



Letter formation

All letters begin on the red dot and follow the arrow. We use the language 'curly caterpillar, up the ladder—down the ladder, give it a tail and little flick. Please see the reverse for language used for each individual letter.

a b c d e f g h i

j k l m n o p q r

s t u v w x y z

Please support this use of language when at home as it helps children become familiar with the correct formation for each letter of the alphabet. When writing letters or spelling out for children we use letter names rather than sounds.

Curly caterpillar,
up the ladder,
down the ladder,
little flick

Down the ladder,
up the ladder, big
fat belly

Curly
caterpillar

Curly caterpillar,
up the ladder,
down the ladder,
little flick

Start in the mid-
dle, curl it out
and up and round
and down

Curl it over, down
the ladder, give
it a tail, cross it
through

Curly caterpillar,
up the ladder,
down the ladder,
give it a tail

Down the ladder,
up the ladder,
over the top,
down the ladder,
little flick

Down the ladder,
little flick, dot
the eye

Down the ladder,
give it a tail, dot
the eye

Down the ladder, up
the ladder, loop it in
and kick it out

Down the
ladder, little
flick

Down the ladder, up the
ladder, over the top,
down the ladder, up the
ladder, over the top,
down the ladder, little
flick

Down the
ladder, up the
ladder, over the
top, down the
ladder, little
flick

Curly caterpillar,
make a loop

Down the ladder,
up the ladder,
loop it out and in

Curly caterpillar,
up the ladder,
down the ladder,
ooh la la

Down the
ladder, up
the ladder,
reach on over

Snake it
round and
down

Down the ladder,
little flick, back
and forth

Down the ladder,
under we go, up
the ladder, down
the ladder, little
flick

Diagonal
down,
diagonal up

Diagonal down,
diagonal up,
Diagonal down,
diagonal up

Diagonal down,
pen off, diagonal
down (make an
cross)

Down the ladder,
under we go, p
the ladder, down
the ladder, give it
a tail

Across, diagonal
down, across