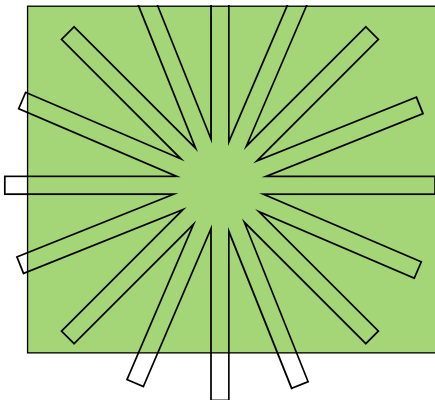
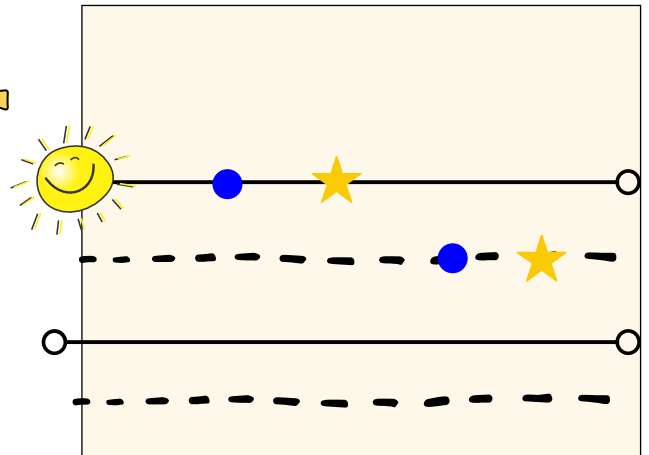
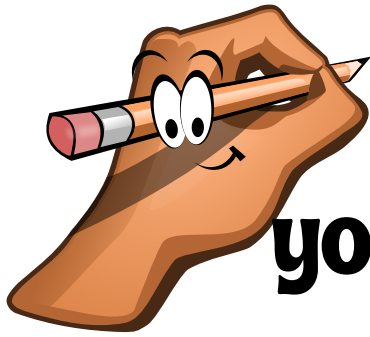


**Where do you start your
letters?**

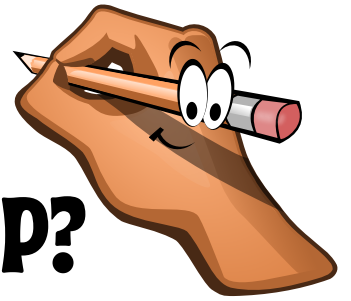
**ALWAYS START
LETTERS AT
THE...**



TOP!



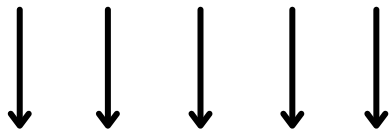
Why do you start your letters at the TOP?



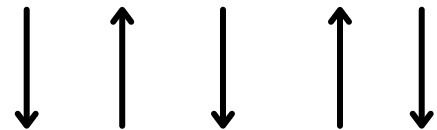
Experiment...

Please hold your pencil or pen in your non-dominant hand,
(the hand that you DON'T usually write with),
THEN...

1. Make 5 lines going down
(from top to bottom)
SLOWLY!



2. Make 5 lines with one going down (from top to bottom) & the next going up (from bottom to top), continue. SLOWLY!



3. Make 5 lines going down
(from top to bottom)
AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

4. Make 5 lines with one going down (from top to bottom) & the next going up (from bottom to top), next Top to bottom, then bottom to top, finally top to bottom.
AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

What did you notice in this experiment?
Which lines are neater? More similar? Which was easier?

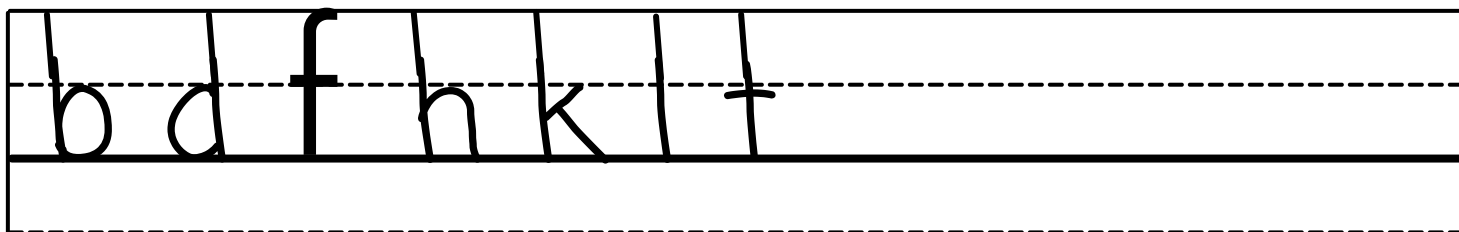
Where does the letter START?

