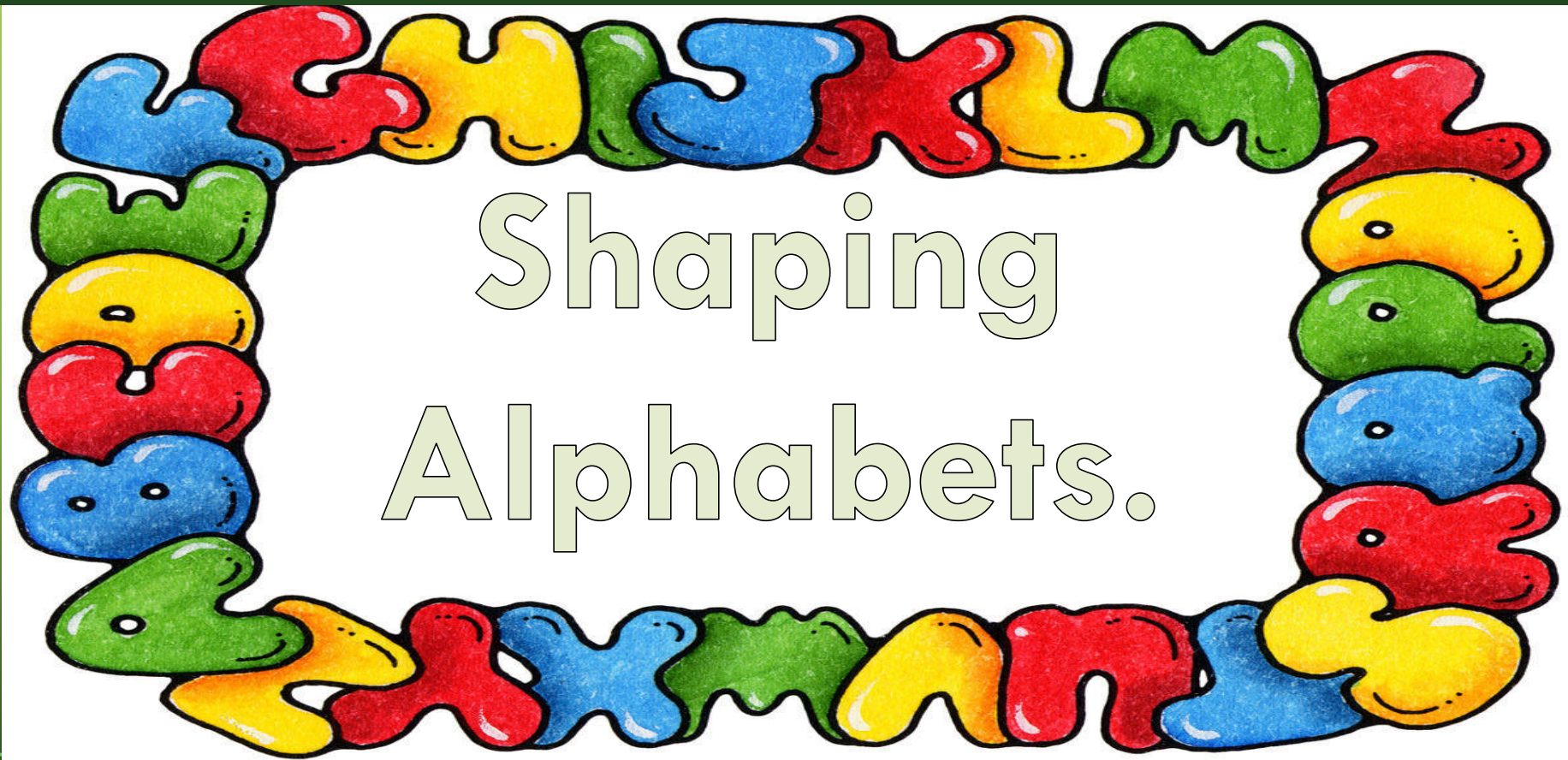


“Crossing the Bridge” with Alphabet Forms.



# Shaping Alphabets.

Understanding strokes & patterns to write/print alphabet.

## Begin with

### ✓ Letters with Lines

Practice letters that begin with the line first. Encourage child to start from the top and move to the bottom. Letters like l, b, p, h, k, m, n, t, and r begin with lines. Highlight to child that n has one hill and m has two hills.

## Next

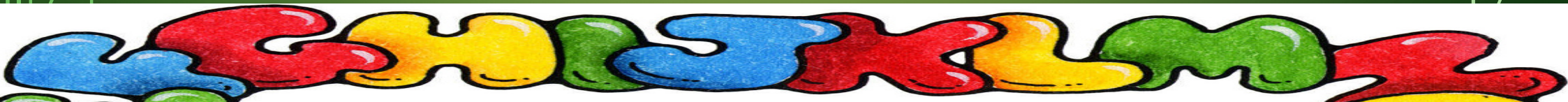
### ✓ Letters with Circles

Form letters that begin with a circle. Start at 2 o'clock position and draw the circle from top to bottom. Letters like c, o, a, d, g, and q have similar circle motion that is required when learning to write with circle orientation.

