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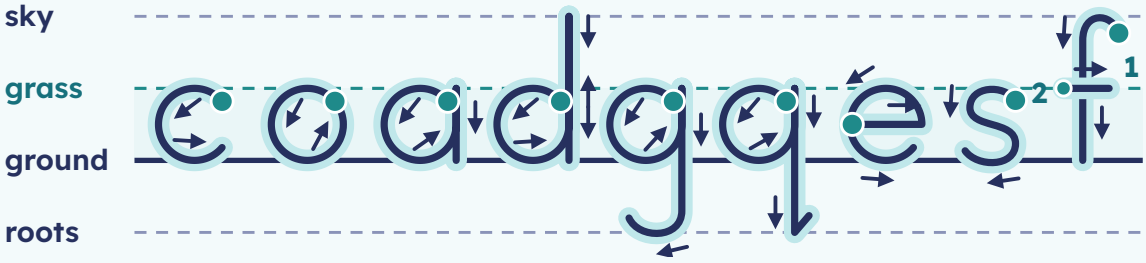
Curly caterpillar letters

c, o, a, d, g, q, e, s and f curl back round, like c.

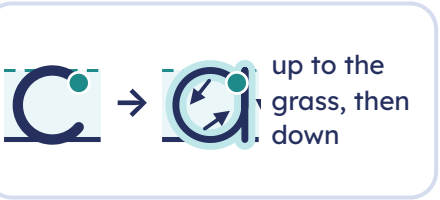
1 Learn



Curly caterpillar letters start like **c**: at the top, then curl **back round**, over the top and down. Start at the big dot.



c is a magic start! Curl a c, then add a little more.







Flip's tip: e is different. It starts in the **middle** and goes across first. Then up, over and round.

Warm up: trace the caterpillar. Start each c at the dot.



Grown-ups: read Flip's words aloud. Trace the big letters with a finger together first. The key thing to watch: curly letters go **back** round (anticlockwise), and a and d start with the curl, not the stick.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Shoelace letters

You need: a shoelace, string or a piece of wool, and a pencil.

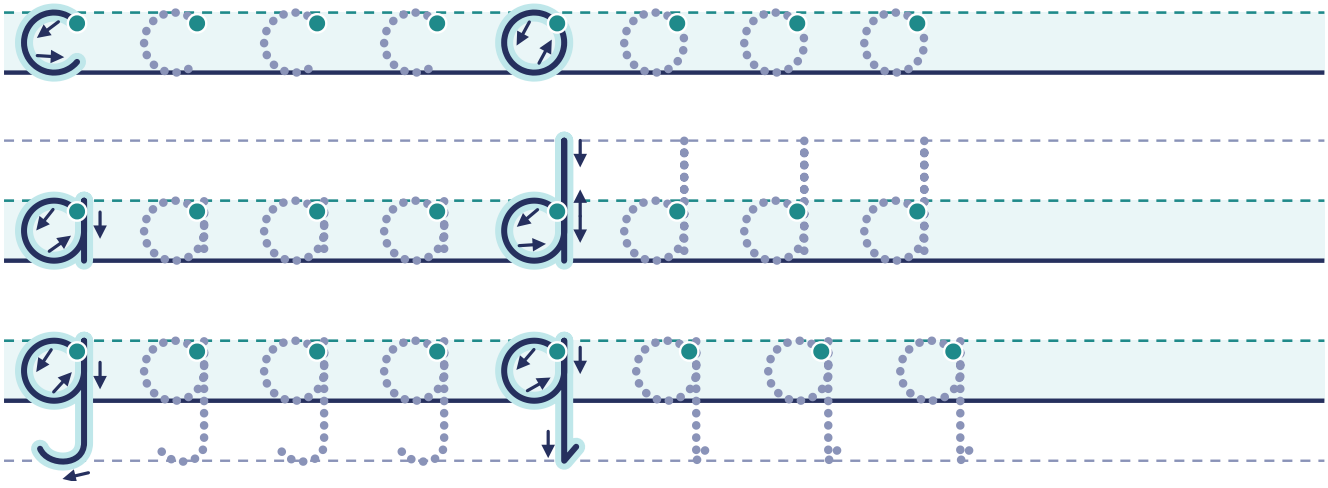
1. Draw a big **c** in the air. Start at the top and curl back round.
2. Lay the shoelace on the table to make a **c**.
3. Put the pencil on the right of the c, the same height: it's **a**. Slide it up so it pokes up tall: it's **d**.
4. Take the pencil away. Close the gap in the c: now it's **o**.
5. Trace each shape with a finger, starting at the top. Tick the ones you made.

	c	a	d	o
We made it				

Grown-ups: say "c first" for a, d and o. If your child lays the pencil down first, gently move it away and start again with the curl.

3 Practise

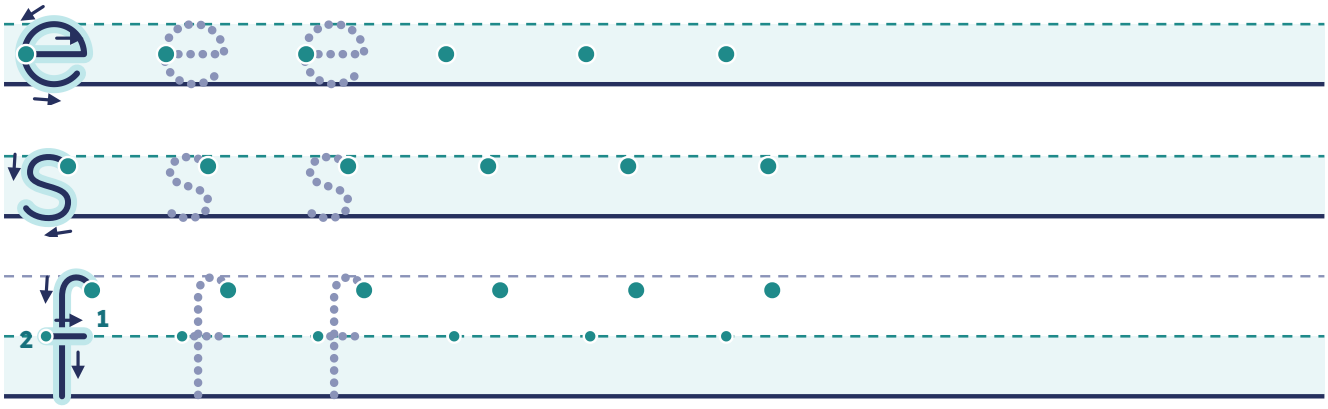
A. Look at the first letter. Then trace the rest, starting at each dot.



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B. Trace two. Then write your own, starting at each dot.



C. Where does each letter start? Draw a ring round the right dot.



Challenge

Leo writes **d** by drawing the tall stick first, then the curl. Is that right? What should **d** start like?

Talk about it with your grown-up, then write a d the right way here:

I can...

Tick when you can.

- [ ] start curly letters like c, at the top
- [ ] curl back round, the right way
- [ ] start e in the middle and go across first