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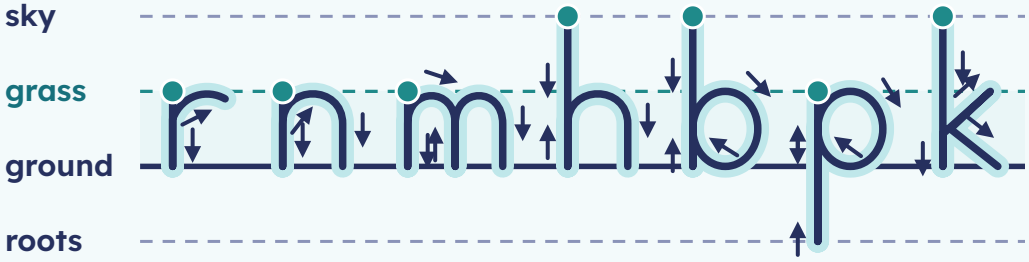
One-armed robot letters

r, n, m, h, b, p and k go down, back up and over.

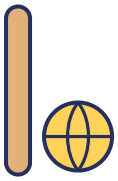
1 Learn



Robot letters start at the **top**. Go **down**, then **back up** the same line, and **over**, like a robot's arm.



b and d look alike, but they start differently





b: bat, then ball

Start at the top. Down the tall stick (the bat), back up, and round the ball.

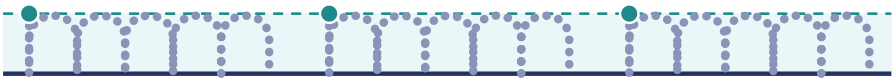


d: curl first

d is a curly caterpillar letter. Curl round like c, then up tall and down.

Flip's tip: say "bat, then ball" as you write **b**. If the curl comes first, it's a **d**.

Warm up: trace the robot pattern: down, back up and over.



Grown-ups: read Flip's words aloud. Robot letters go back up the **same** line before going over, so there is no gap. Teaching b and d as two different movements, not mirror images, is the best cure for mix-ups.

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



Robots, bats and balls

You need: a wooden spoon (the bat) and a ball, an orange or an apple.

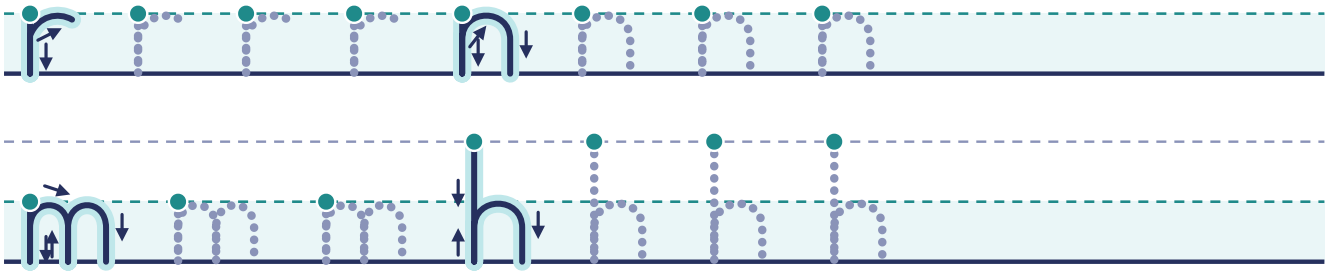
1. Be a robot! Move one arm **down, back up and over**, saying the words.
2. The grown-up writes **n** or **r** on your child's back. Which one was it?
3. Lay the spoon on the table with the handle pointing away from you: that's the bat. Put the ball **after** it, at the bottom: **bat, then ball** makes b.
4. Now put the ball **first** and the bat after it: that's d.
5. Take turns. One makes b or d; the other says which. Fill in the chart.

Turn	Bat first or ball first?	b or d?
1		
2		
3		

Grown-ups: your child can draw a little bat or ball, or say it while you write. "After" means on the right, the way we read.