## Lastly

### ✓ Letters with Slants

Introduce lines with slants. Begin with vertical ,then horizontal slant lines. This will help with letters like x, w, k, and y.

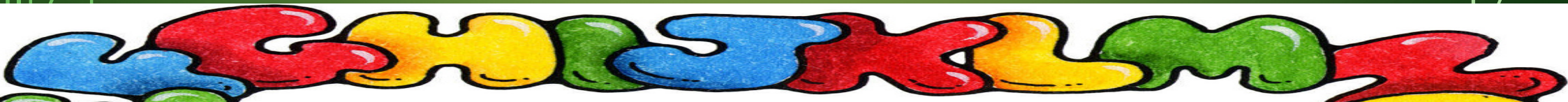




# Shaping Alphabets.

## Important Tips!

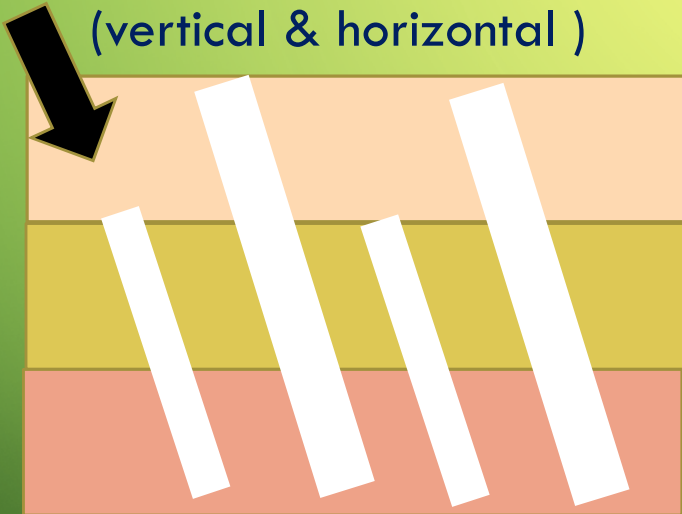
- Start writing lowercase letters as most of the words in books are in lowercase letters.
- Use “helper hand,” opposite of writing hand, to stabilize page and hold it down while writing.
- Ensure correct and proper pencil grip.
- Sit at the right size of table with feet flat on the floor to create the stability as needed to move their eyes and hands with precision.



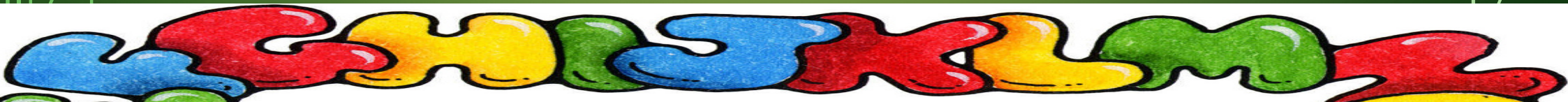
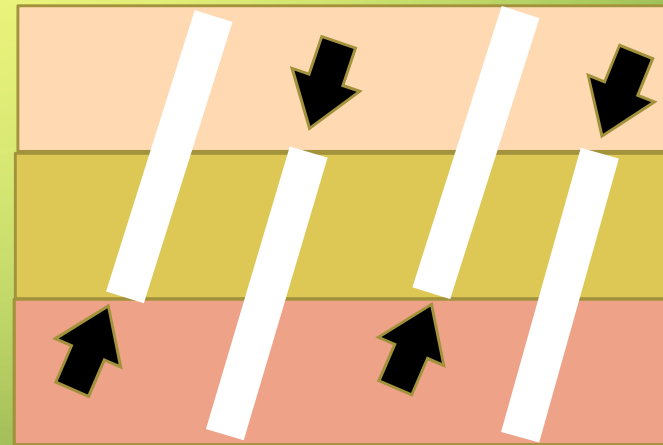
# Shaping Alphabets.

## Introducing Strokes n Pattern

- Begin with slanted strokes (vertical & horizontal )



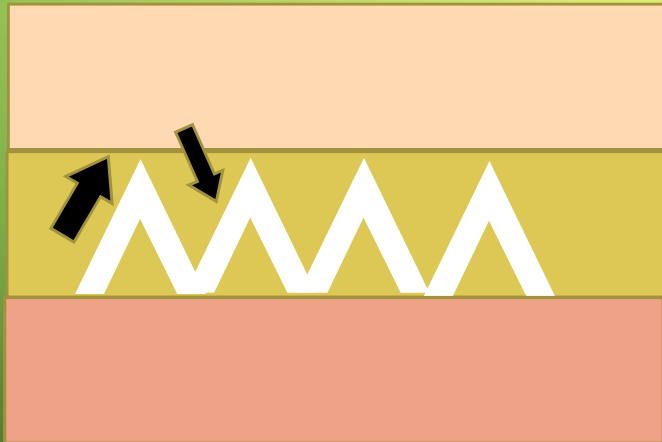
- Introduce slanted strokes in a pattern format.



