



Unlocking Letters and Sounds

Handwriting

Letter Formation for Lower Case Letters

Letters	Patter
Curly letters	
c	Around the curl to sit on the line
a	Around, up, down and flick
d	Around, all the way up, down and flick
s	Up and over, around the other way
g	Around, up, down and a tail
o	Around all the way
qu	Around, all the way down, flick (see also u)
f	Over and down, pencil off, across
e	Across and over, curl to sit on the line

Down letters	
l	Down and flick
t	Down and round, pencil off, across
h	Down, up to the middle, over and flick
b	Down, up to the middle, round to the bottom
k	Down, up to the middle, loop and flick
p	Down, up to the top, round to the middle
i	Short down, flick, give it a dot
j	Short down, tail, give it a dot
r	Down, up and over
n	Down, up, over and flick
m	Down, up, over and down. Up, over, down and flick
u	Down, round, up, down, flick
y	Down, round, up, down, give it a tail

Letters	Patter
Zigzag letters	
v	Down, up
w	Down, up, down, up
x	Across and across
z	Straight, across, straight

Particular misconceptions to look for are:

v the pencil stroke must be anticlockwise, not clockwise

d the pencil must start in the middle, not at the top

m and *n* there must be an initial down stroke