



Letter Village Overview

Read Write Inc. Handwriting – the four stages

Stage 1 begins as soon as most children can read Set 1 sounds. We continue to teach children to form letters correctly.

Stage 2 begins during Year 1. Children learn the relative size of letters and to form letters that will flow easily into a joined style.

Stage 3 follows straight on. Children learn how to join letters using two basic joins – the 'bridge' join, the 'hill' join and the two variations on each.

Stage 4 helps children develop a mature and speedy style.

Each stage ensures pupils meet the National Curriculum requirements for handwriting from Reception to Year 4.

We now teach letters in handwriting families.

Each family has a common formation.

a d g o c q

u y

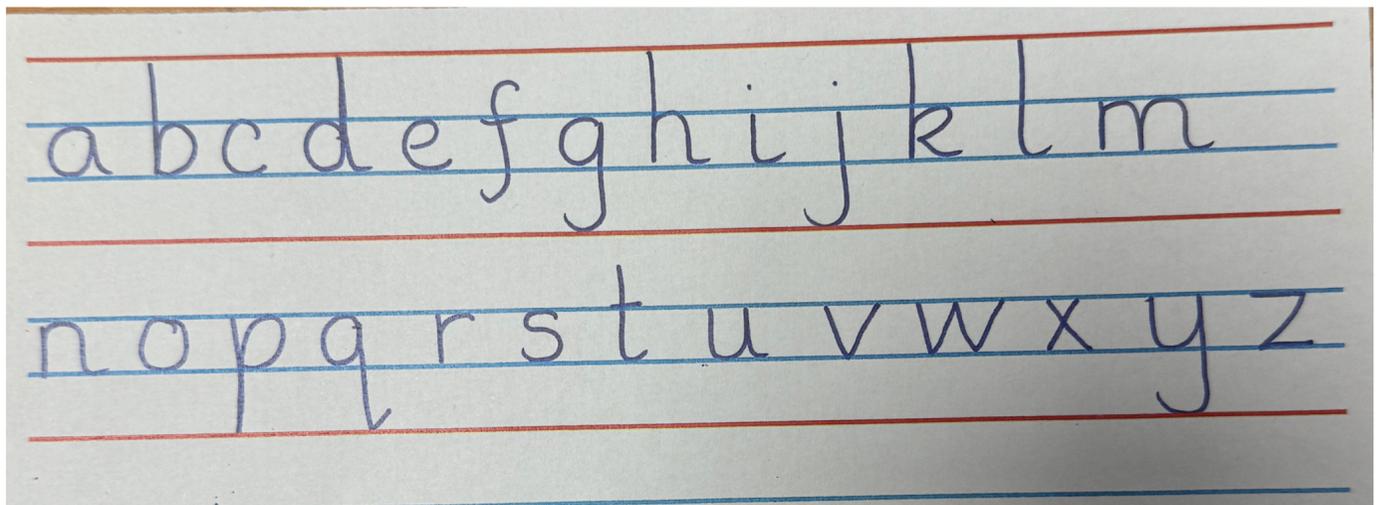
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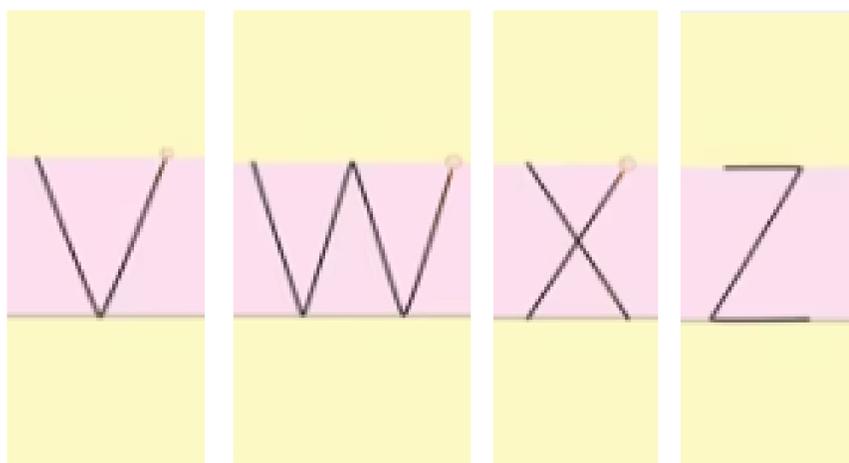
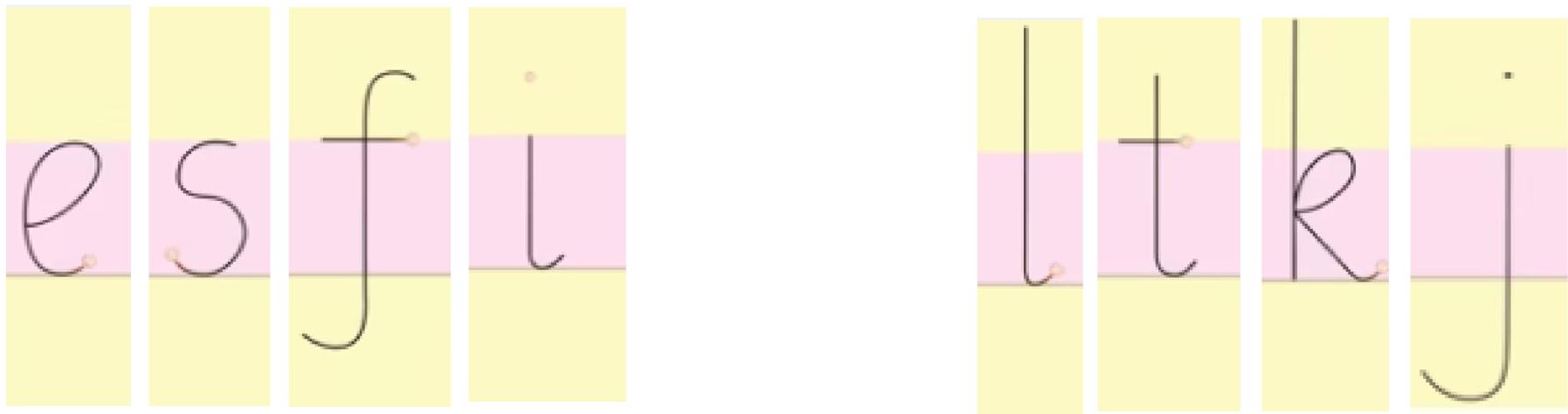
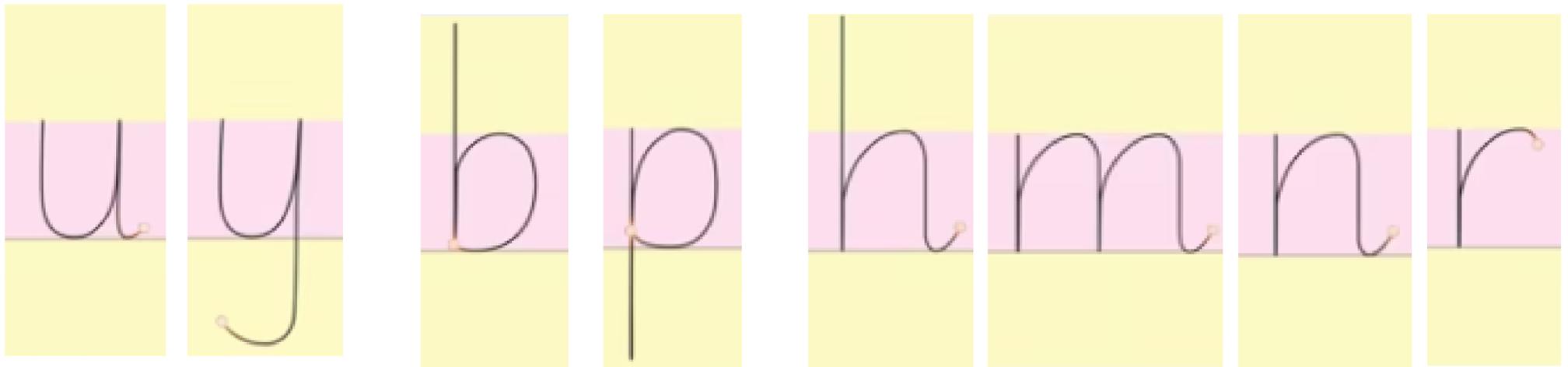
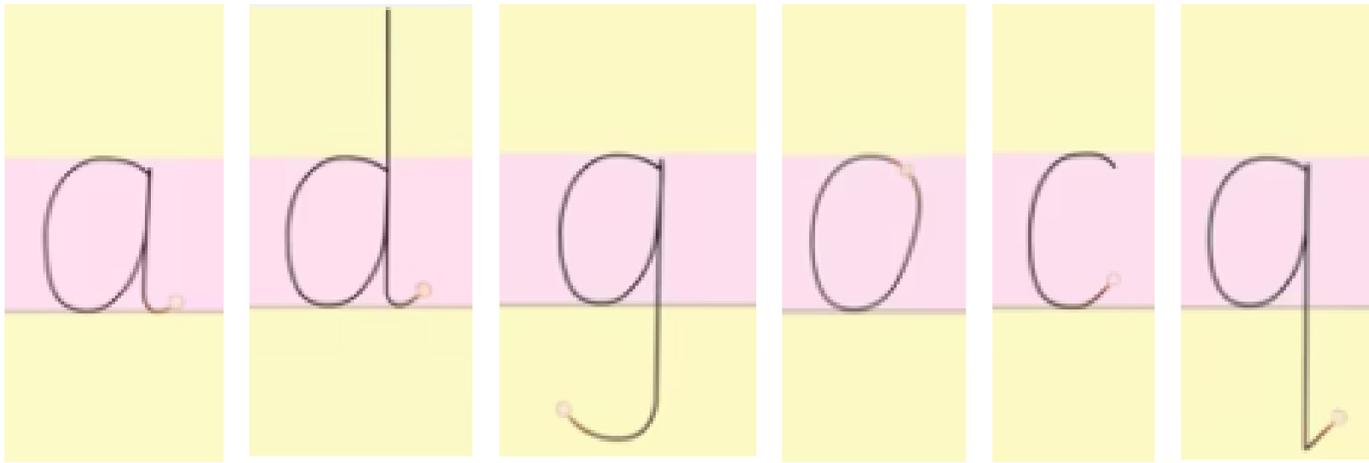


Children will learn a style that looks like this:

Welcome back to Letter Village. At
Stage 3, children learn the 'hill'
and 'bridge' joins.