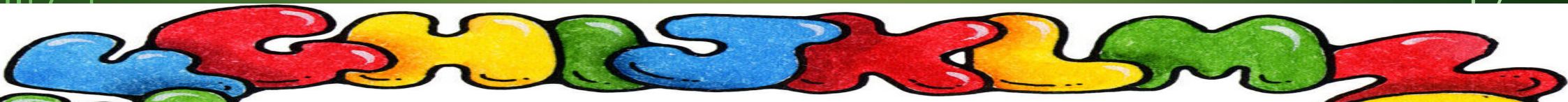
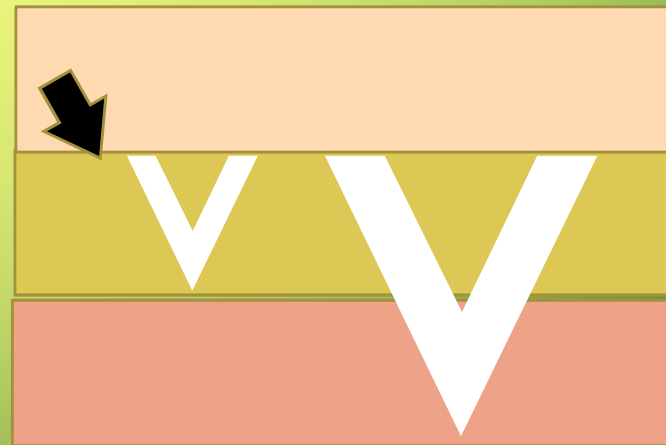
# Shaping Alphabets.

## Strokes n Pattern

- Next, continuous slanted strokes (vertical & horizontal )



- Then, short & long “v” strokes.

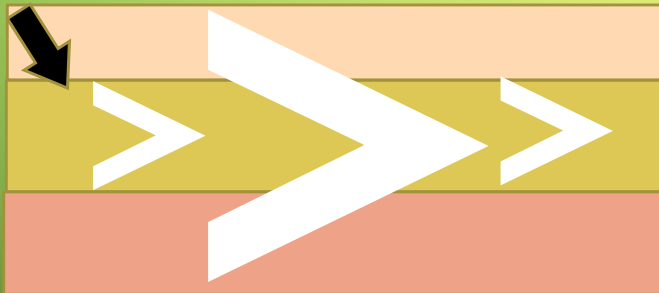




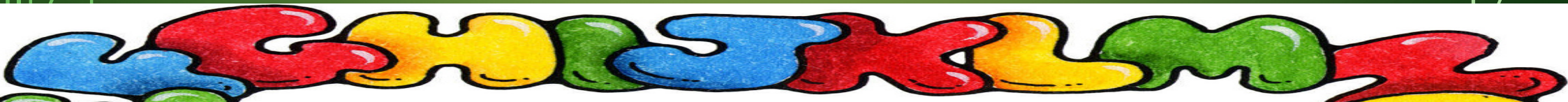
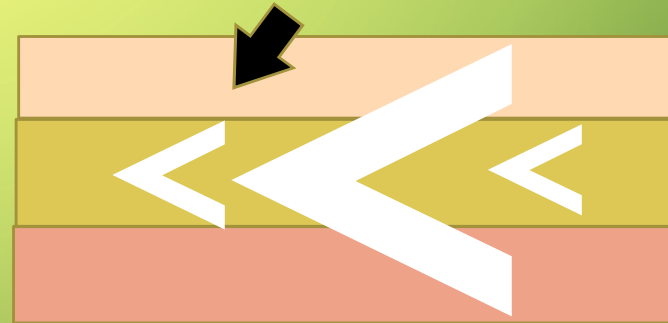
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## Strokes n Pattern

- Introduce inverted “V” from left to right orientation.



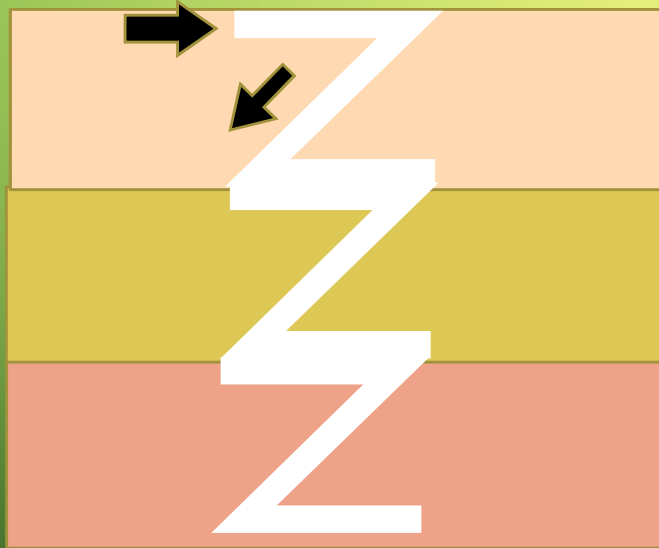
- Then, practice right to left orientation “v” strokes.



