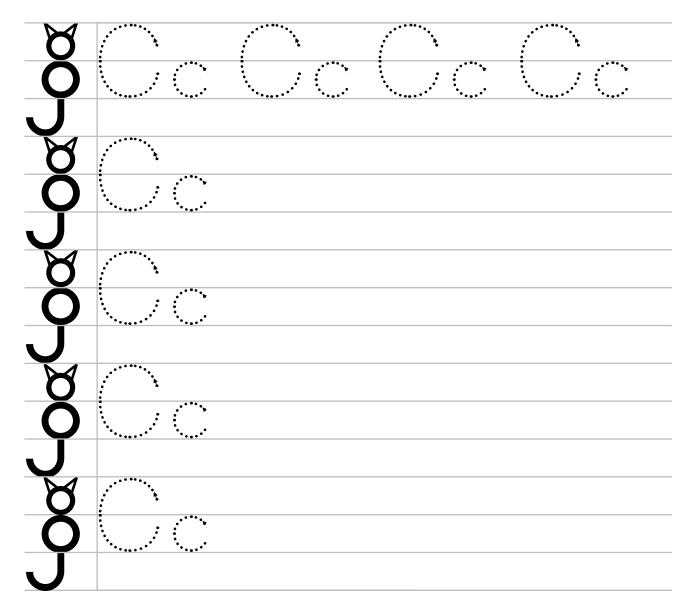








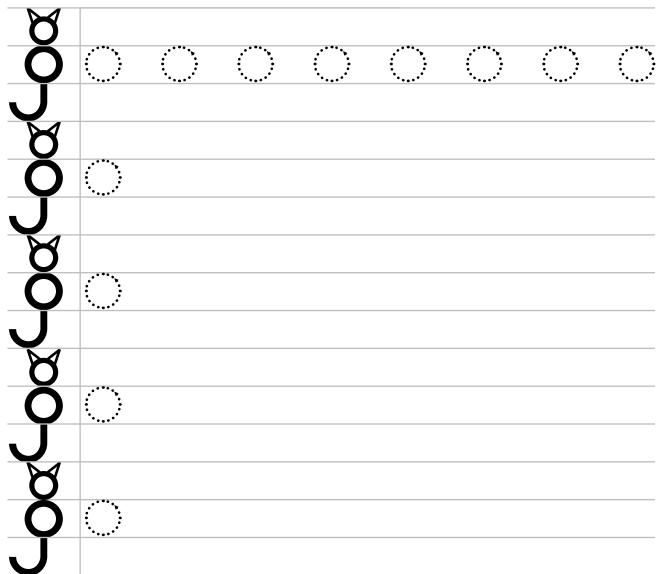






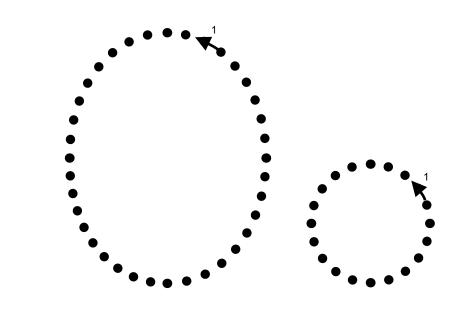
/o/ for otter - up and around to the left

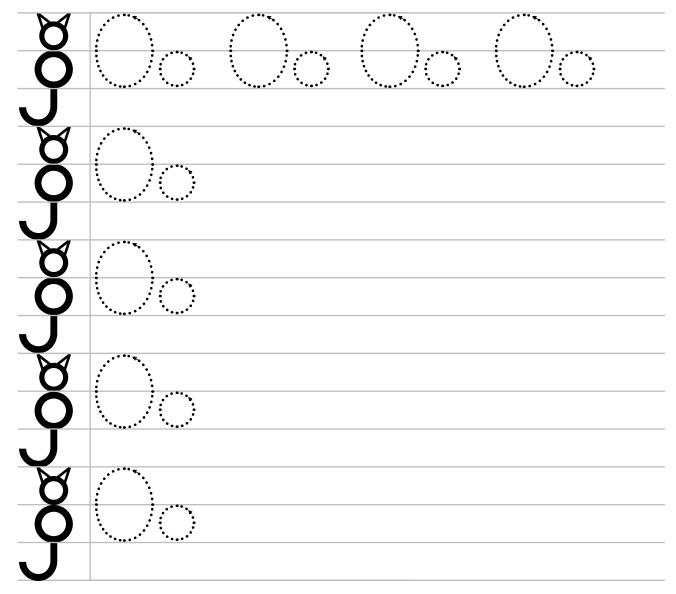






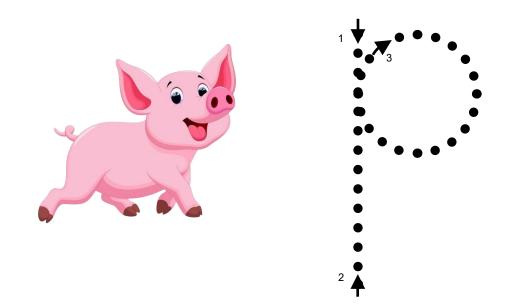
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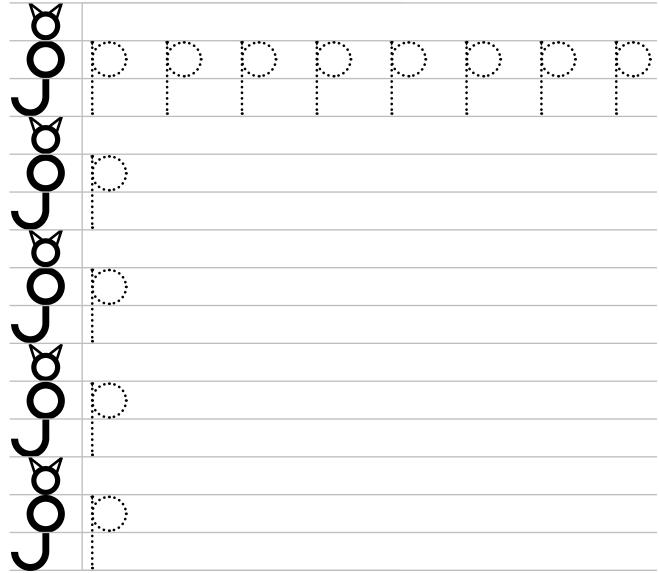






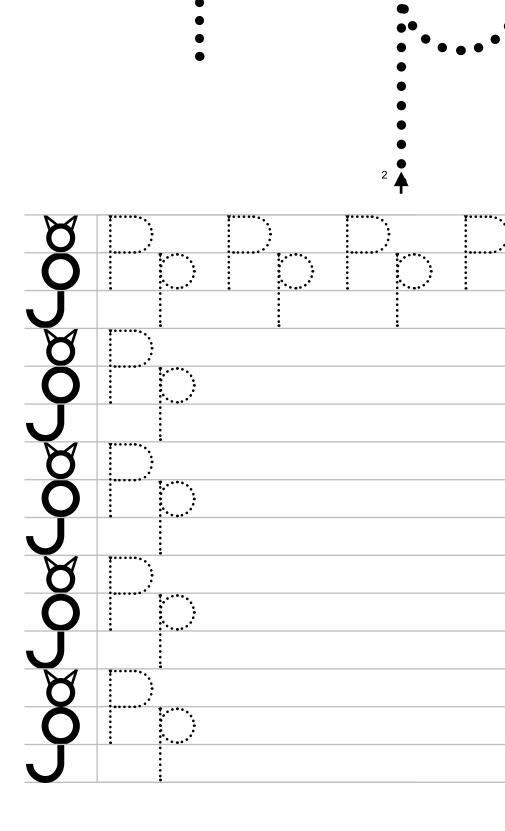
/p/ for pig - down and up, then around to the right