Here are the THREE size of letters - tall, small and below-the-line!

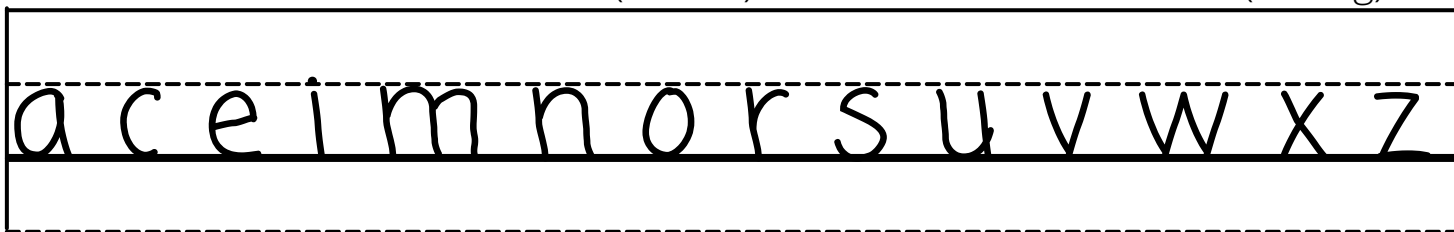
WHERE does each letter start?

Using a marker, make a DOT where you put your pencil to start printing each letter!

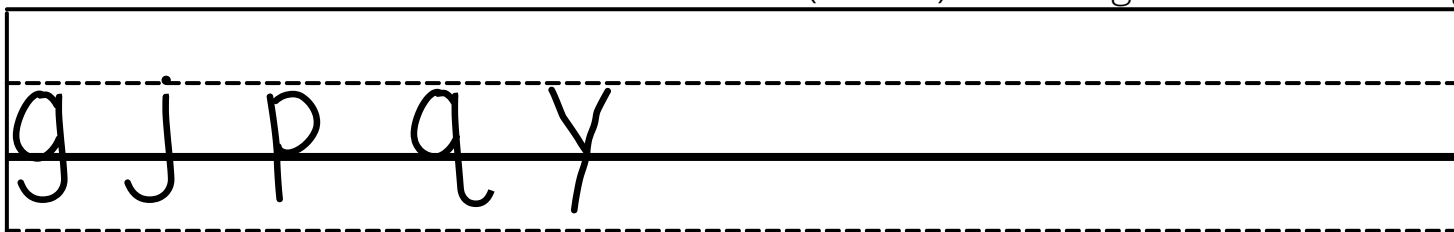
Tall letters - touch the top line and touch the bottom (writing) line.



Small letters - touch the middle (dotted) line and touch the bottom (writing) line.



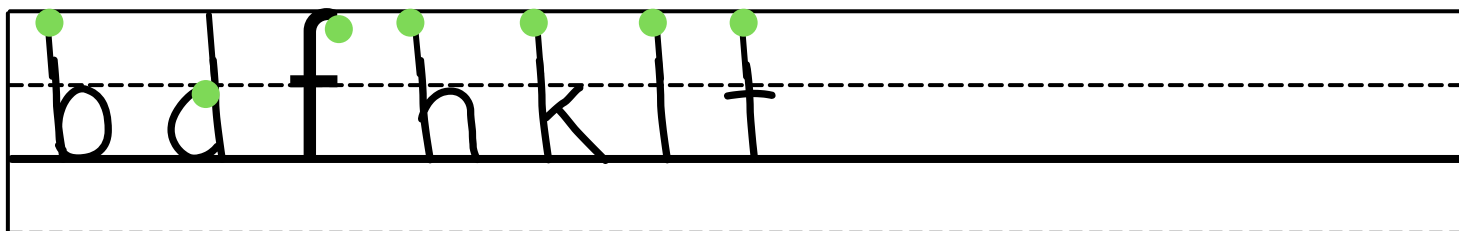
Below-the-Line letters - touch the middle (dotted) line and go below the writing line.



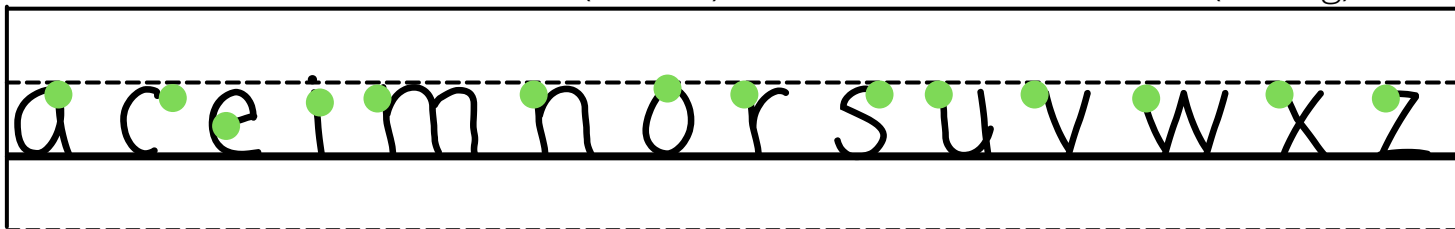
Where does the letter START?