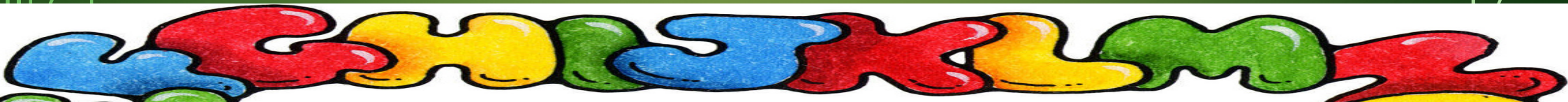
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## Strokes n Pattern

- Lastly, practice continuous zig zag pattern orientation.



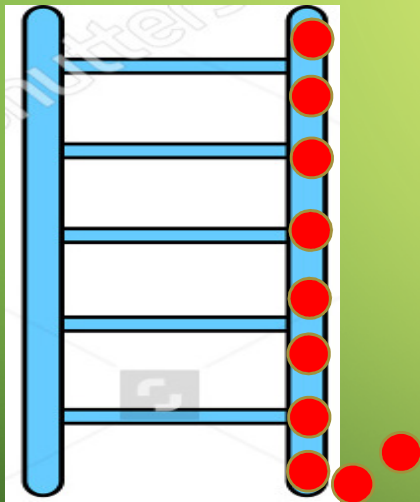
To learn more on systematic orientation of strokes & pattern, please refer to [www.teachhandwriting.co.uk](http://www.teachhandwriting.co.uk)



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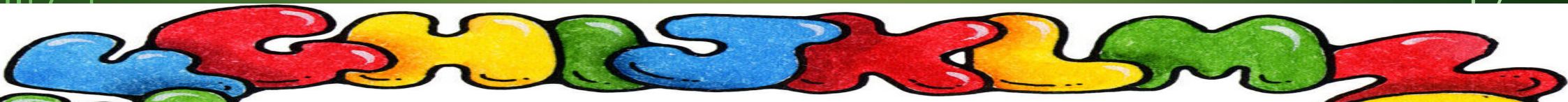
## Lowercase Letters Order

Divide letters of the alphabet into “movement groups” linking to the lead letter.



l is lead letter.

l i t f u y

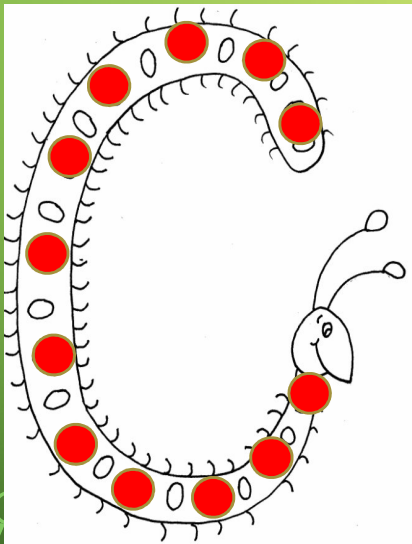




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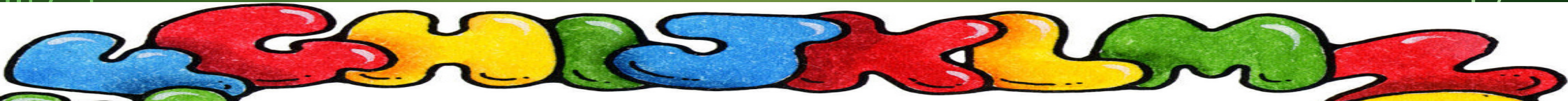
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C is lead letter.

