


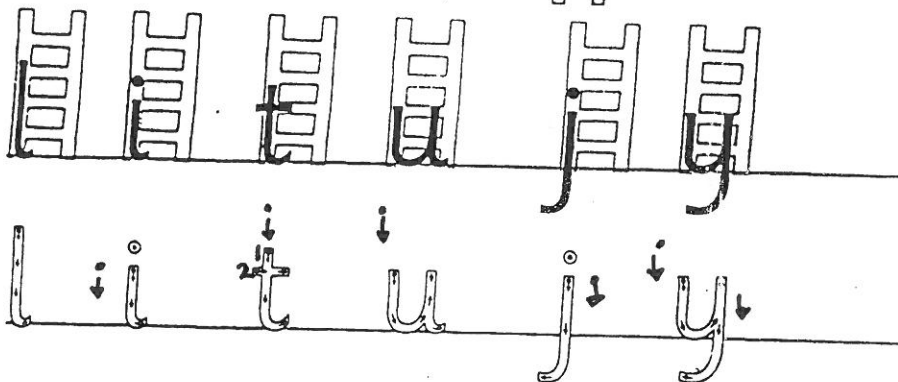
# Penpals for Handwriting: information for parents

Pattern practice and 'play' writing are an important part of handwriting development. When your child is ready for letter formation, ask these questions:


- Where does the 'letter start'?
- Is it a short letter? (a, c, e, i, m, n, o, r, s, u, v, w, x, z)
- Does it have an ascender? (b, d, f, h, k, l, t)
- Does it have a descender? (f, g, j, p, q, y)

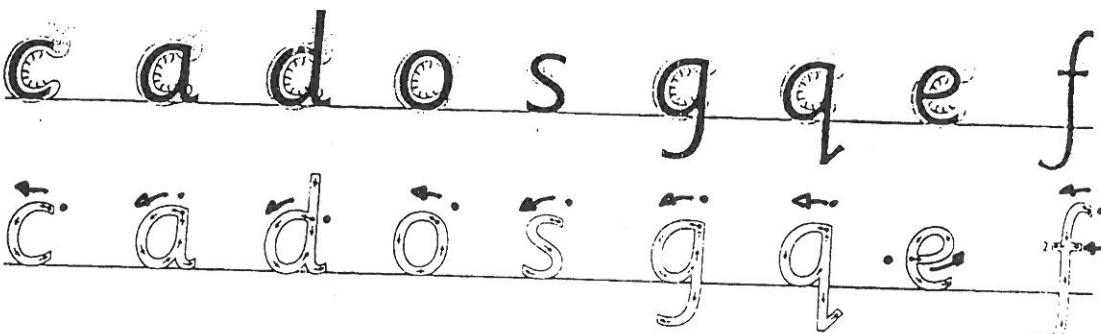
The lower case letters are introduced in the following order in four family types:

The family of long ladder letters 




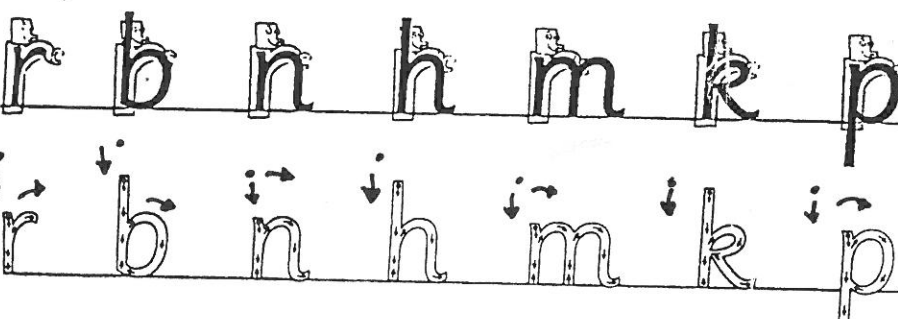
l i t u j y

The family of curly caterpillar letters 




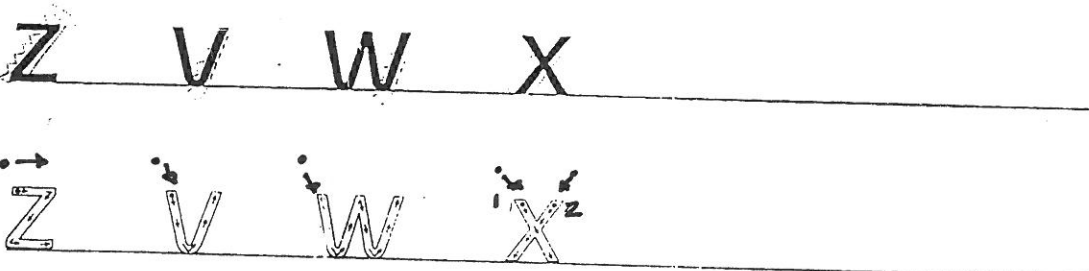
c a d o s g q e f

The family of one-armed robot letters 



r b n h m k p

The family of zig-zag monster letters 



z v w x