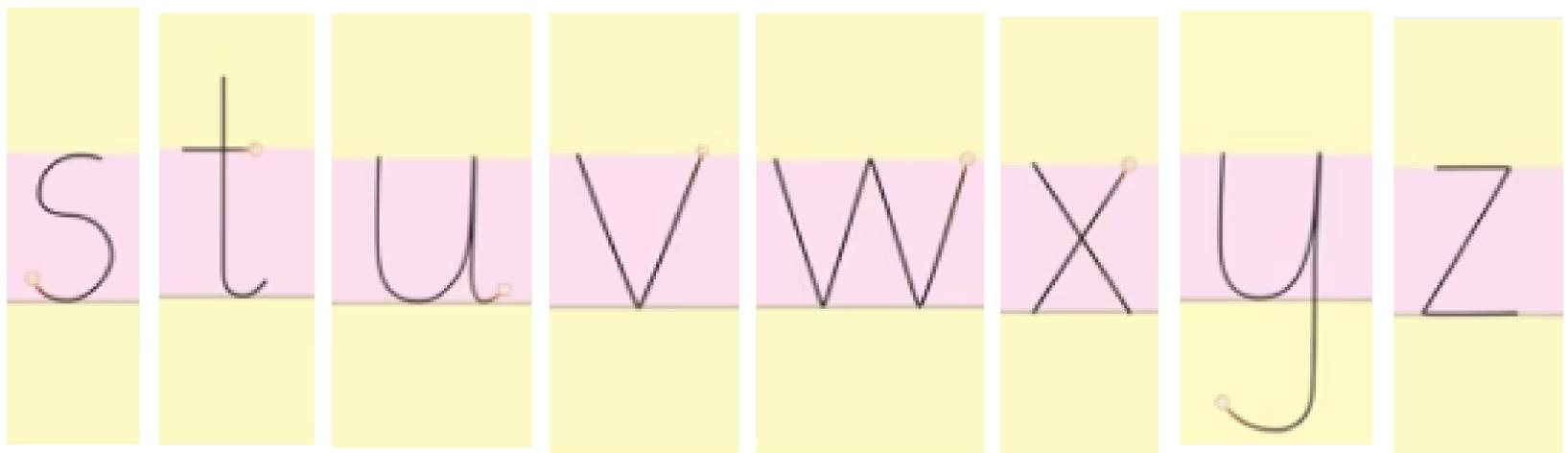
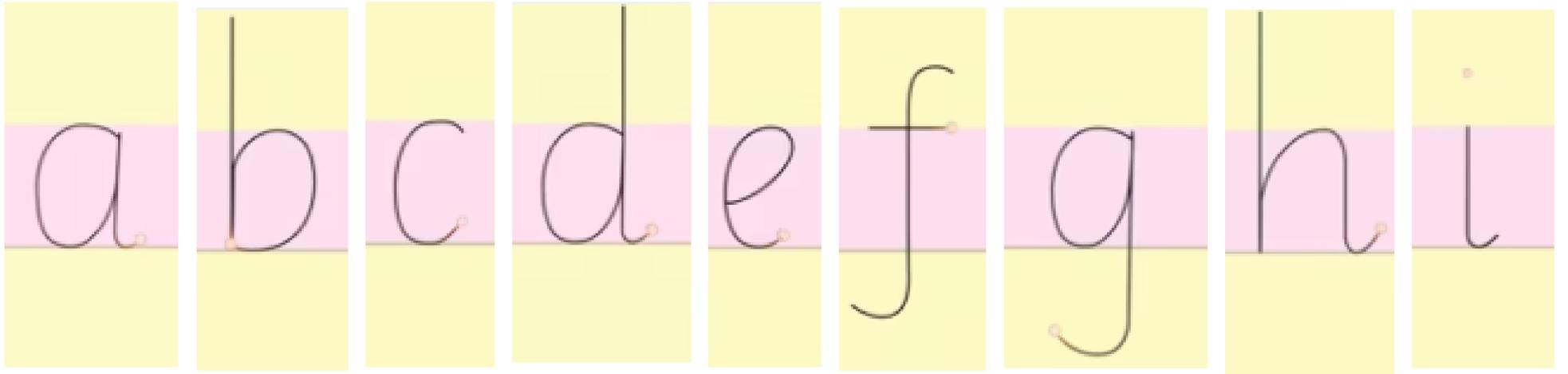


Lower Case Letter Families





Lower Case Letters





Capital Letters

A	J	S
B	K	T
C	L	U
D	M	V
E	N	W
F	O	X
G	P	Y
H	Q	Z
I	R	



Stage 3

Children return to Letter Village for Stage 3. They will learn two joins: the 'hill' join and the 'bridge' join. There are three variations of both joins:

Hill to jam letter

Hill to top sponge letter

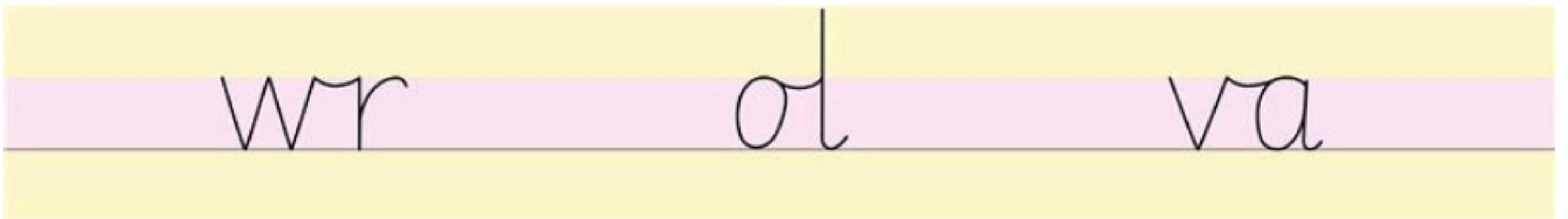
Hill to 'sister' letter



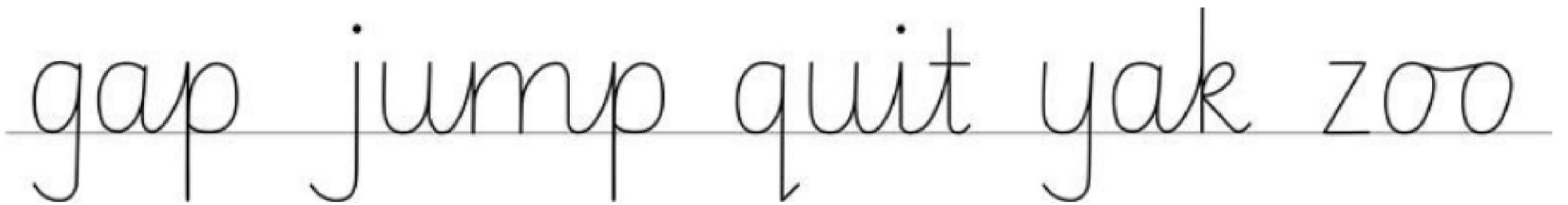
Bridge to jam letter

Bridge to top sponge letter

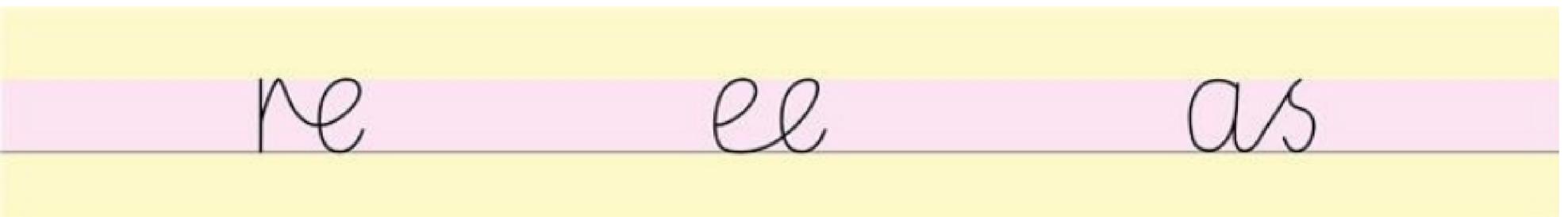
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We teach children that all letters are joined with the 'hill' or 'bridge' join with the exception of g, j, q, y and z:

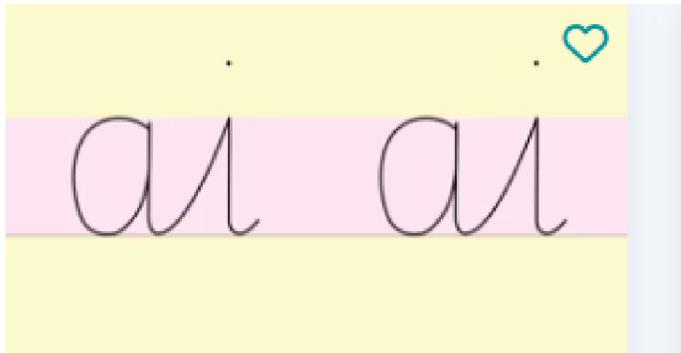


We modify some letters to allow them to join. For example, r, e and s.