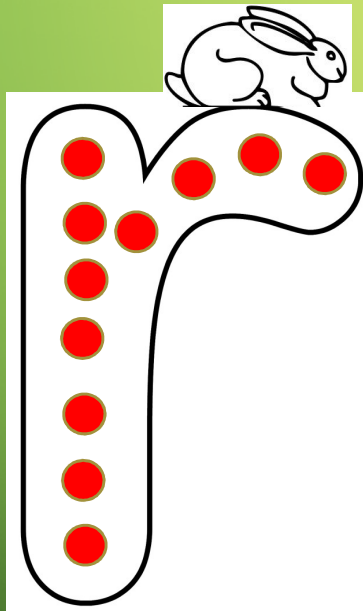
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o e s



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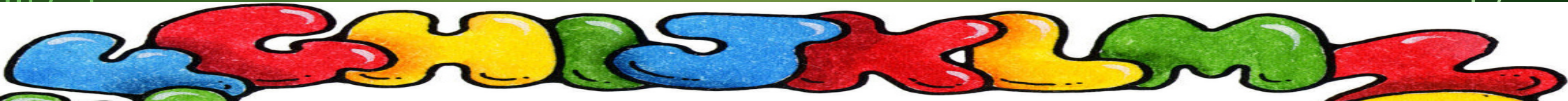
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**r** is lead letter.

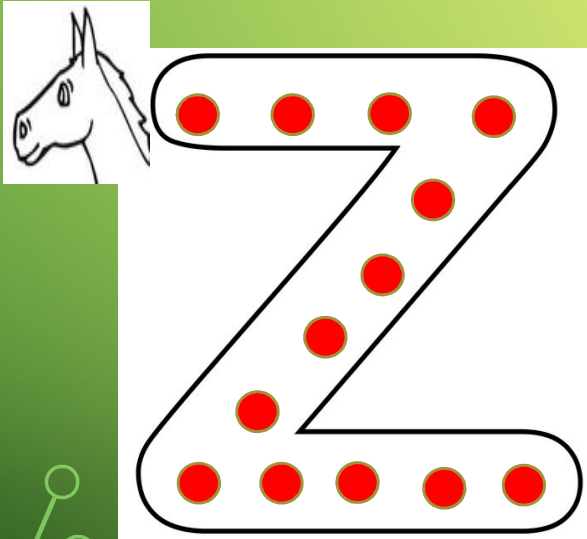
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h b p



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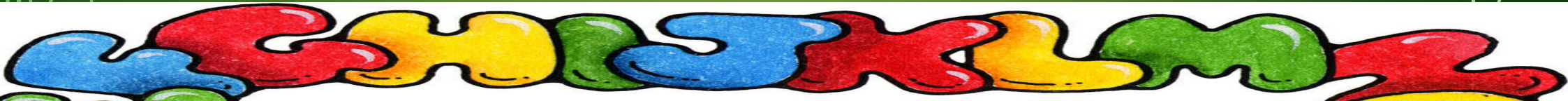
## Lowercase Letters Order

Divide letters of the alphabet into “movement groups” linking to the lead letter.



Z is lead letter.

z x k  
v w y

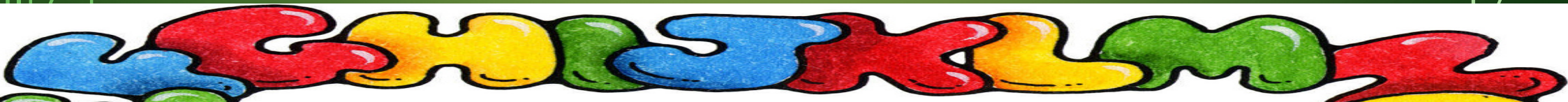




# Shaping Alphabets.

## Capital Teaching Order.

- The capital teaching order helps teach correct formation and orientation while eliminating reversals.
- Learning capitals first makes it easy to transition to lowercase letters.
- Letters are divided onto 3 :
  - ✓ **Frog Jump Capitals** FEDPBRNM
  - ✓ **Starting Corner Capitals** HKLUVWXYZ
  - ✓ **Center Starting Capitals.**