ANSWERS!

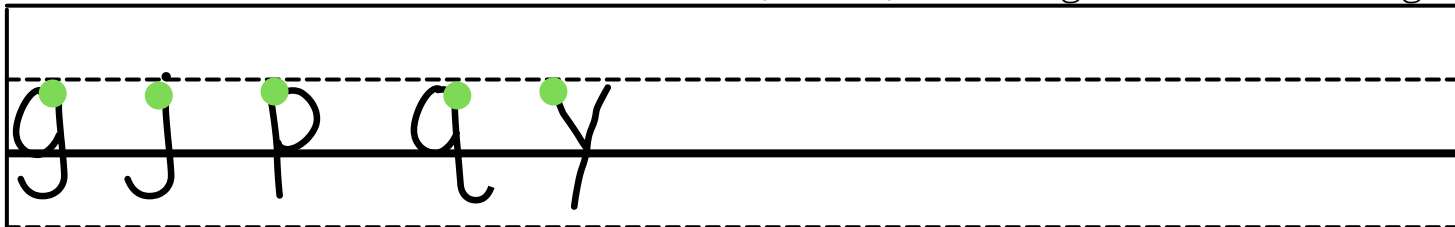
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Below-the-Line letters - touch the middle (dotted) line and go below the writing line.



Not sure which way to go from the start?

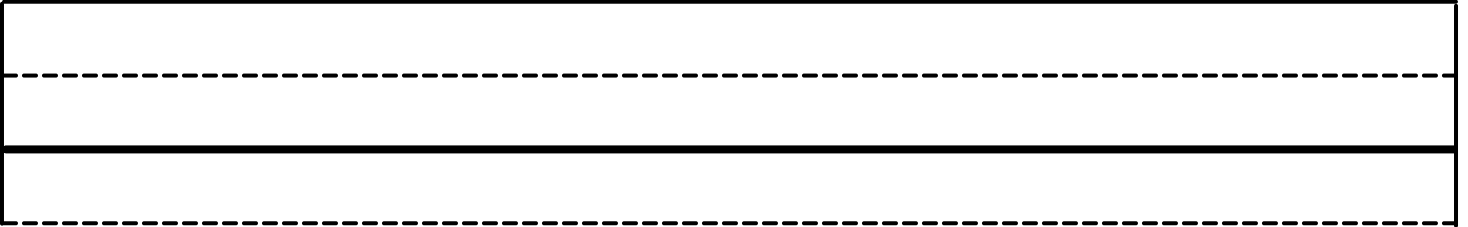
Join me in [THIS VIDEO](#) and try printing your letters with the correct formation along with me!

(Adults try with you non-dominant hand... this gives you an idea of how it may feel for a beginning printer!)

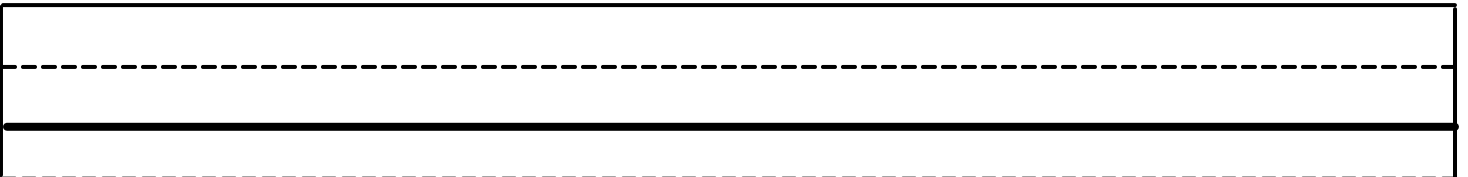
Let's Get Printing

Printing Practice Lines

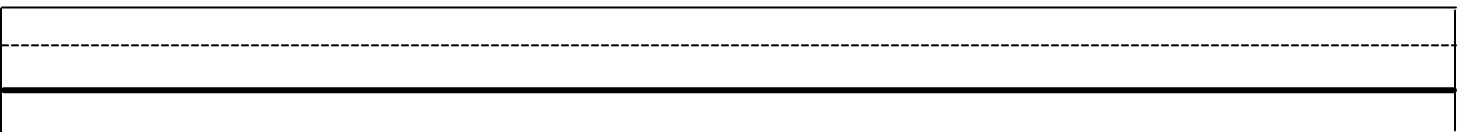
3/4 " lines



1/2 " lines



3/8 " lines - darker writing line



1/4 " lines