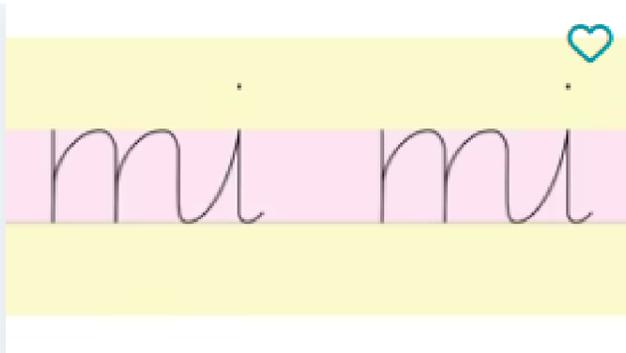


Joins

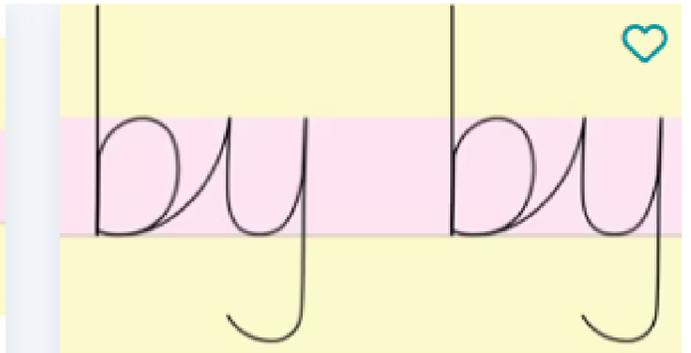


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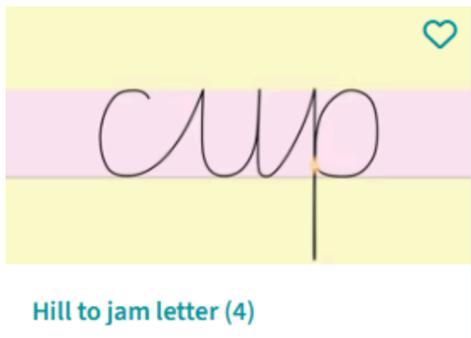
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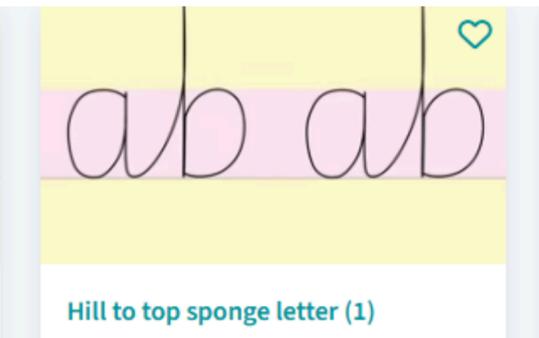
Hill to jam letter (2)



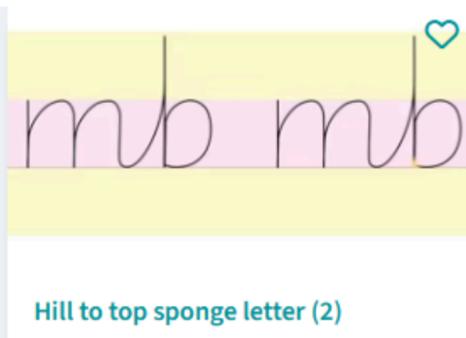
Hill to jam letter (3)



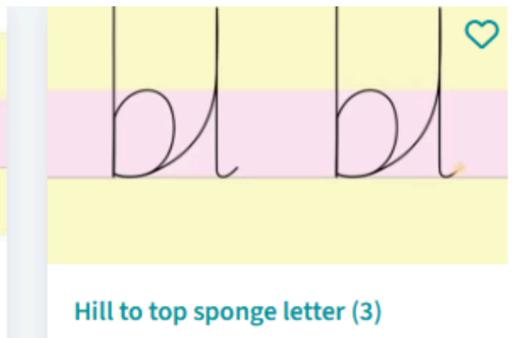
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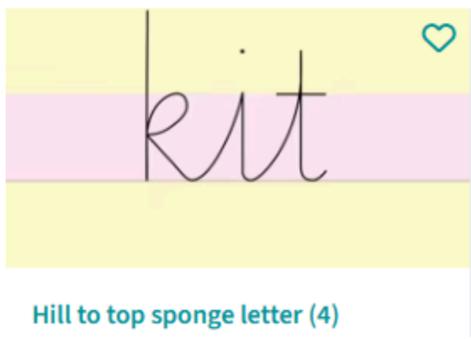
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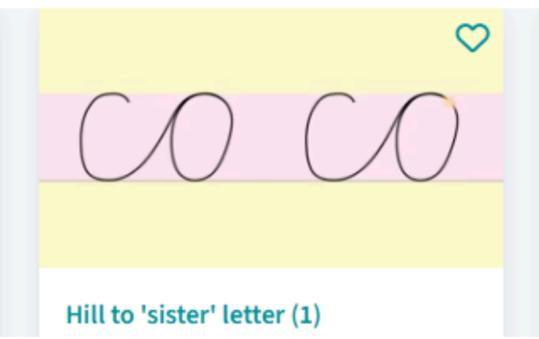
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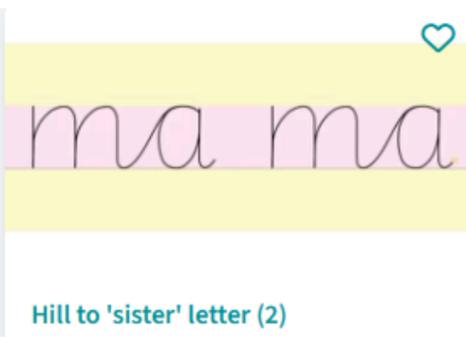
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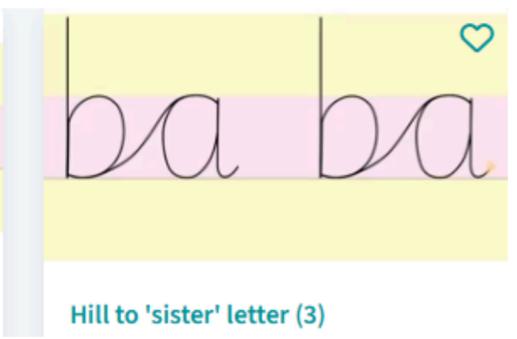
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Hill to 'sister' letter (1)