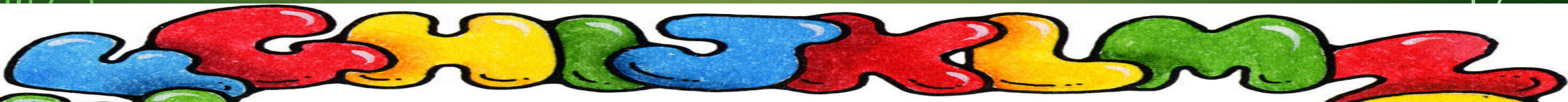


# Shaping Alphabets.

Frog Jump Capitals

F E D P B R

N M



# Shaping Alphabets.

Starting Corner Capitals

H

K

L

U

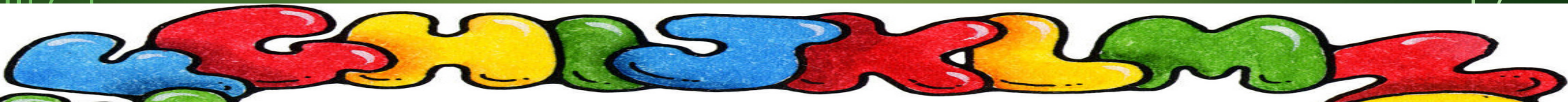
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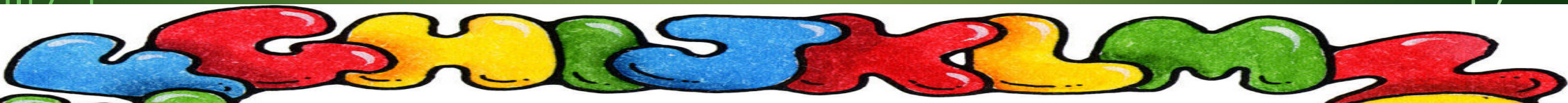
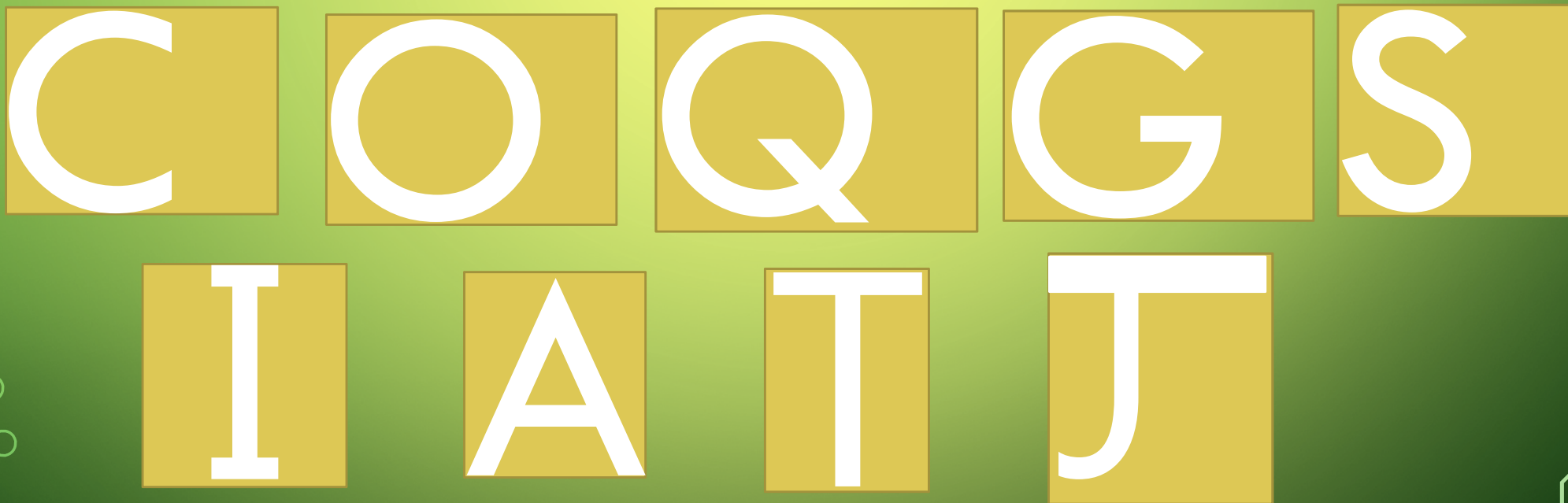
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Center Starting Capitals



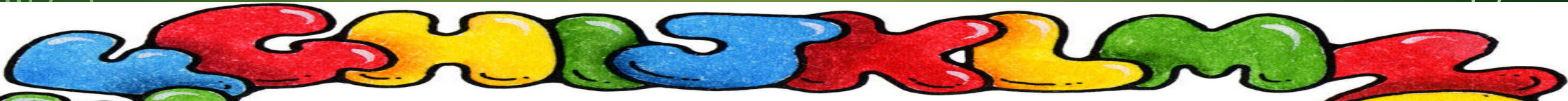
# Shaping Alphabets.

Handwriting activity can be formatted from:

- ✓ tactile experiences.
- ✓ Sensorial stimulation.
- ✓ Concrete orientation.
- ✓ Paper task.

Advantages:

- Systematic learning task will enable child to learn with ease, gain higher success & confidence in task.
- Exploring the 5 sense to learn will stimulate brain connection as child gradually demonstrate understanding of letters form & orientation.



# Shaping Alphabets.

**Making pre-writing instruction easy.**

- ✓ Incorporate using wooden piece set to teach stroke, sequence and formation for letters using step by step approach.



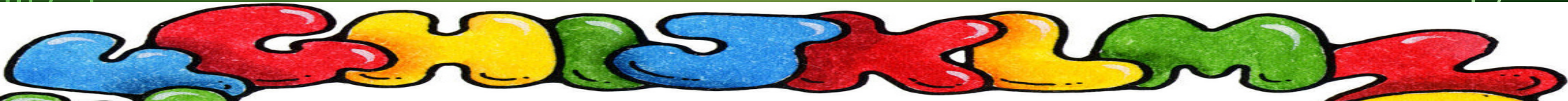
Tactile  
experiences

- ✓ Use blocks to teach formation and patterns of letters.
- ✓ Familiarizing with letter orientation.



