

## Suggested Mnemonics for Printing

These are mnemonics used by Community Rehabilitation SHIP OTs. Please feel free to make a copy for quick referencing.

Teach printing by grouping letters that are similar together. Below, each group of letters has their own visual and verbal hints to help students learn how to move their pencils to form the letters. You and your students can also make up your own hints for the letter groups and how to form each letter. The key to success is to keep the hints consistent so that children can easily recall the cues when forming the letters.



### Half Moon Letters

**c**

- Start at the top.
- Make a half moon.

**a**

- Start at the top.
- Make a half moon.
- Go straight up to touch the top of the moon.
- Drop straight back down and go splat.

**d**

- Start at the top.
- Make a half moon.
- Fly way up high.
- Drop straight back down and go splat.

**g**

- Start at the top.
- Make a half moon.
- Go straight up to touch the top of the moon.
- Drop straight down into the water and make a hook.

**q**

- Start at the top.
- Make a half moon.
- Go straight up to touch the top of the moon.
- Drop straight down into the water and pull out your hook.



### Bounce Letters

**r**

- Start at the top.
- Drop the ball.
- Bounce straight up and toss it over.

**n**

- Start at the top.
- Drop the ball.
- Bounce straight up.
- Toss it over and it falls down.

**m**

- Start at the top.
- Drop the ball.
- Bounce straight up.
- Toss it over and it falls down.
- Bounce up.
- Toss it over and down.

**h**

- Start at the top.
- Drop the ball from high.
- Bounce half way up.
- Toss it over and down.

**b**

- Start at the top.
- Drop the ball from high.
- Bounce half way up.
- Toss over and down and roll in.

**p**

- Start at the top.
- Drop the ball.
- Push it down into the water.
- It pops back up.
- Toss over and down and roll in.

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## Flag Pole Letters

**i**

- Start at the top.
- Make a short flag pole.
- Add a dot.

**j**

- Start at the top.
- Make a short flag pole.
- Go down into the water and make a hook.
- Add a dot.

**l**

- Start at the top.
- Make a tall flag pole.

**t**

- Start at the top.
- Make a tall flag pole.
- Hop up to the middle.
- And cross it out: left handers can cross from right to left.

**k**

- Start at the top.
- Make a tall flag pole.
- Stand beside it and toss a ball down.
- It hits the pole and bounces away.



## Mountain Letters

**v**

- Start at the top
- Walk down the mountain.
- Go up another.

**w**

- Start at the top.
- Walk down the mountain.
- Go up another.
- Then down the other side.
- And up another mountain.

**y**

- Start at the top.
- Walk down the mountain.
- Climb up the other mountain.
- Slide back down into the water.

**x**

- Start at the top.
- Walk down the mountain.
- Fly straight up.
- Walk down and cross your path.

**z**

- Start at the top.
- Cross the bridge.
- Walk down the mountain.
- Walk along the path.



## Goofy Letters

**o**

- Start at the top.
- Make a full moon.
- Left handers can go to the right.

**s**

- Start at the top
- Make a little 'c'. Then a backward 'c'.

**u**

- Start at the top.
- Go down and make a cup.
- Drop straight down and go splat.

**f**

- Make a cane from the top. You can also say "old man's cane" or "candy cane".
- Hop up to the middle.
- And cross it out: left handers can cross the letter from right to left.

**e**

- Here's your house.
- Walk away from your house.
- Go around the block.
- And up to the park.

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