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Zigzag letters

v, w, x and z are made of straight, slanting lines.

1 Learn



Zigzag letters have no curls at all! They are made of straight, **slanting** lines. Every one starts at the **top**, on the grass line.



How to write x and z



1 x: start at the top **left**. Slant down.



2 **Lift.** Start at the top **right**. Slant down.



z Across, slant back, across again.

Flip's tip: both lines of **x** go **down**, starting at the top. v and w zigzag down and up without lifting your pencil.

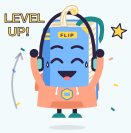
Warm up: trace the zigzags. Start at the dot.



Grown-ups: read Flip's words aloud. Zigzag letters are a good place for neat, straight lines: encourage slow, steady strokes rather than quick ones.

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



Stick letters

You need: 4 straight things of the same size: straws, cotton buds, lolly sticks or pencils.

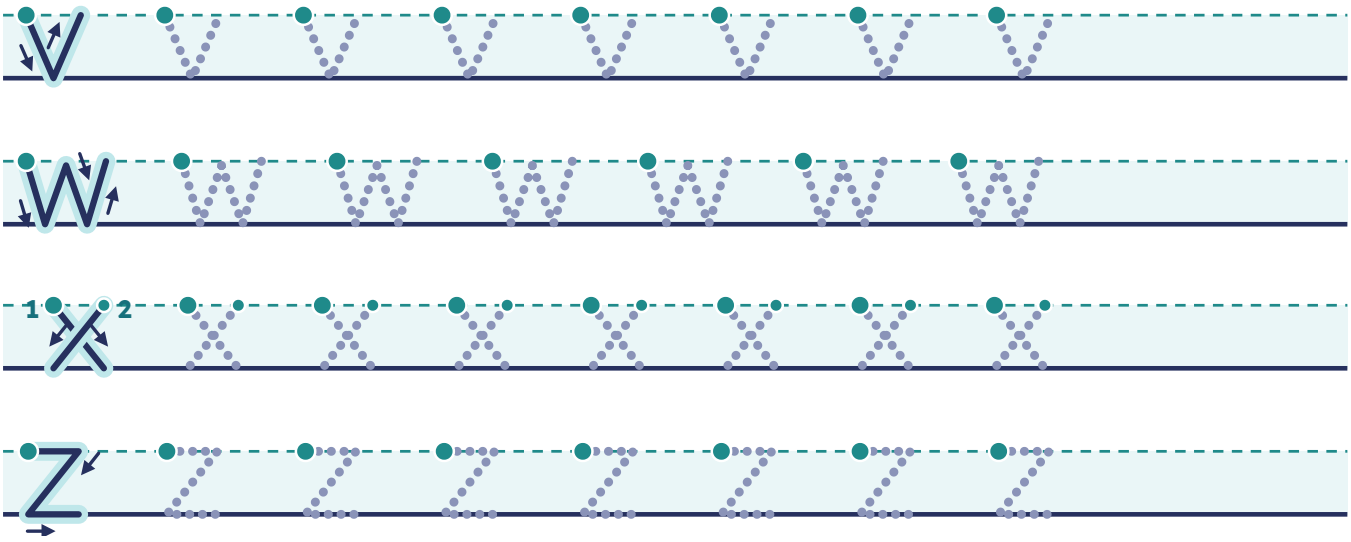
1. Make a **v** with the sticks. How many sticks did you need?
2. Now make **w**, **x** and **z**. Count the sticks each time and write the number.
3. Run a finger along each stick letter, **starting at the top**.
4. Close your eyes! The grown-up makes a zigzag letter. Feel it with your fingers. Which one is it?

Letter	v	w	x	z
How many sticks?				

Grown-ups: for z, the middle stick slants from the top right down to the bottom left. Let your child try first, then help them check the shape against page 1.

3 Practise

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



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B. Draw a ring round each zigzag letter.

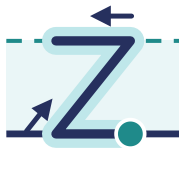
v o z c w l x s

C. Follow the arrows. Which one is made the right way? Tick it.









D. Trace one, then write one. Start at each dot.



Challenge

Sam says, "w is just two v letters joined together." Is he right? Count the lines in v and in w.

Talk about it with your grown-up.

I can… Tick when you can.

- ☐ start zigzag letters at the top
- ☐ make straight, slanting lines
- ☐ draw both lines of x going down