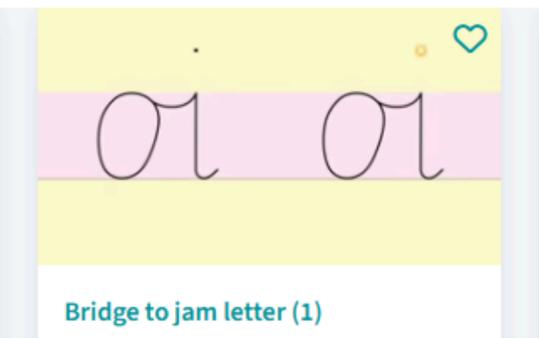
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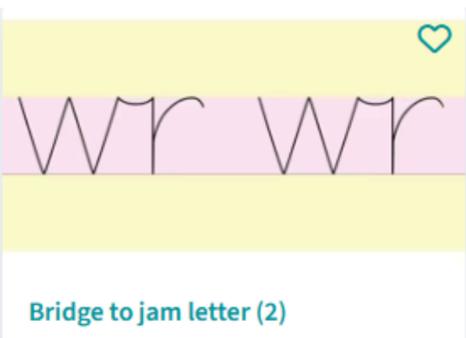
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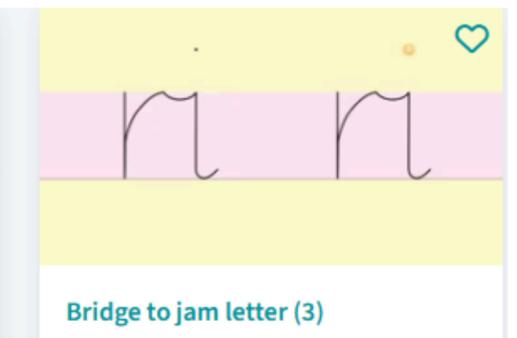
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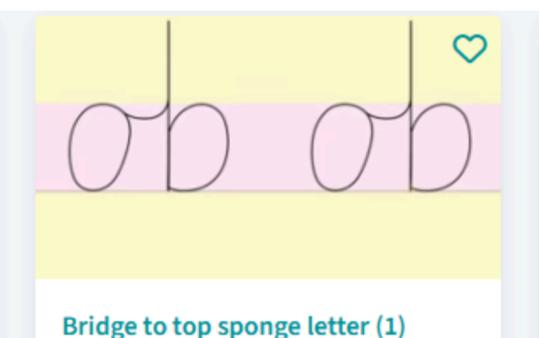
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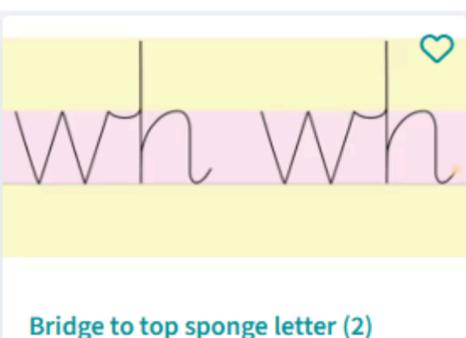
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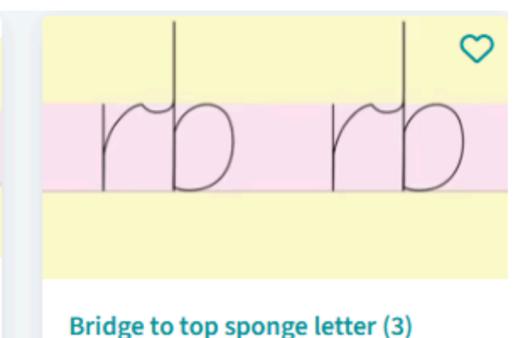
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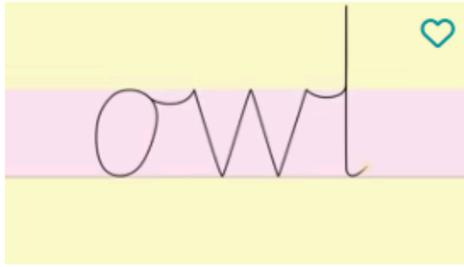
