

Handwriting: Letter Reversals

Activity Ideas

- Walk out the shape of a large letter placed on the floor with masking tape. Upgrade the activity by getting the child to walk the shape of the letter with his eyes closed.
- Ride over the shape of a large letter on a scooter board.
- Have the child make the letter with string on the floor and walk over it afterwards (first with eyes open then with eyes closed).
- Make a "b" and let the child trace it, color it in, cut it out and paste it onto a bright background.
- Cut out a letter "b", cut it into a couple of pieces to make a puzzle, put it together again and paste it down onto a bright background.
- Make a letter "b" in sandpaper, felt, silk, with pipe cleaners etc. and have the child trace it with their fingers (first with eyes open, then with eyes closed).
- Let the child make a roll out of clay or play dough and form the letter over a cardboard template. Make the letter out of cookie dough as an alternative and bake it.
- Make the letters b, d, p, q out of lollipop sticks and bottle top rings.
- Spread finger paint onto a large sheet of paper or tray and finger paint the letter.
- Cut out a stencil of the letter or make a potato stamp and stamp a pattern for some wrapping paper.
- Let the child draw letters in a sandbox.
- Let the child draw letters in shaving cream on a mirror.
- Let the child draw letters in the air with his whole arm (big movement) then fingers (small movement) while verbalizing the direction.
- Get two children to partner each other in drawing letters on each other's backs with their fingers. Have them identify the letter and state whether it was drawn correctly.
- Place a number of letter cards in a box. Have the child find all the cards with letter "b". Use different fonts or different letter sizing to make it more interesting.
- Have letters cut out of cardboard. Have the child match the letters to the letter shape it was cut out from (find the correct "house" for the letter).

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- Picture match - present the child with a few mixed letters, they must sort them out to make a word and match it to the correct picture. Start with small words using the letters that are often reversed.
- Complete dot to dot pictures that join up to make the letters.
- Picture letters - match the picture with the correct letter it starts with.
- Give the child a newspaper or magazine article. Have them find all the letter "b's" and circle them. Encourage the child to track from left to right starting at the top of the page and working to the bottom. Score the older child's work and get him to try improve on his score.
- Fill in the missing "b" or "d" in words in sentences.
- Spelling darts - have a number of letters stuck on a suitable board. Give each child 3 darts to throw at a time. Each letter that a dart lands on can be used to make a word. Each letter used in a word scores a point. Problem letters have a higher score.
- Make the letters b, d, p and q by drawing lines on a page and have the child print a circle next to the lines to make the letter you ask for. Use colored circle stickers as an alternative.
- Make a domino game with letters. Match the letters as you would in a regular domino game.
- Make a lotto game with letters instead of pictures.
- Play memory game with letters on the cards instead of pictures