Capital letters: answers and notes

What your child practised: forming capital letters from the top (the sky line), the down line before the lines across, and matching capitals to lower-case letters.

Page 1 · Warm up

L: down, then along the ground. **I:** down the middle, then across the top and the bottom. **T:** down the middle, then across the top.

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary. Check each capital starts at the top.

Page 2 · A. Trace H, E, B, D

H: down, down, then across the middle. **E:** down, then across the top, middle and bottom. **B** and **D:** down, back up, and round.

Page 3 · B. Trace and write A, C, M

A: from the top, slant down; back to the top, slant down; lift and go across. **C:** start at the top and curl back round. **M:** down, back up, slant to the middle, slant up, and down.

Page 3 · C. Capital partners

A–a · B–b · D–d · E–e · G–g · R–r

Challenge: Not the best way. Start at the top with the **down lines first**, then add the line across the middle.

Watch out for

- **Starting capitals at the bottom**, especially I, L and H. Every capital starts at the top.
- **Lines across first** in E, F, H and T. Say "down line first".
- **Mixing capital and lower-case shapes**, like a lower-case b in a name. Use capitals for the first letter of names, and lower-case for the rest.
- **Capitals that are too small.** They should reach the sky line, as tall as l or d.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Capital spotting:** on a walk, look for capital letters on signs. Trace them in the air, starting at the top.
- **Body letters:** make T, X and Y with your arms.
- **In the game:** Chapter 7 puts it all together: letters the right way round, the right size and on the line.