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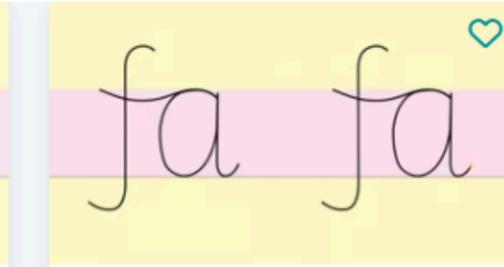
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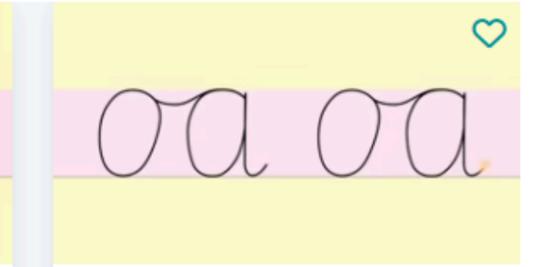
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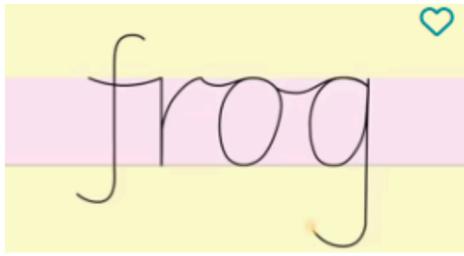
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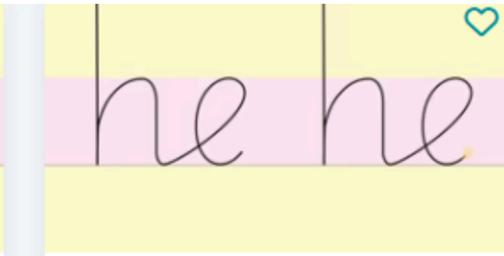
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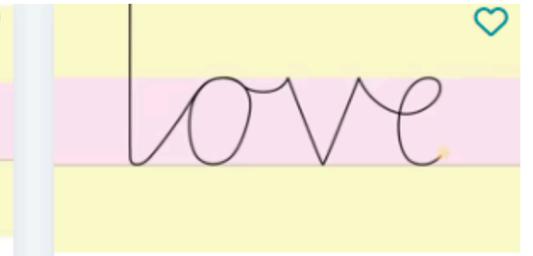
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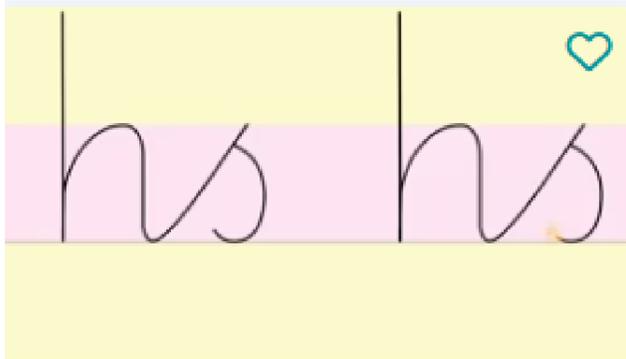
Hill to egg (1)



