

Unlocking Letters and Sounds

- These are simple, clear actions that don't impede the child saying the sound
- group 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
- The actions also help warm up hands and fingers, ready for writing

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Paint — Painting with a paintbrush	Tap − Twisting a tap	Arrow – Firing an arrow	Snake — Slithering snake action with arm	Action
Down, up to the top, round to the middle	Down and round, pencil off, across	Around, up, down and flick	Up and over, around the other way	Lower Case Letter Formation
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Down and back up, around to the middle	Down from the top, lift and left to right across the top	Down, down, lift and across	Up and over, around the other way	Upper Case Letter Formation
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Cat — Clawing cat	Orange – Squeezing an orange	Gate – Closing a gate	Dog – Digging dog	Monkey — Monkey arms	Nail – Hammering a nail	Igloo – Making a curved igloo shape motion with hands
Around the curl to sit on the line	Around all the way	Around, up, down and a tail	Around, all the way up, down and flick	Down, up, over and down. Up, over, down and flick	Down, up, over and flick	Short down, flick, give it a dot
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Around the curl to sit on the line	Around all the way	Round from the top, curl along the line, up and down. Lift and across	Down, up, round to the bottom	Straight down and back up, diagonal down, diagonal up, straight down	Straight down and back up, diagonal down and straight up	From the top to the bot- tom, lift, across, across



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Ball — Bouncing a ball	Hat – Putting a hat on your head	Rat — Make the shape of a rat's nose	Umbrella — Putting up an umbrella	Elephant – Elephant trunk	Clock – A ticking clock motion	Key – Turning a key in a lock
Down, up to the middle, round to the bottom	Down, up to the middle, over and flick	Down, up and over	Down, round, up, down, flick	Across and over, curl to sit on the line		Down, up to the middle, loop and flick
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Down, lift, space and down. Across the middle to join	Down, lift, space and down. Across the middle to join	Down and back up, around to the middle, diagonal down	Down, round and up to the top	Down, back to the top and across, to the middle across, to the bottom across.		Down, lift, diagonal into the middle, diagonal out.
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Grass – Grass growing up with fingers	Bell – Ringing a bell	Lollipop – Licking a lollipop	Puff – Puffing out candles	Fish — Hand makes a fish swimming
		Down and flick		Over and down, pencil off, across
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		From the top, down and across		Down, back to the top and across, to the middle across
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