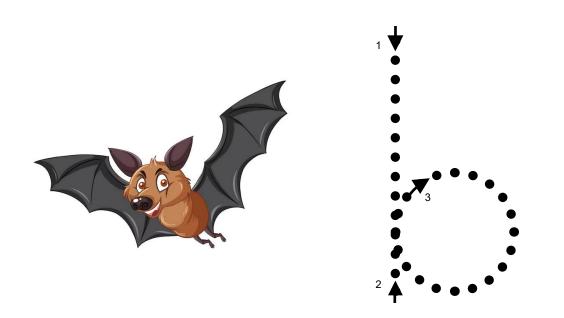


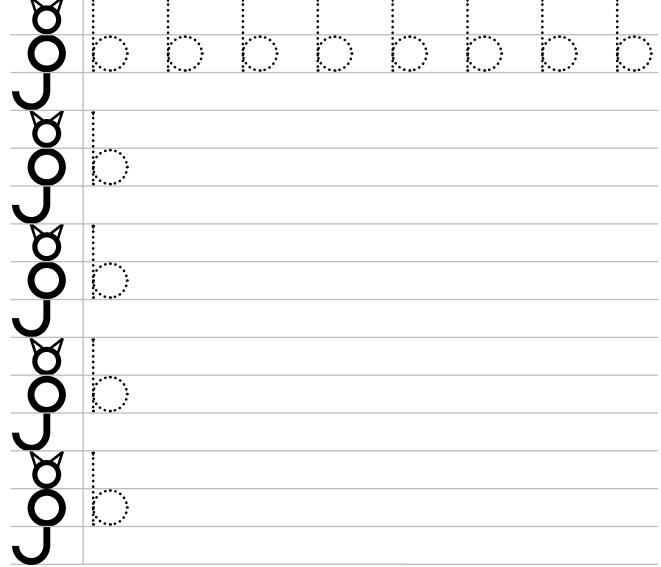
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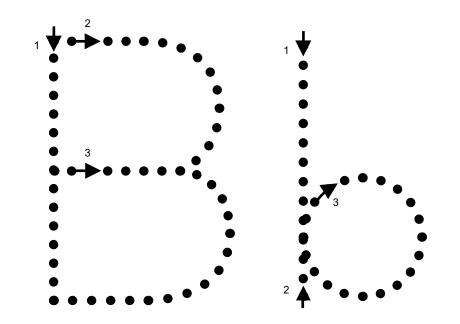
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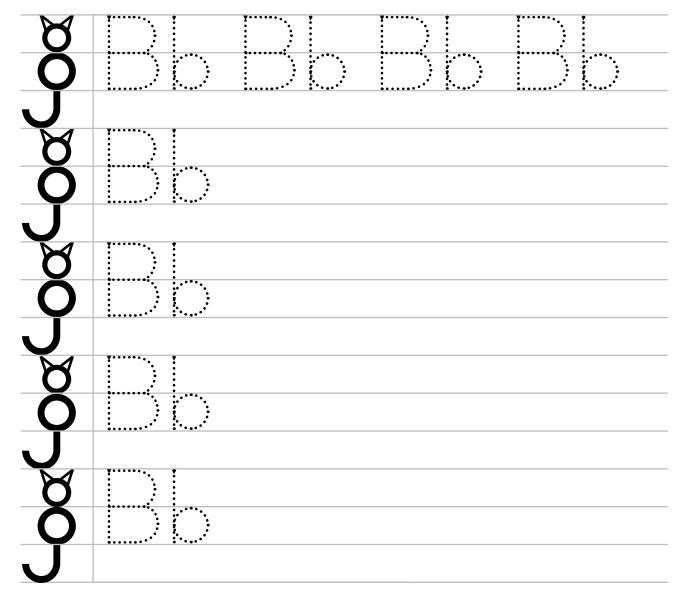




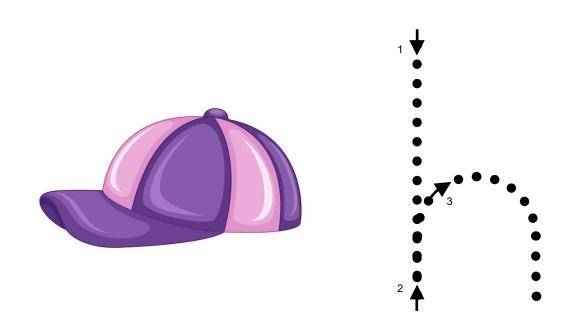


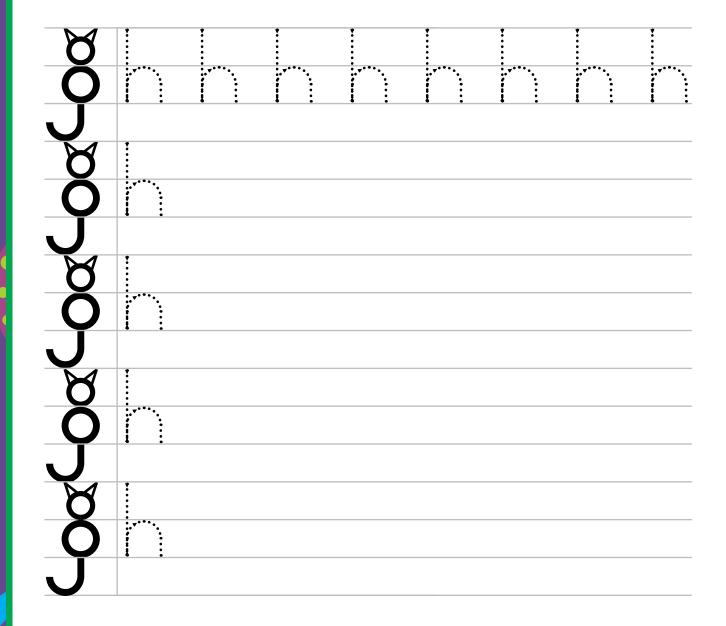
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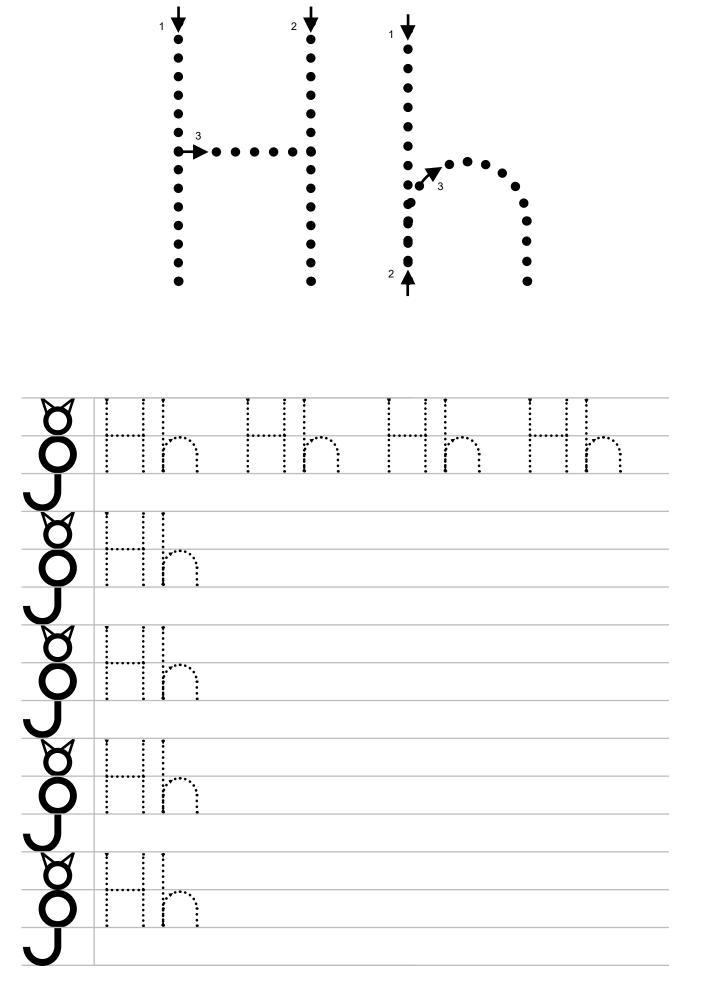
/h/ for hat - down, up, around to the right and stop





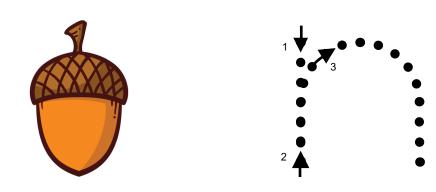


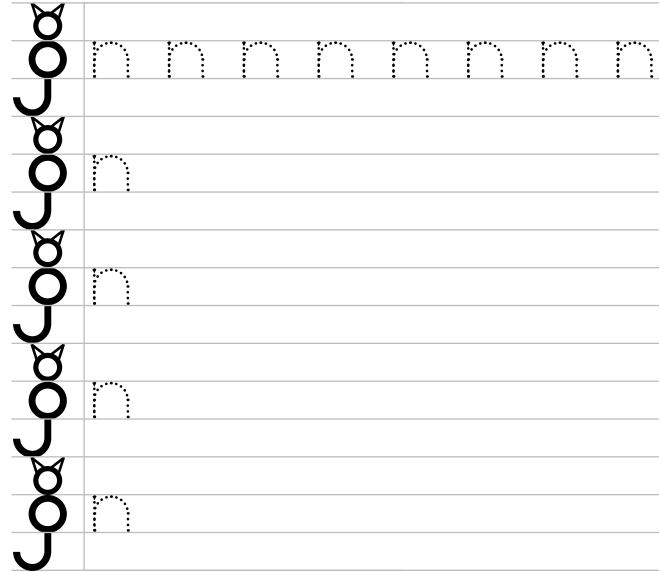
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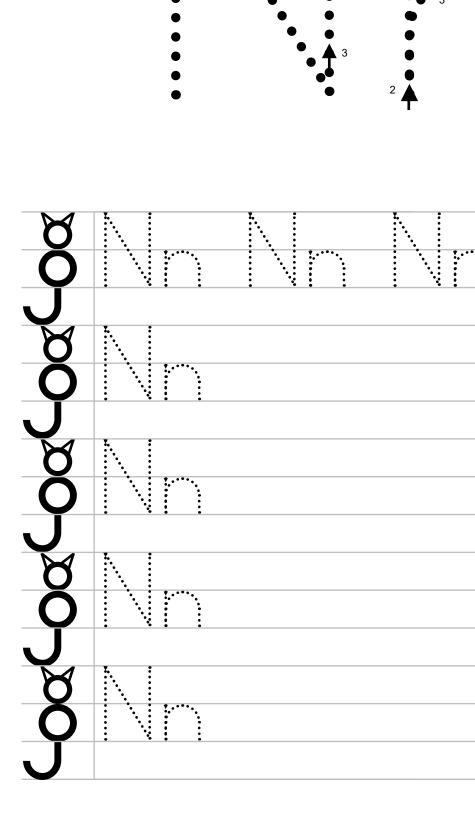
/n/ for nut - down, up, around to the right and stop





