





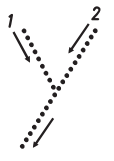


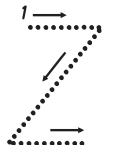







Unlocking Letters and Sounds








Actions, Images and Handwriting – Phase 3




- These are simple, clear actions that don't impede the child saying the sound
- The sound is only voiced once, so that the teacher can spot those children who are saying the sound slightly behind the rest of the group
- The actions also help warm up hands and fingers, ready for writing

GPC	Image	Action	Lower Case Letter Formation	Upper Case Letter Formation
j		Jelly – wobble like a jelly	Short down, tail, give it a dot	Down and curl. Lift and across.
v		Violin – play a violin	Down, up	Diagonal down, up
w		Worm – wiggle your finger like a worm	Down, up, down, up	Down, up, down, up
x		Exercise – lift arms as if lifting a weight	Across and across	Across and across

y		Yell – hands placed as if yelling	Down, round, up, down, give it a tail		Diagonal down, diagonal to the middle	
z		Zip – pulling a zip up and down	Straight, across, straight		Straight, across, straight	
zz		Buzz – move finger as if following a fly				
qu		Queen – putting on a crown				
ch		Chop – chopping motion with hand				
sh		Shush – shushing motion with finger				
th		Thank – BSL 'thank you'				

th		This and that – pointing at one thing, then at something else				
ng		Ring – putting on a ring				
ai		Rain – rain motion with fingers				
ee		Feet – point to feet				
igh		Light – open and close hand, as if light switching on				
oa		Coat – putting on a coat				
oo		Moon – draw crescent moon with finger				

oo		Book – opening and closing a book				
ar		Car – steering a car				
or		Sword – slashing with a sword				
ur		Curl – draw curl with finger				
ow		Owl – hands make owl eyes				
oi		Coin – putting coins in your hand				
ear		Hear – cupping ear as if listening				

air		Air – arms rise like hot air balloon				
ure		Cure – giving a spoonful of medicine				
er		Ladder – climbing a ladder				