

Show Me My Name

Use this easy activity to help your child write his/her name correctly.

How can I be a good example for my child?

Hold the crayon or pencil correctly. Your child will be watching how you hold the crayon or pencil and form letters. Be a good model. You may need to make a special effort to use a proper grip.

Does it matter where my child starts his/her letter?

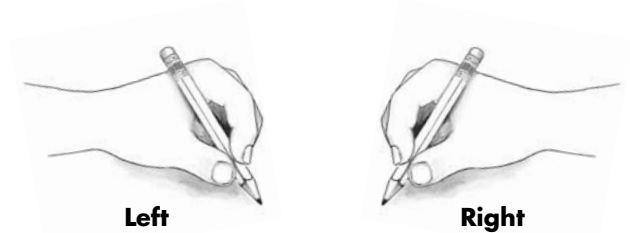
Yes, it does. When children form letters correctly, they are faster and neater. On the next page is a letter formation chart. The letters have arrows and numbers to show you where to start each letter and each stroke. This guide will help you to model the letters correctly.

What do I say when I teach the letters?

Always say, "I start at the top". Then have the child observe you form the letter. What you say isn't as important as what you do. The child must observe you form the letter correctly.

What do I do?

1. Use a blank piece of paper. Position it horizontally on the table.
2. Draw two lines. Tell the child that the top line is yours, the bottom line is his/hers.
3. Demonstrate the child's name, one letter at a time, on the top line.
4. After each demonstration, allow the child time to imitate the letter on the line below.



Adult:	Ben
Child:	Ben

Always say, "I start at the top." Then describe the part you are making. For capitals, say "big" or "small" for size. Say "line" or "curve" for shape. For example: D = "I start at the top. I make a big line. Now I make a big curve." For lowercase, say "I start at the top. Now watch me."

NOTES:

- For Pre-k and K children, only do this activity with the child's first name until it is mastered. Don't try and put both names on the line because there might not be enough room.
- For 1st grade children, have them write both names on the line.
- Learning to write your name correctly is a great self-confidence builder for young children.

CAPITALS



Lowercase