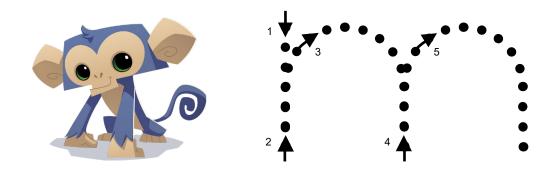


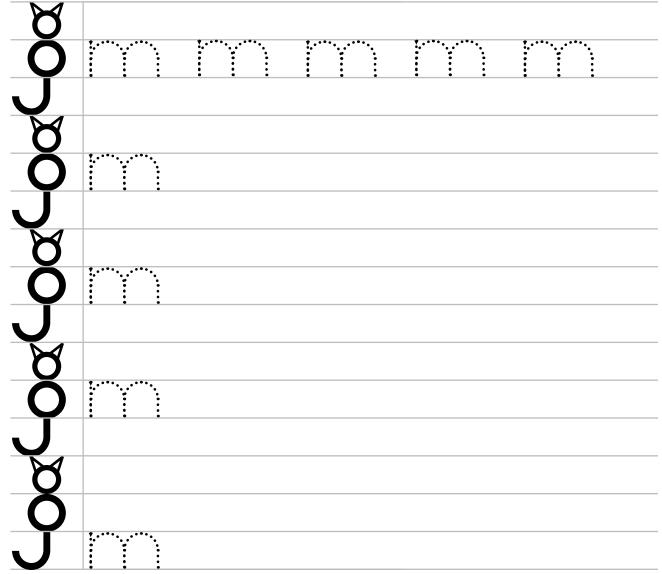
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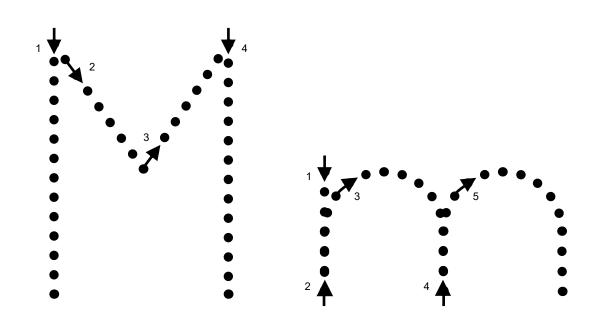
/m/ for monkey - down, over and over







/m/ for monkey

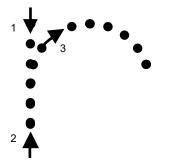


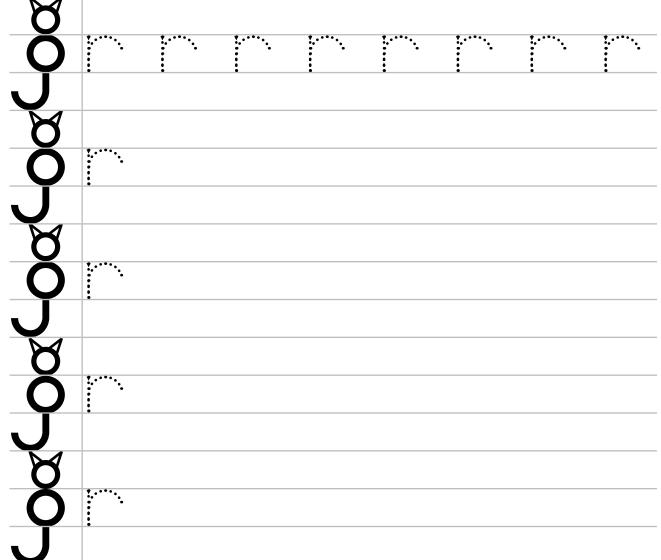




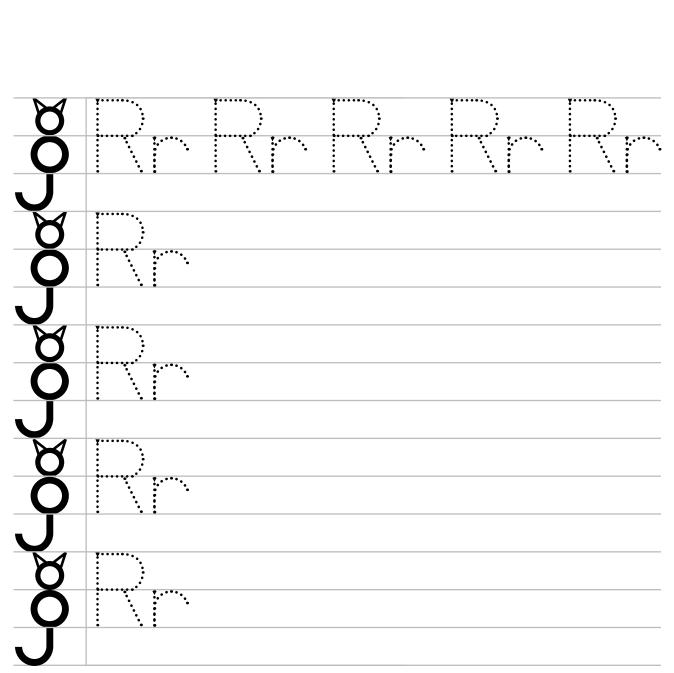


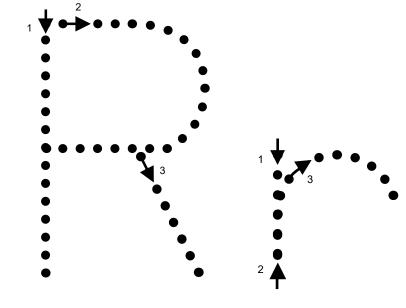






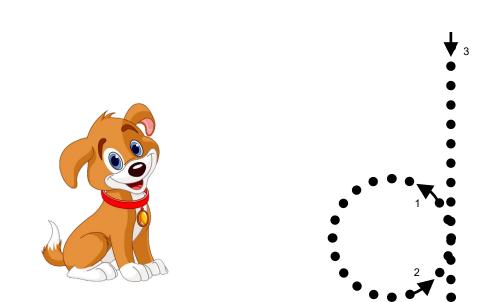
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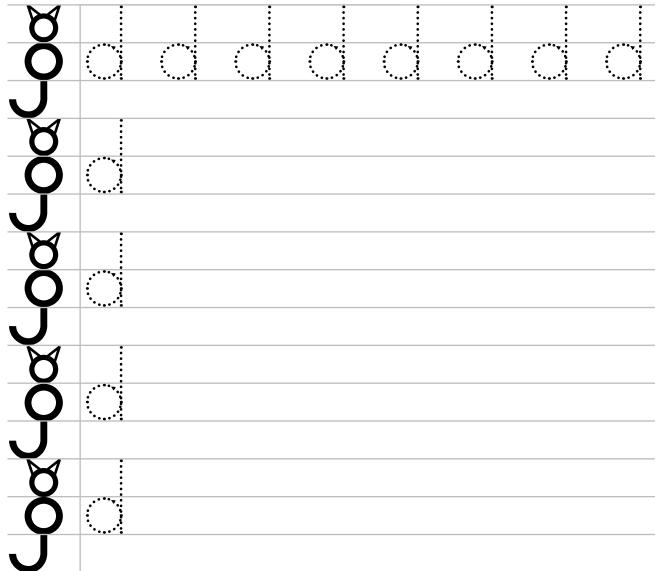






