



Learning the letters and their letter families

<i>Family</i>	<i>Letters</i>	<i>Family Feature</i>
<i>Lower-case letters</i>		
Jumper Family	h n m b r p	Down-bump. Back up. Push over.
Abracadabra Family	c a o d s q g	Pull around and Push, Abracadabra.
Window Cleaner Family	l t i u	Down-bump. Flick (the water off).
Fisher Family	y j f g	Down, on-down and Pull around (to catch the fish).
Special Squirter	e	Push across. Up. Pull around and Push (along the ground).
Slider family	k v w x z	Slide
<i>Upper-case letters</i>		
Straight lined group	I L E F H T	Start with Down-bump.
Curved line group	C O S G Q	Start with Pull around
Lines with Curves group	D P B R J U	Combine Straight lines with Curves
Sliding lines group	A M N W V X Z K Y	Involve Diagonal lines
<i>Numbers</i>		
Pushing numbers	2 3 5 7	Push move helps orientation
Pulling numbers	0 6 9 8 4 1	Pull move helps orientation

Using the tree: When practising writing, use a writing line and the tree symbol to give a guide for both where the letters start and their proportions and how they sit on / go below the ground line.