3 Practise

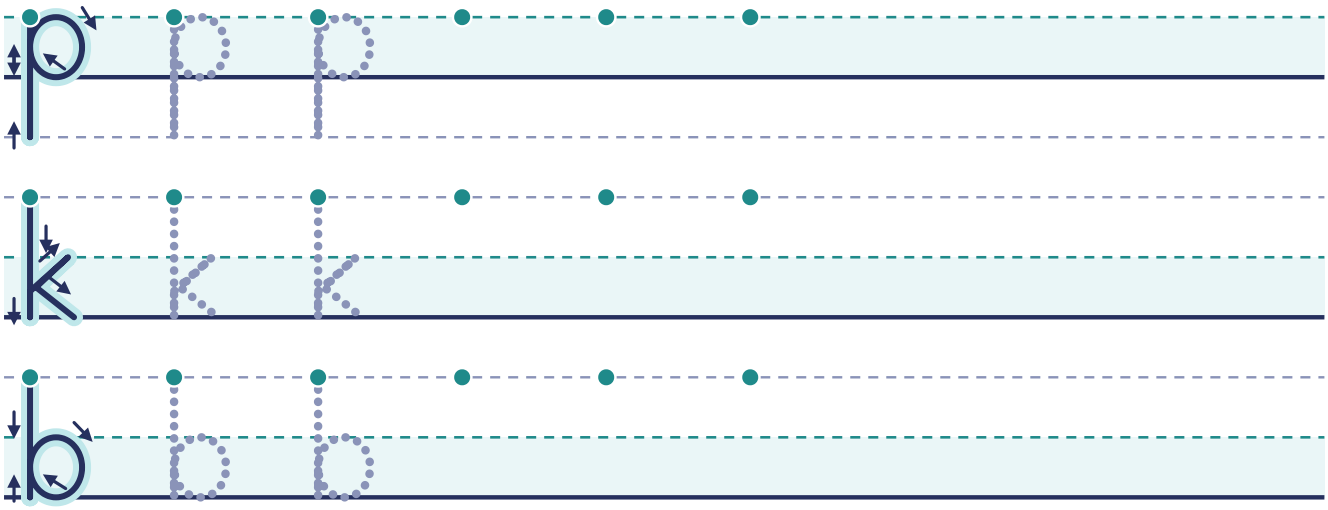
A. Look at the first letter. Then trace the rest, starting at each dot.



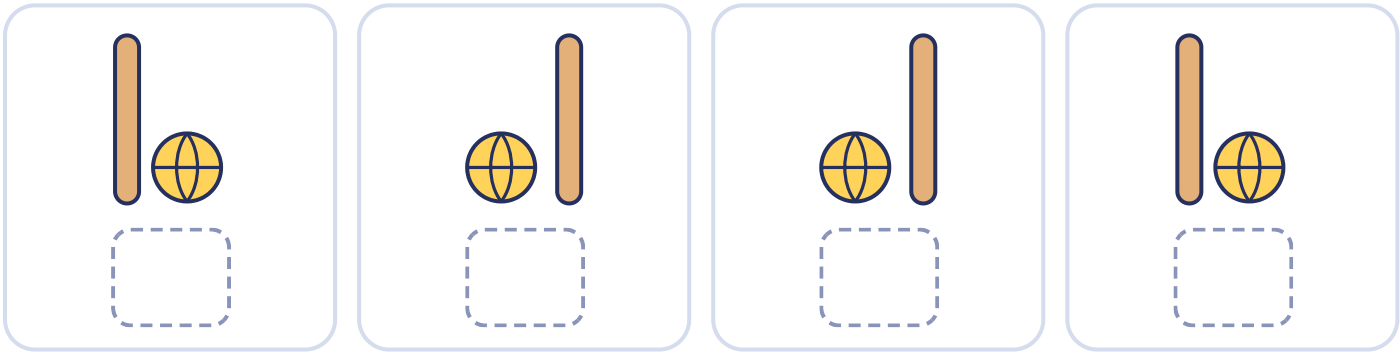
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B. Trace two. Then write your own, starting at each dot.



C. Bat first or ball first? Write **b** or **d** in each box.



Challenge

Mia says, "b and d are the same letter, just turned round." Is she right? How do you **start** each one?

Talk about it with your grown-up.

I can... Tick when you can.

- ☐ start robot letters at the top
- ☐ go down, back up and over
- ☐ write b with bat, then ball