/d/ for dog - around to the left, up and down





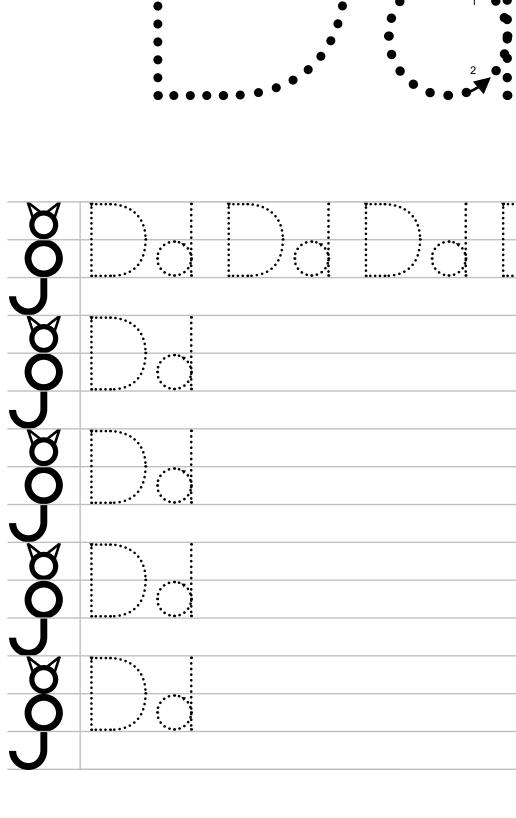


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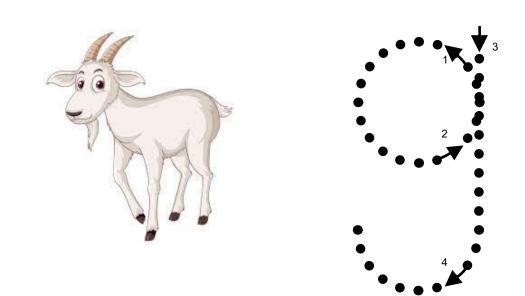
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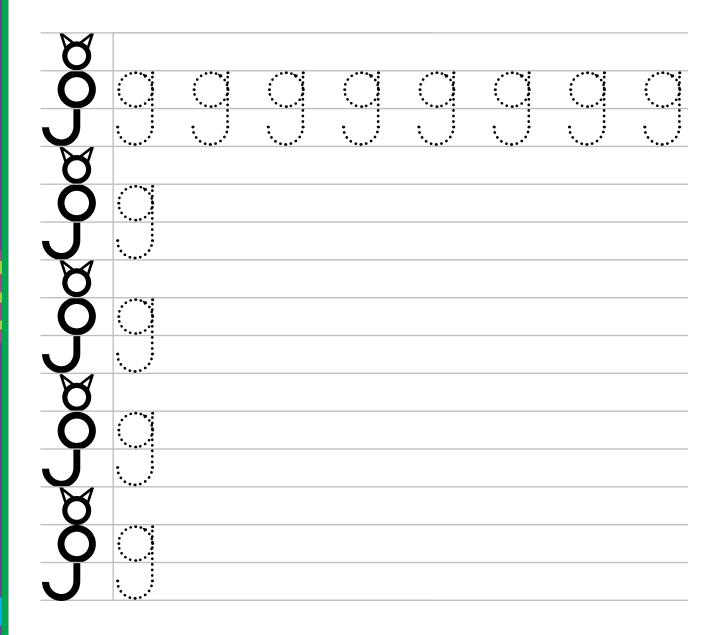
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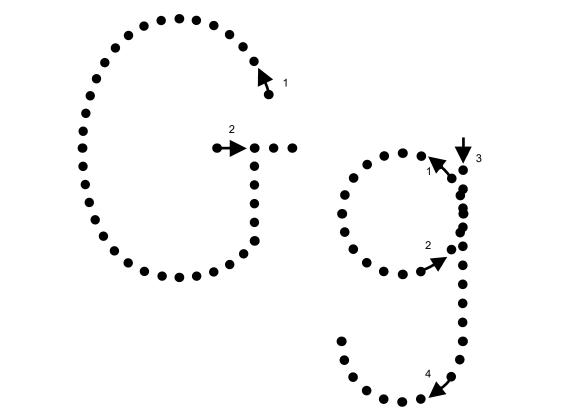


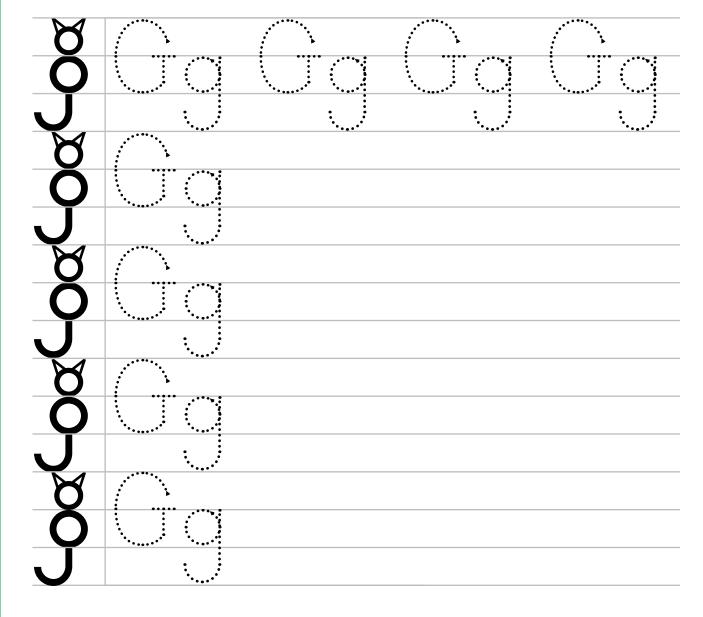
/g/ for goat - around to the left, up, all the way down and curl





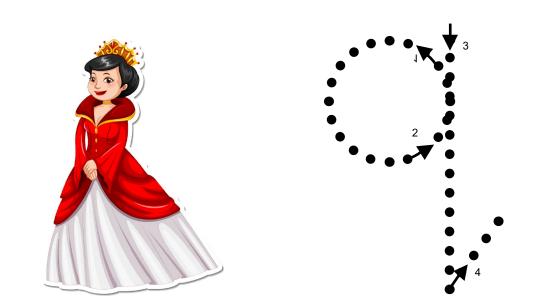
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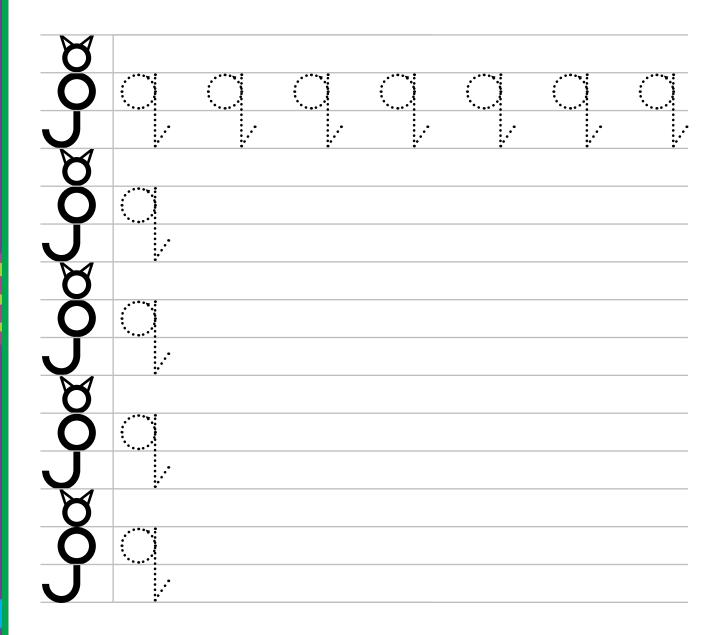




/q/ for queen - around to the left, up and all the way down, skew to the right

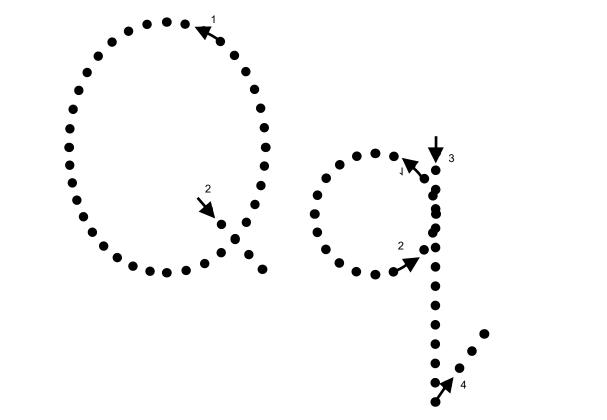
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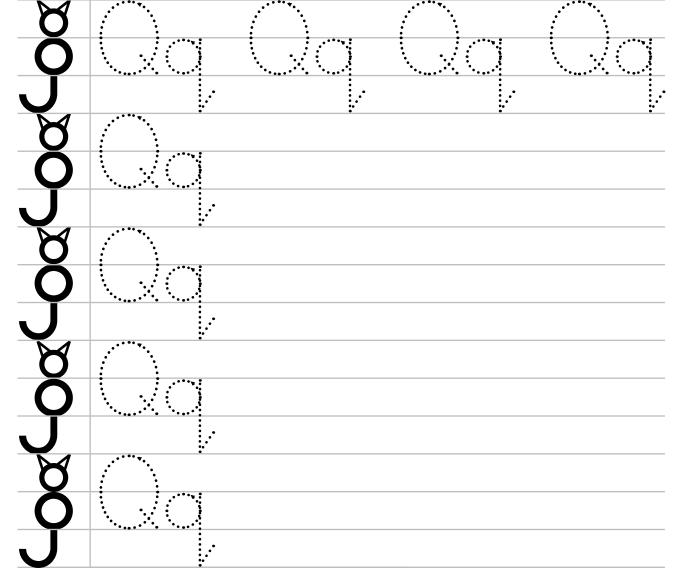






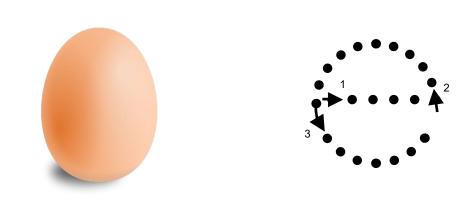
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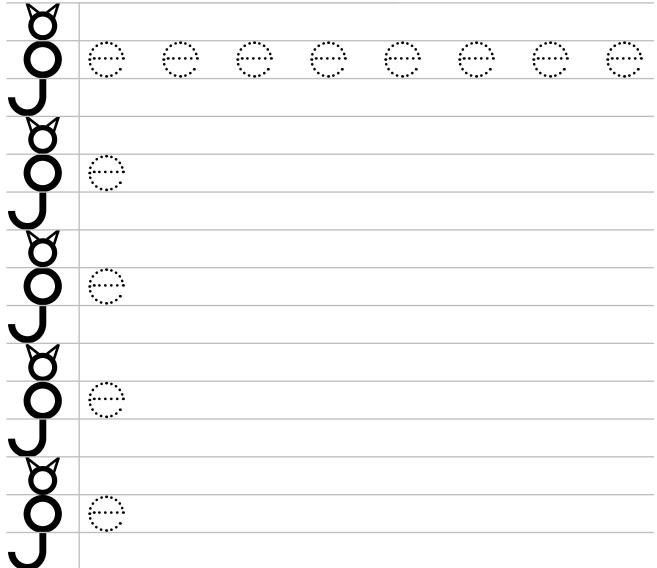