Website to order:

<https://shopping.hwtears.com/product/WP/handwriting>



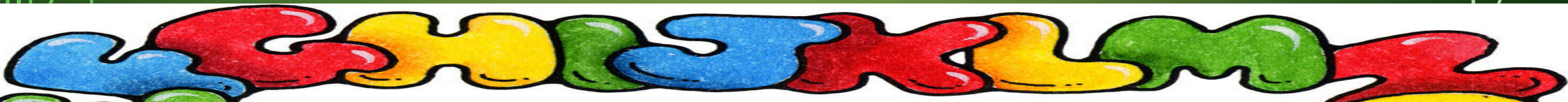
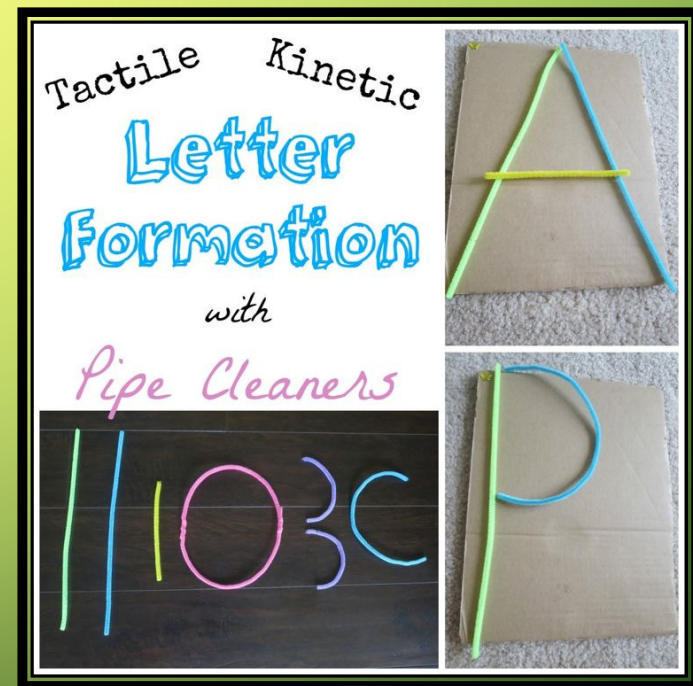


# Shaping Alphabets.

Tactile  
experiences

3D formation of letters with Pipe Cleaners.

- Pipe cleaners are bendable strings which are great for forming letters.
- Pipe cleaners have tactile stimulation that encourages our sense of touch to team up with our brain.
- Pipe cleaners allows child to create structural pattern of 3D letters forms.



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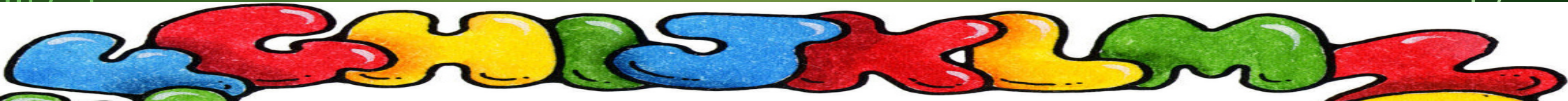
Using Kinetic Sand to form shape of alphabets.



Sensorial  
stimulation

## Benefit of Kinetic Sand :

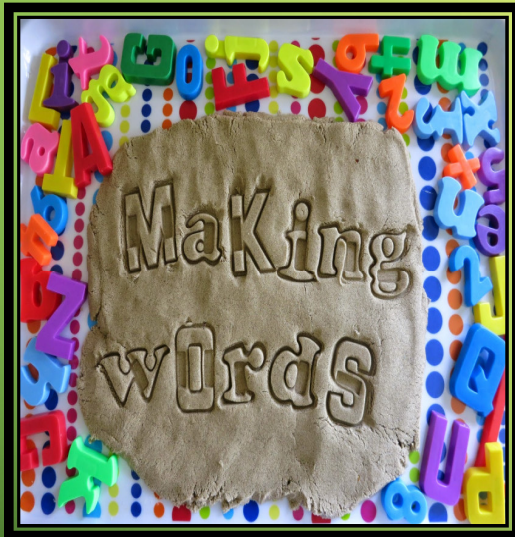
- Indoor play with sand without the mess.
- Easy to clean as it stick easily together.
- Never dry out and easy to store in a container.
- Calming experiences.
- Great for sensory and tactile experiences.
- Assist in developing fine motor skills & eye - hand coordination.
- Allows letter/number familiarity.
- Helping child's brain gain better understanding.
- Create deeper connection & feedback within child body & mind.





# Shaping Alphabets.

- Imprinting letters onto kinetic sand & observe form of alphabet.