Bridge to egg (2)



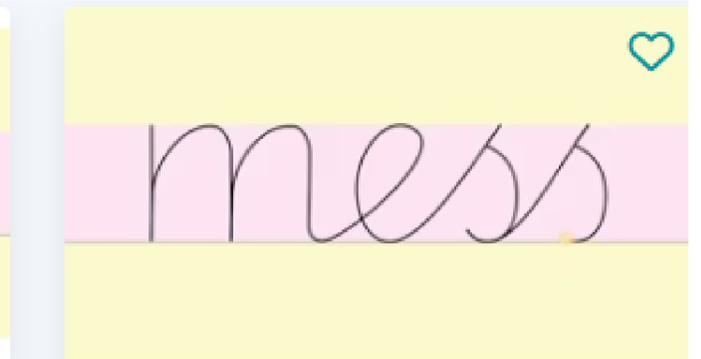
Celebration Day (egg) (3)



Joining to the snake (1)



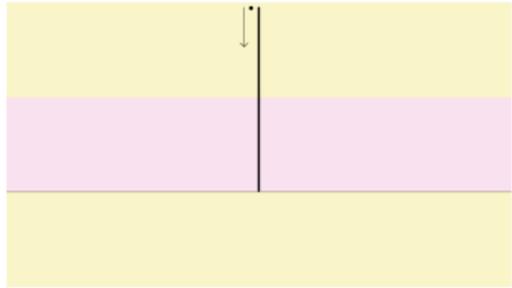
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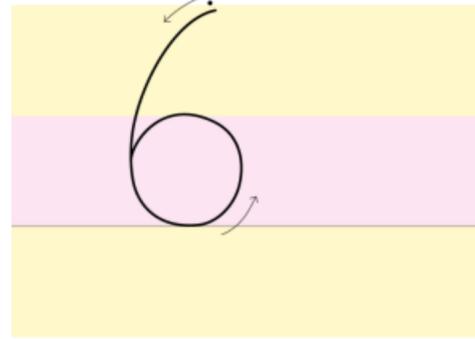
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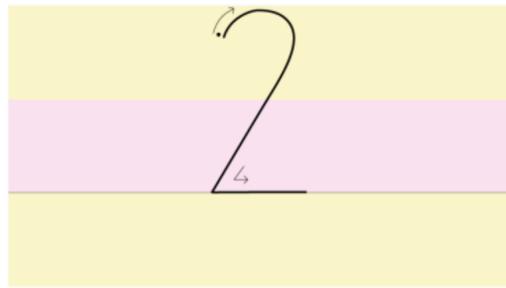
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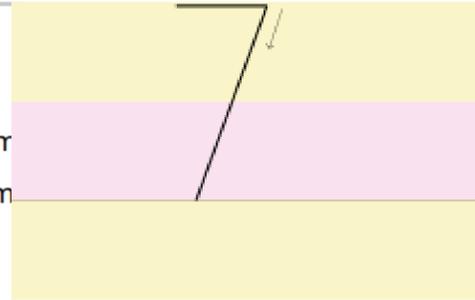
1. Straight down.



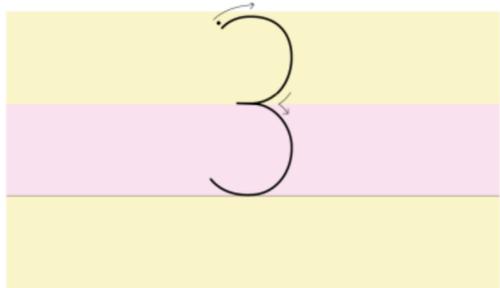
1. Curve round the top sponge and into the jam
2. Loop round in the jam.



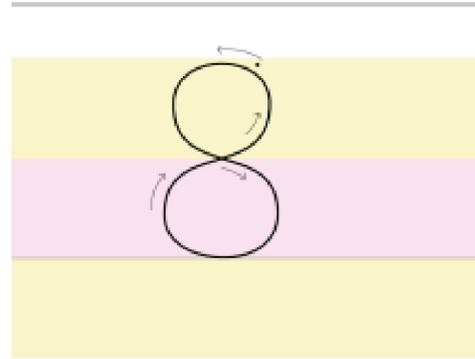
1. Curve in the sponge
2. Line to the bottom of the jam
3. Across the bottom of the jam



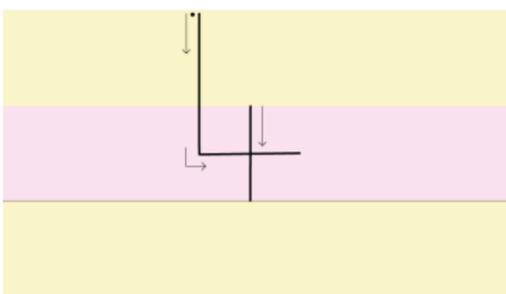
1. Across the top sponge- left to right
2. Down to the bottom of the jam.



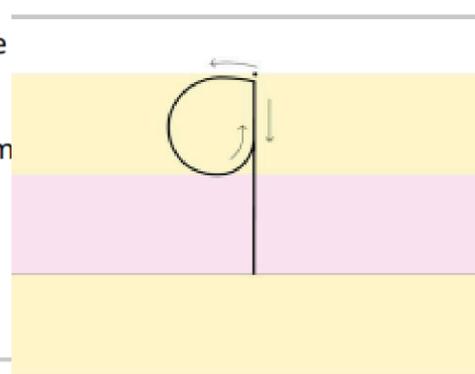
1. Curve in the sponge
2. Curve in the jam.



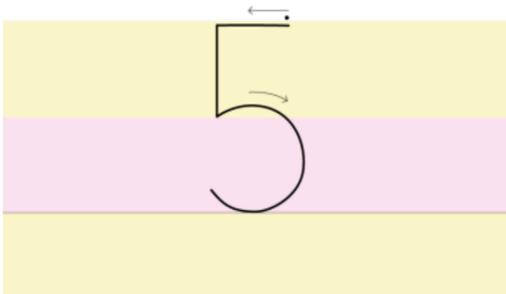
1. Write an s
2. Curve back to the start.



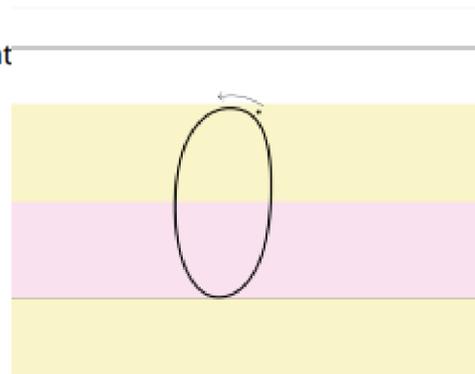
1. Straight down to the middle the jam
2. Across the middle of the jam
3. Straight down the jam.



1. Curve round and up in the sponge.
2. Straight down.



1. Across the top sponge- right to left
2. Down the sponge
3. Curve in the jam.



1. Write 0 like a capital O.