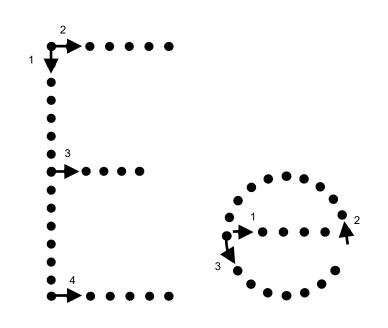
/e/ for egg - left to right, up and around to the left

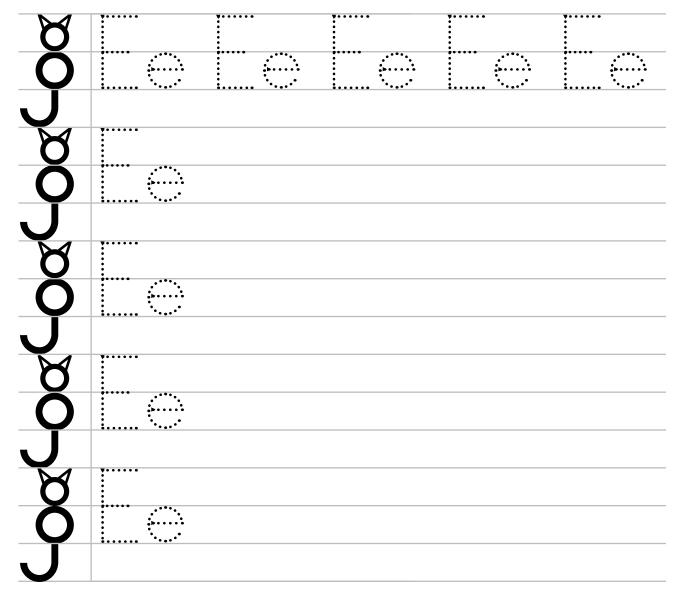






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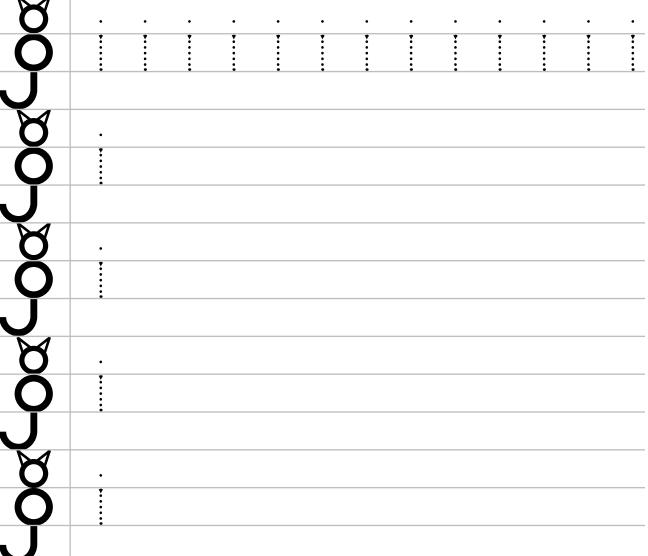






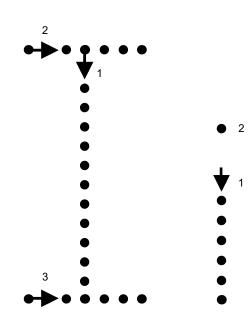
/i/ for igloo - down with a dot at the top





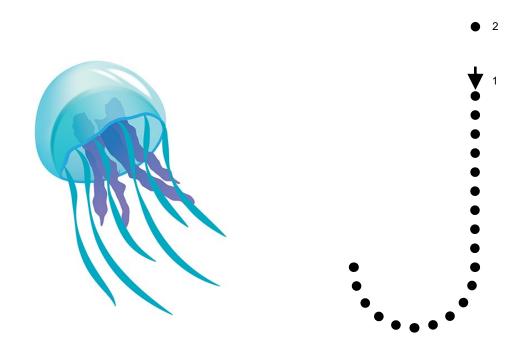


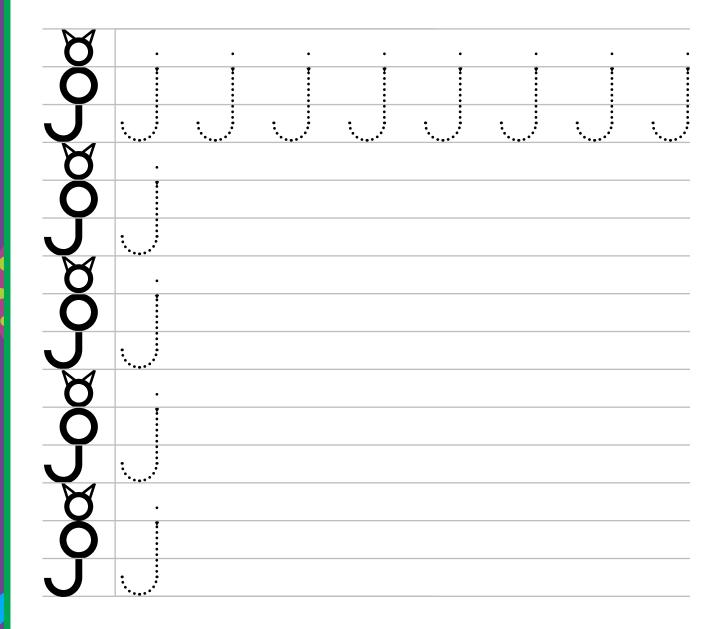
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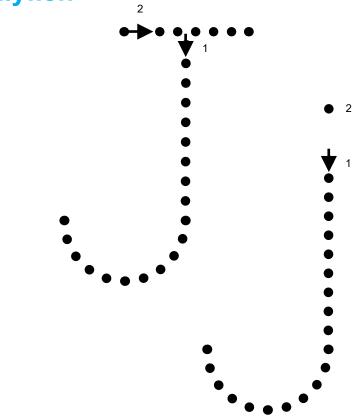


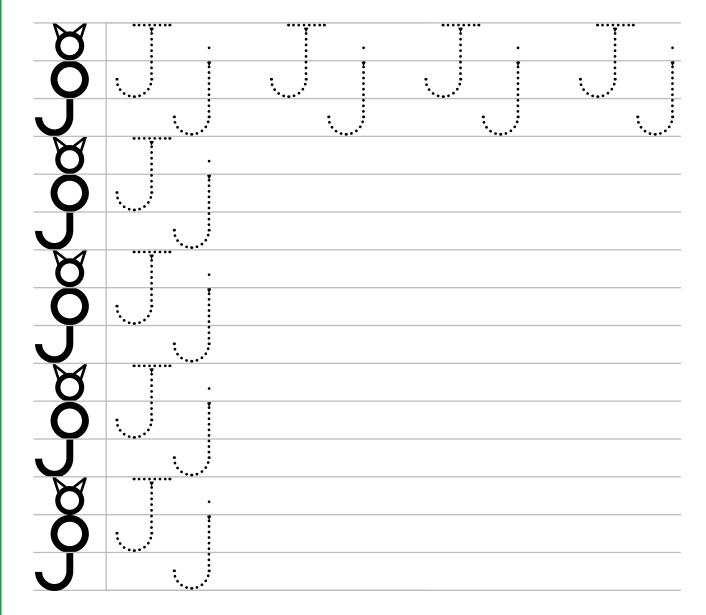
/i/ for jellyfish - down, around to the left with a dot on top













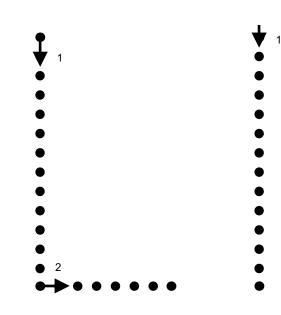
/I/ for lion - start at the top and go down