Tips:  
Encourage child to imprint letter to learn their spelling words faster & save earth.

- Practice writing onto kinetic sand & correct pencil grip.



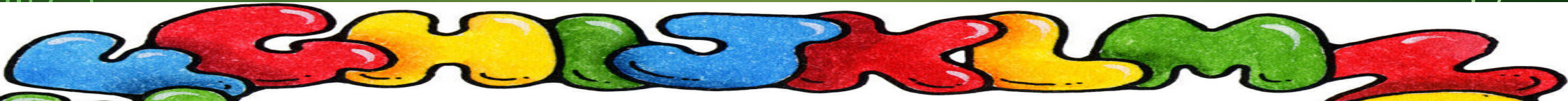
Tips:  
A best approach for child to build their arm & wrist strength.

- make kinetic sand letters by molding the sand into letters on the tray.



Tips:  
Place laminated dotted outline of letter and encourage child to form around it.

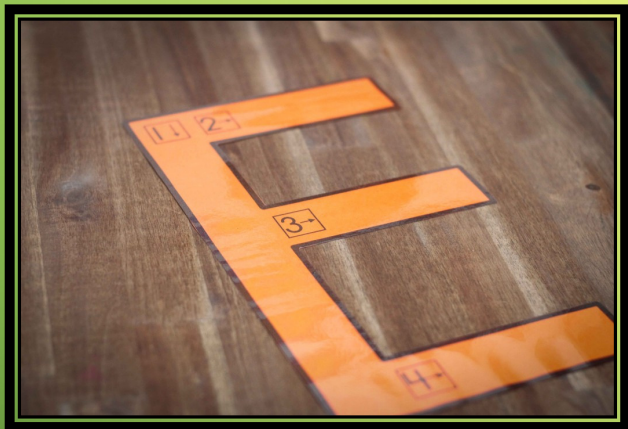
Concrete orientation.



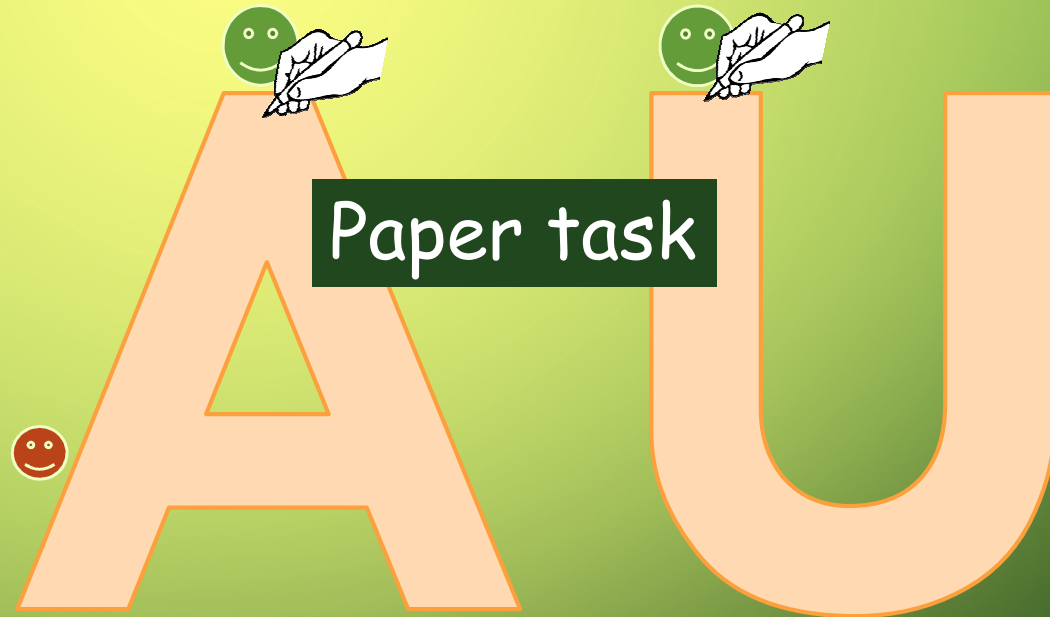


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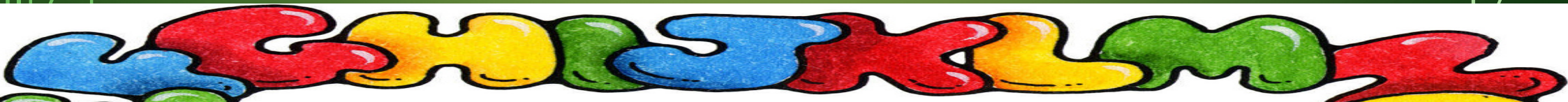
Using instructional and cue technique to form letter.



- ❖ Number cue & directional arrows to form letter.



- ❖ Green smiley indicate the first stroke to begin letter form.
- ❖ Red smiley indicate the continuous stroke to complete form.



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