

Lesson 1: The Swing-Up Connection

The swing-up connection involves joining letters that end at the bottom line with perpendicular letters (b, h, i, j, k, l, p, t, and u). The connecting line touches the middle of the next letter and forms a 45° angle.



ab ah ma ej ki

rip mitt kilt it

mittk tip titt tip

hut up cup hit

tilt nip tub

tip hit the

the hit the hit

tub rub yell

B B C C

e e e e e

met met let

tell tell help

help jelly yell

eel reel meet

mult nut tit

up top tub

Cut it up, Betty

But, not it!

at my ay up

Review of the *a* Family of Letters

The “a” family of letters includes the a, c, d, g and q. Beginning on the dotted line, make the letter by moving the pencil along the line and then descending. It can be likened to the drop of a ball that is thrown parallel to the ground. There is a curve upward creating a figure that resembles the shape of an eye. A line is then drawn straight downward with no curve.



a d g q c a d g q c

a d g q c a d g q c

a d g q c a d g q c

a d g q c a d g q c