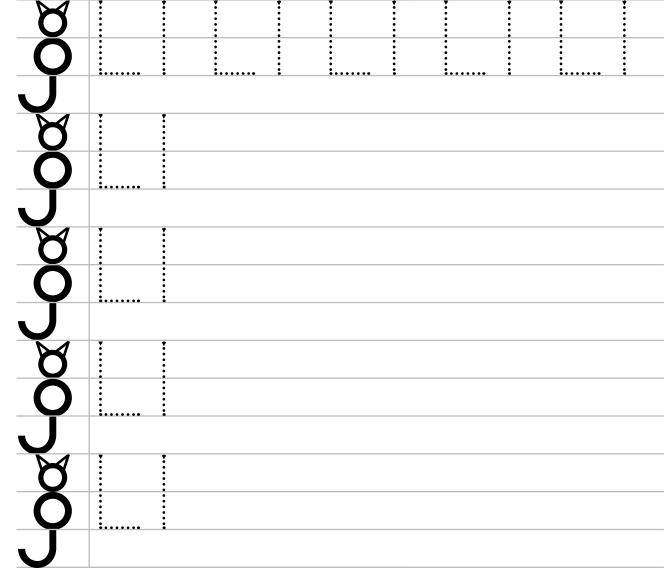




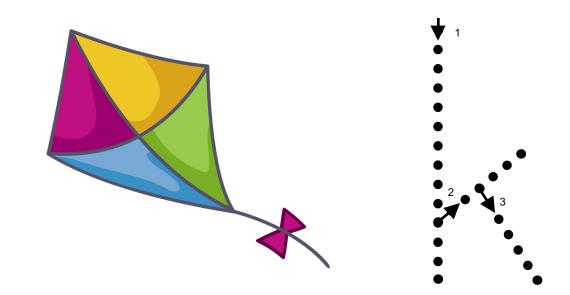


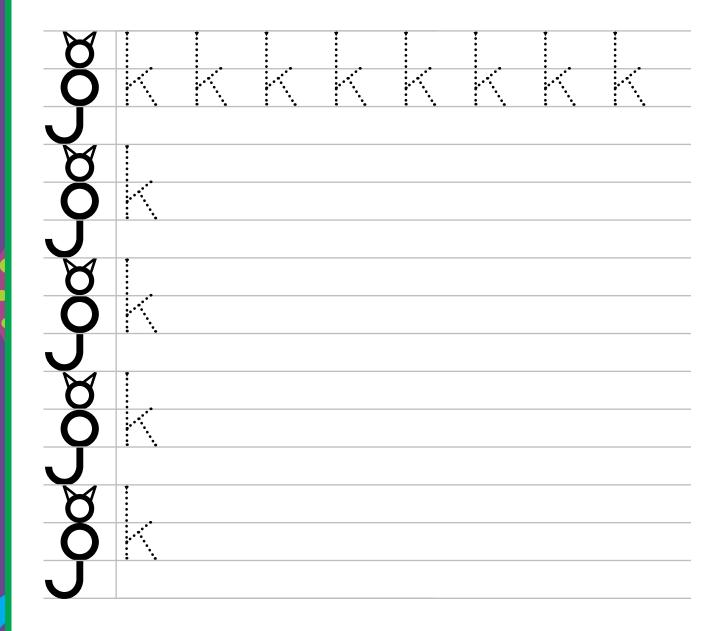
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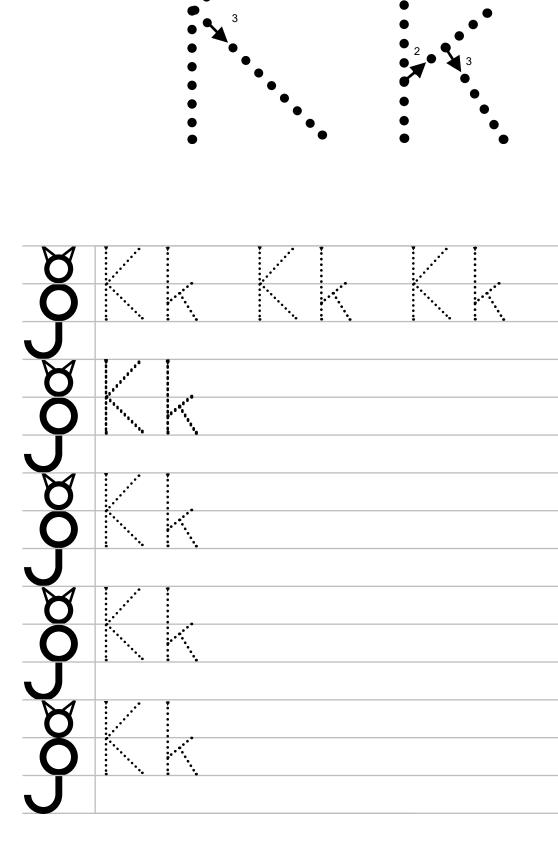
/k/ for kite - go down, lift your pencil, skew up, lift your pencil, skew down





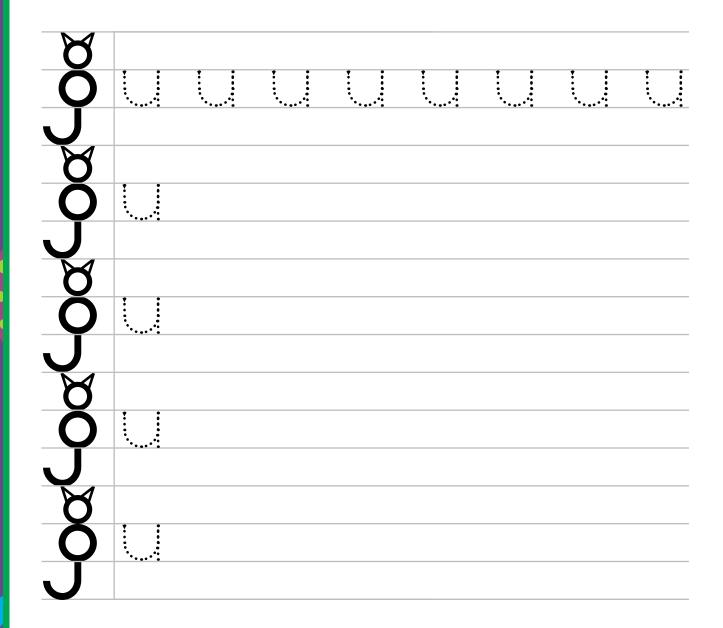


/k/ for kite



/u/ for umbrella - down around to the right, up and down







/u/ for umbrella

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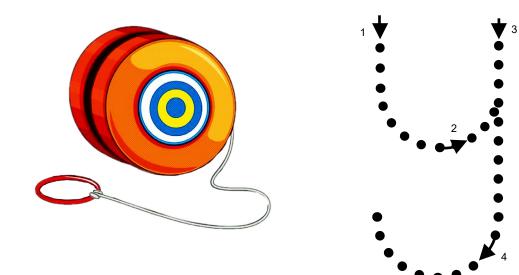
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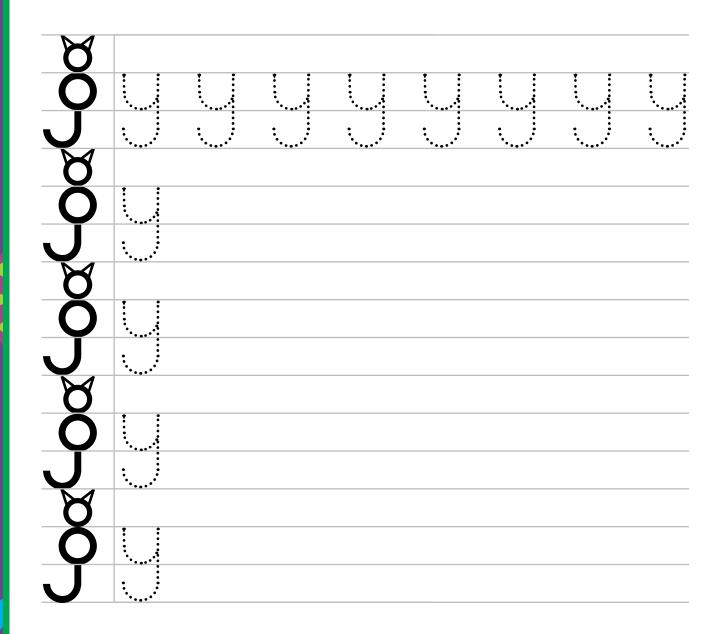
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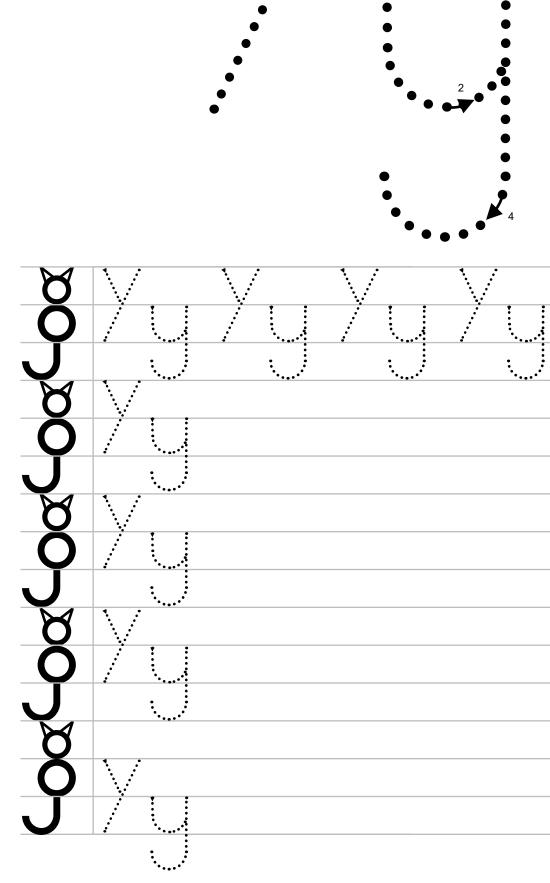
/y/ for yo-yo - down around to the right, up, down and around to the left







