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All you need to know about Number Formation Worksheets

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## Number formation

The correct number formation does not only increase writing speed, it helps to prevent rotations and reversals. A legible handwriting also goes a long way.

## Using tactile mnemonics for number formation



- For right handed learners, let them draw the outline of their left hand.
- For left handed students, help them to draw an outine of their left hand.
- Introduce one number at a time using reference to the orientation and position related to their left hand / left hand drawing.
- Practice on newspaper, small chalkboards or whiteboards making big numbers before practising small number on line paper.





## One



Go down from top of the index finger. One is a pole standing upright.



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Touch your middle finger, go around the index finger and out. Two is a swan swimming.

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Three


Touch the middle finger, go around the index finger and in, then around the thumb and in.

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## Four



Start away from the top of the index finger, go down skew to touch the bottom of the thumb, then go left on top of the thumb. Lastly, add a little line.



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## 5 pigs




Five


Start at the top of the index finger, go down and around the thumb, then add the line on top.

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6 pigs


Six


Start away from the top of the index finger, then go down and around.

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## 7 pigs



## Seven



Start above the ring finger, draw a line to the left away from the index finger, then skew down to touch the bottom of the thumb. Seven is a little roof to hide under in the rain.


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## 8 pigs



Eight


Eight is a racing car. Start away from the index finger go around towards the index finger, then around the thumb, under the "bridge" (lift the thumb) and straight to the finish line.

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## Nine



Start away from the index finger, go around towards the index finger, up and past the starting point and all the way down.


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Zero is an egg lying in the croock of your thumb. Start away from the index finger, go around towards the index finger and all the way to the start.


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Number puzzle

Print a copy on cardboard. Cut out the puzzle pieces and mix them up. Let learners build the number puzzle.