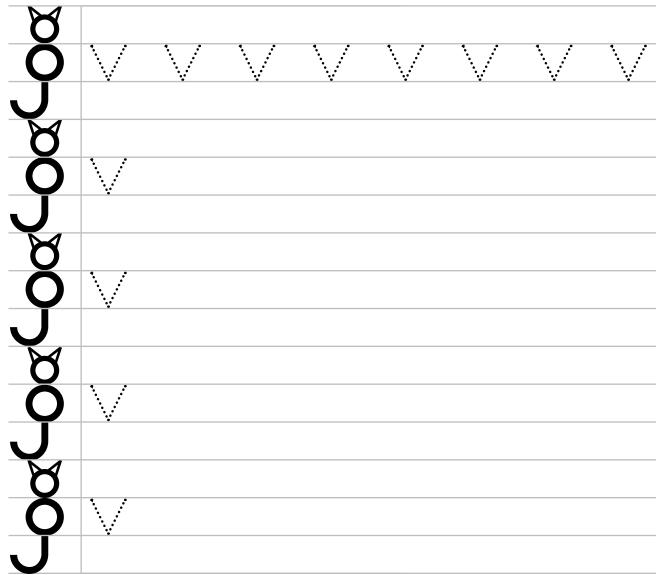
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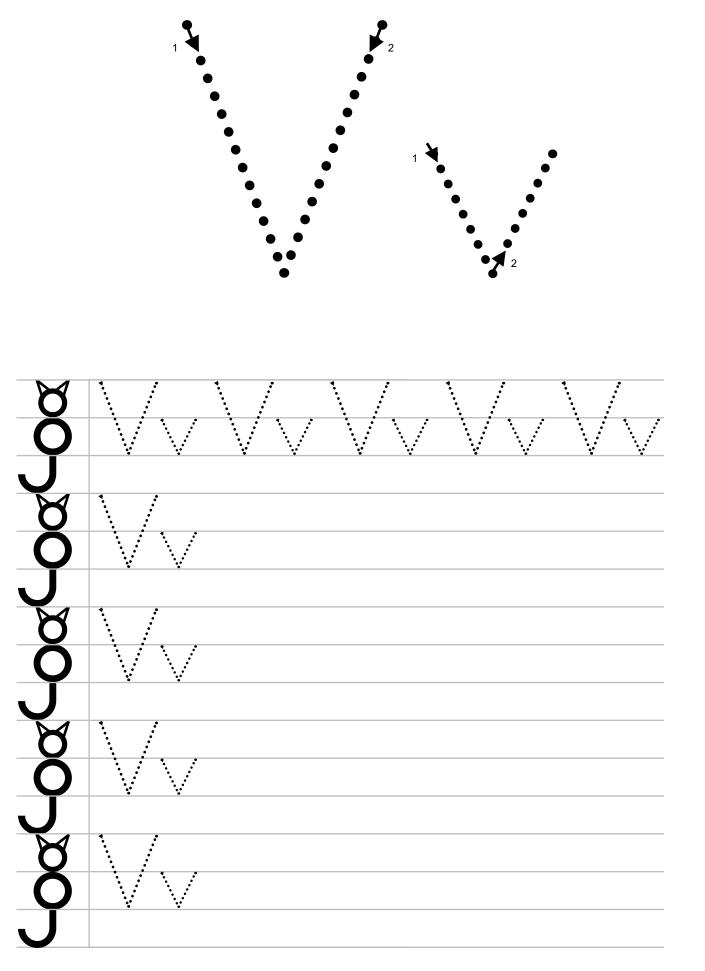




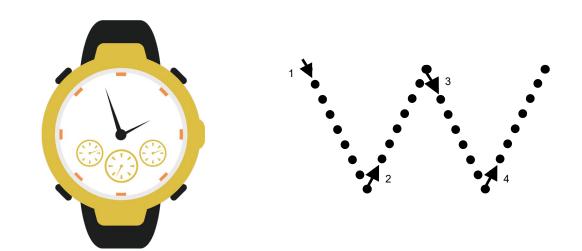


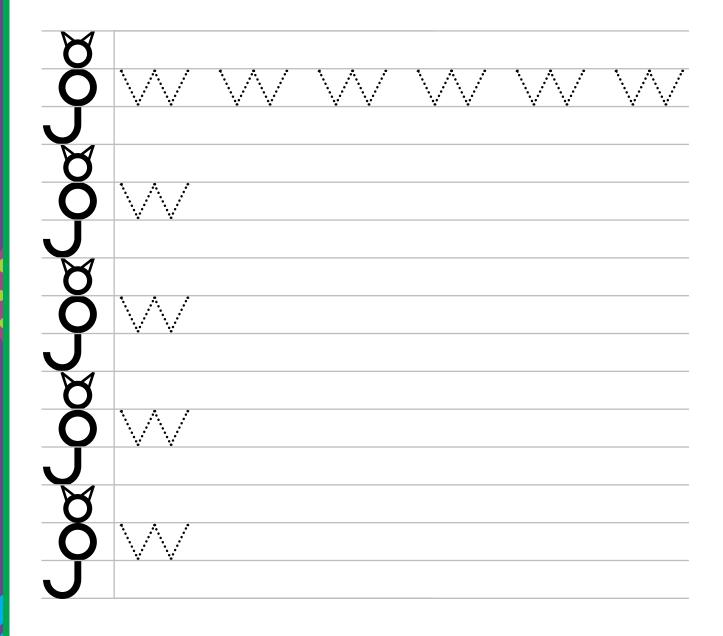


/v/ for van



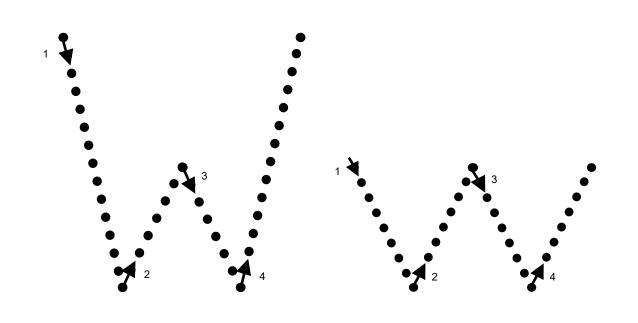
/w/ for watch - skew down, skew up, skew down and skew up

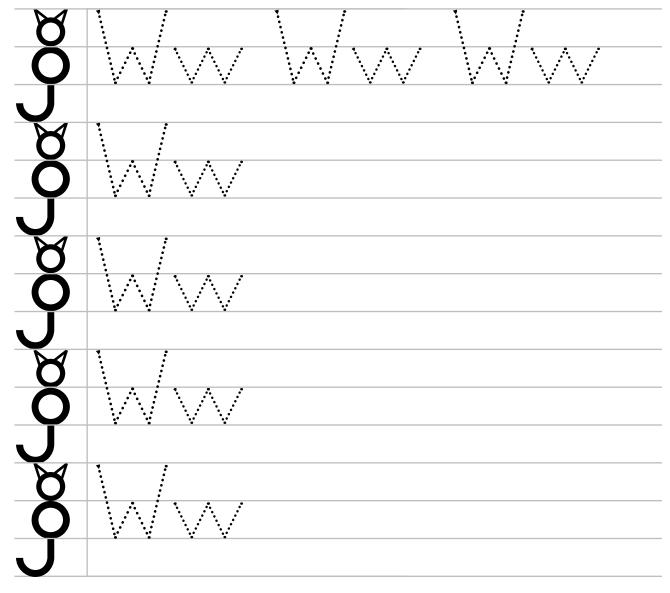






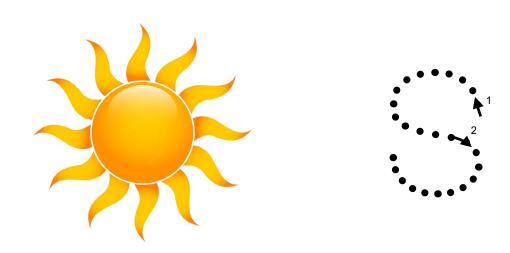
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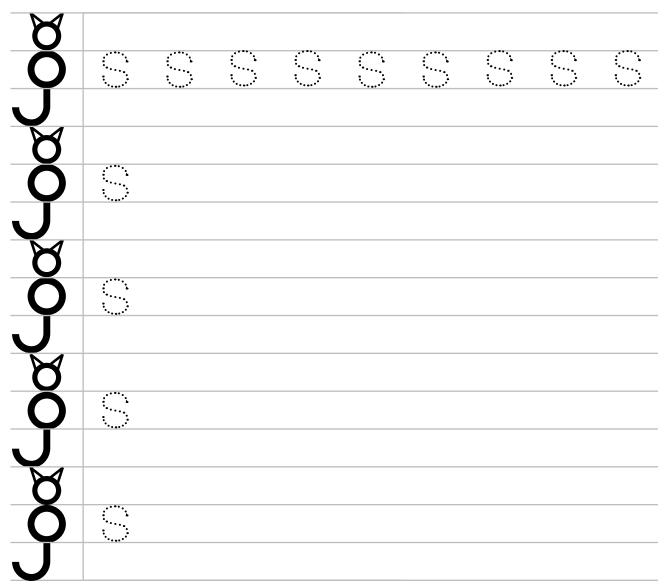




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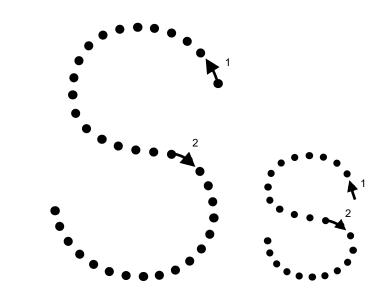
/s/ for sun - around the left bend and then around the right bend

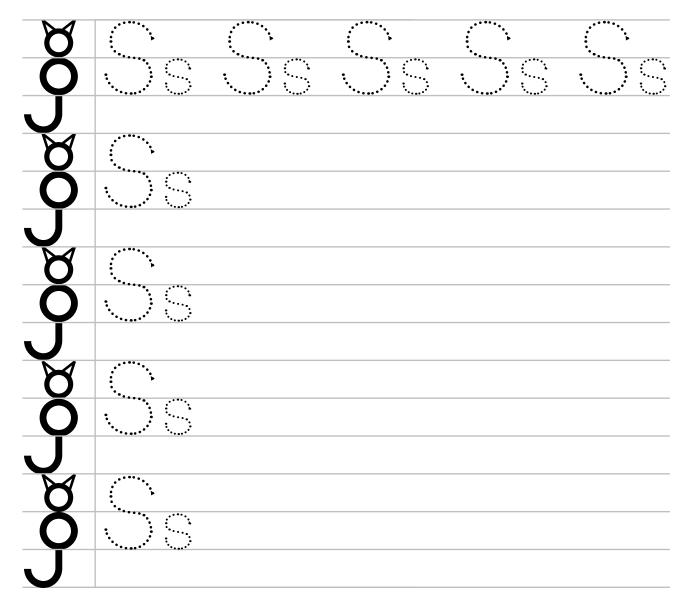




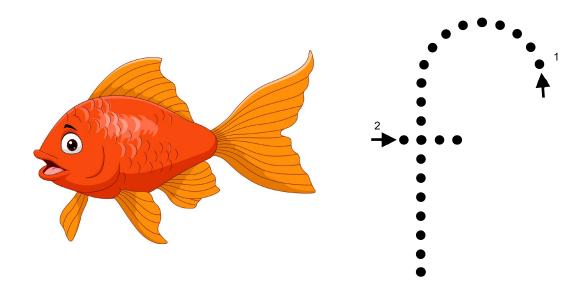


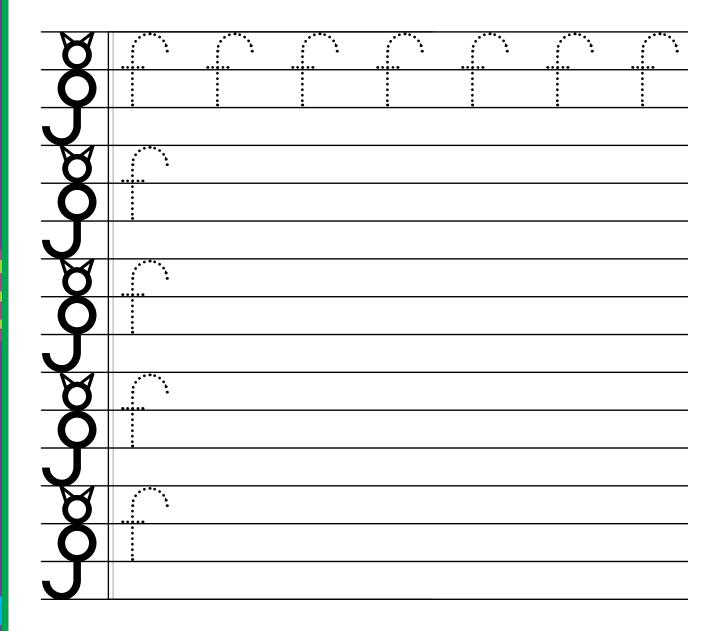
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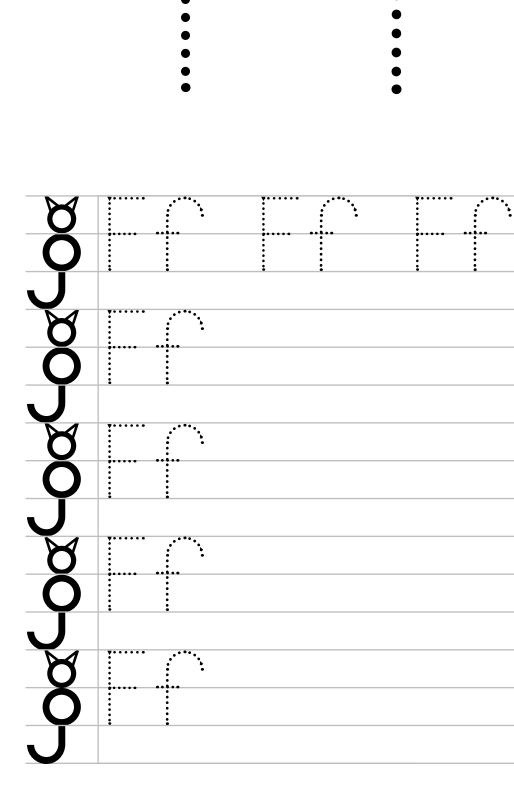
/f/ for fish - around to the left, all the way down, lift pencil and draw a small line



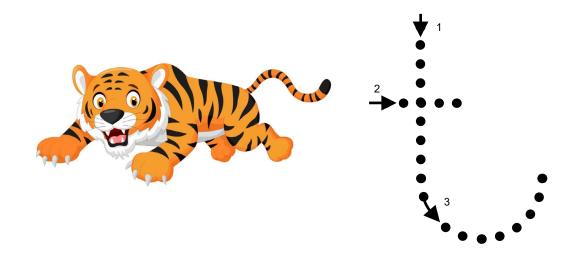


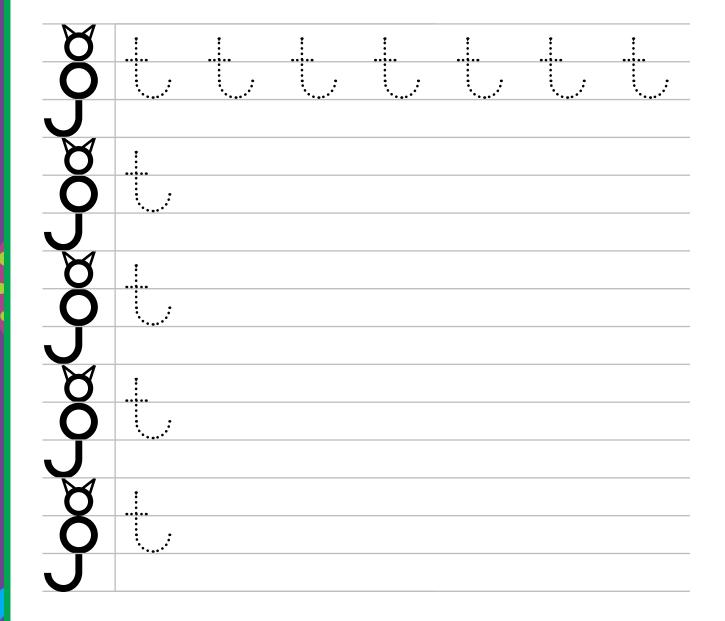


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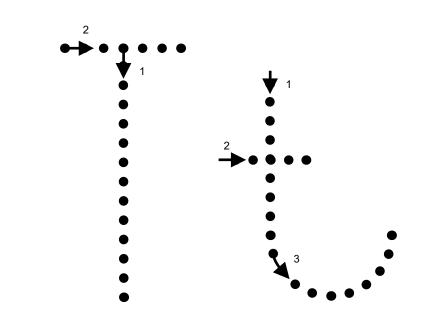
/t/ for tiger - down and round to the right, lift pencil, draw small line from left to right

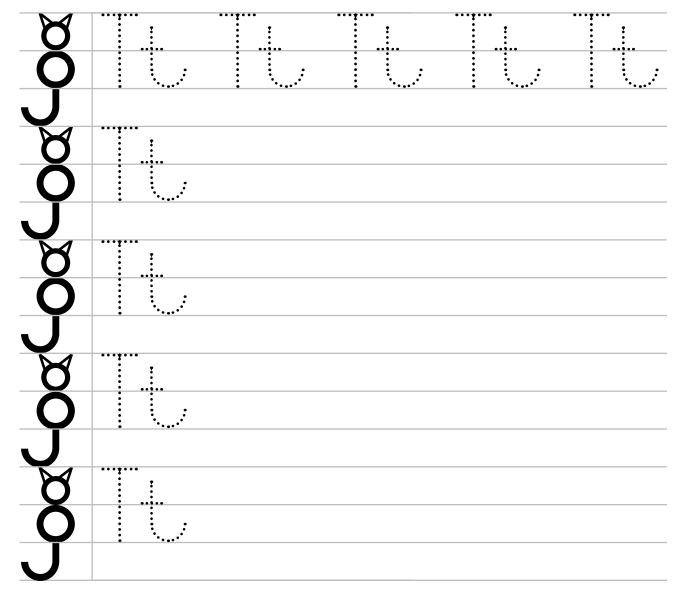






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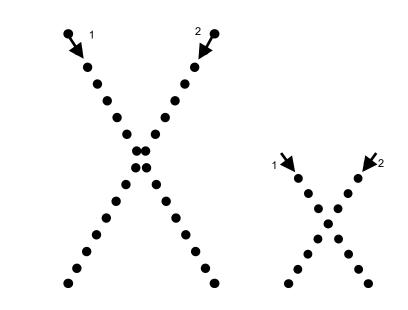
/x/ for xylophone - skew down to right, lift pencil, skew down to left

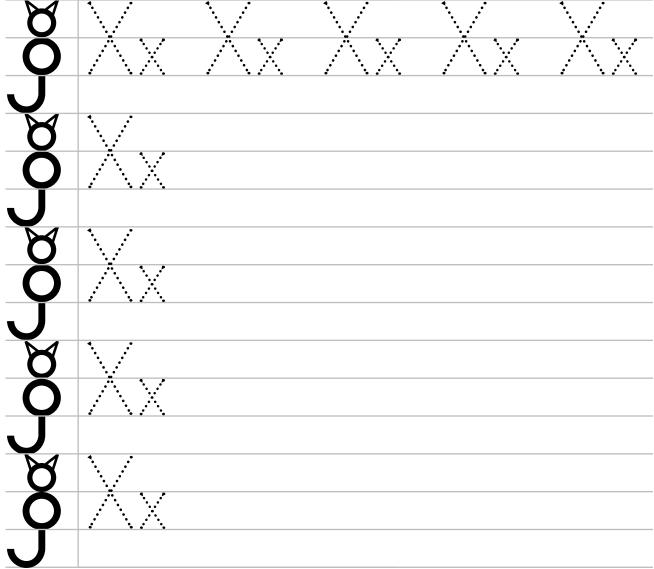






/x/ for xylophone















/z/ for zebra

