

READY, SET, WRITE!

BOOK 1 OF 3

Ready! Lines & Letters

Pre-writing strokes, shapes and capital letters for ages 3 to 5



Colour me in!

This book belongs to

Ages 3-5 | Girl edition

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A note for grown-ups

How to get the most out of this book

Welcome

This book gets little hands ready to write. It starts with the lines and curves that every letter is made of, moves on to simple shapes, then introduces the capital letters one at a time. Sadie will keep your child company along the way.

Fifteen minutes a day

Short and often beats long and rare. One or two pages a day is plenty. Stop while it is still fun. If a page is hard, come back to it another day.

Pencil grip

A short, chunky pencil or a triangular crayon is easiest for small hands. Show the tripod grip: thumb and first finger hold the pencil, middle finger rests underneath. Do not worry if it is not perfect yet. Grip matures with practice.

How the pages work

Every model has a dot where the pencil starts and numbered arrows that show the order of the strokes. The rows fade from a solid model to dotted copies to an empty space, so your child becomes more independent as the row goes on.

Letter formation tips

Start at the top. Capital letters sit between the top and bottom lines. Say the movements out loud together: down, across, round. Praise effort, not neatness.

**Every picture in this book is yours to colour in, so keep the crayons handy.
There is a flip book in the bottom corner of the right-hand pages. Hold the book at the spine and riffle the pages with your thumb.**

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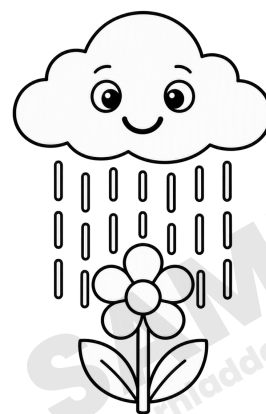
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Rain falling down

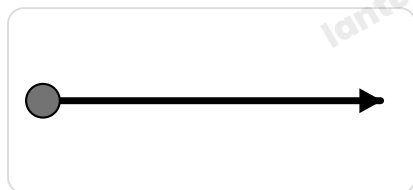
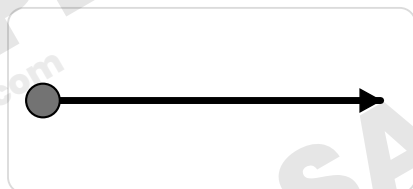
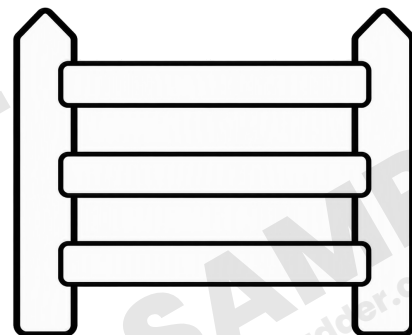
Start at the dot. Pull straight down.





Fence lines across

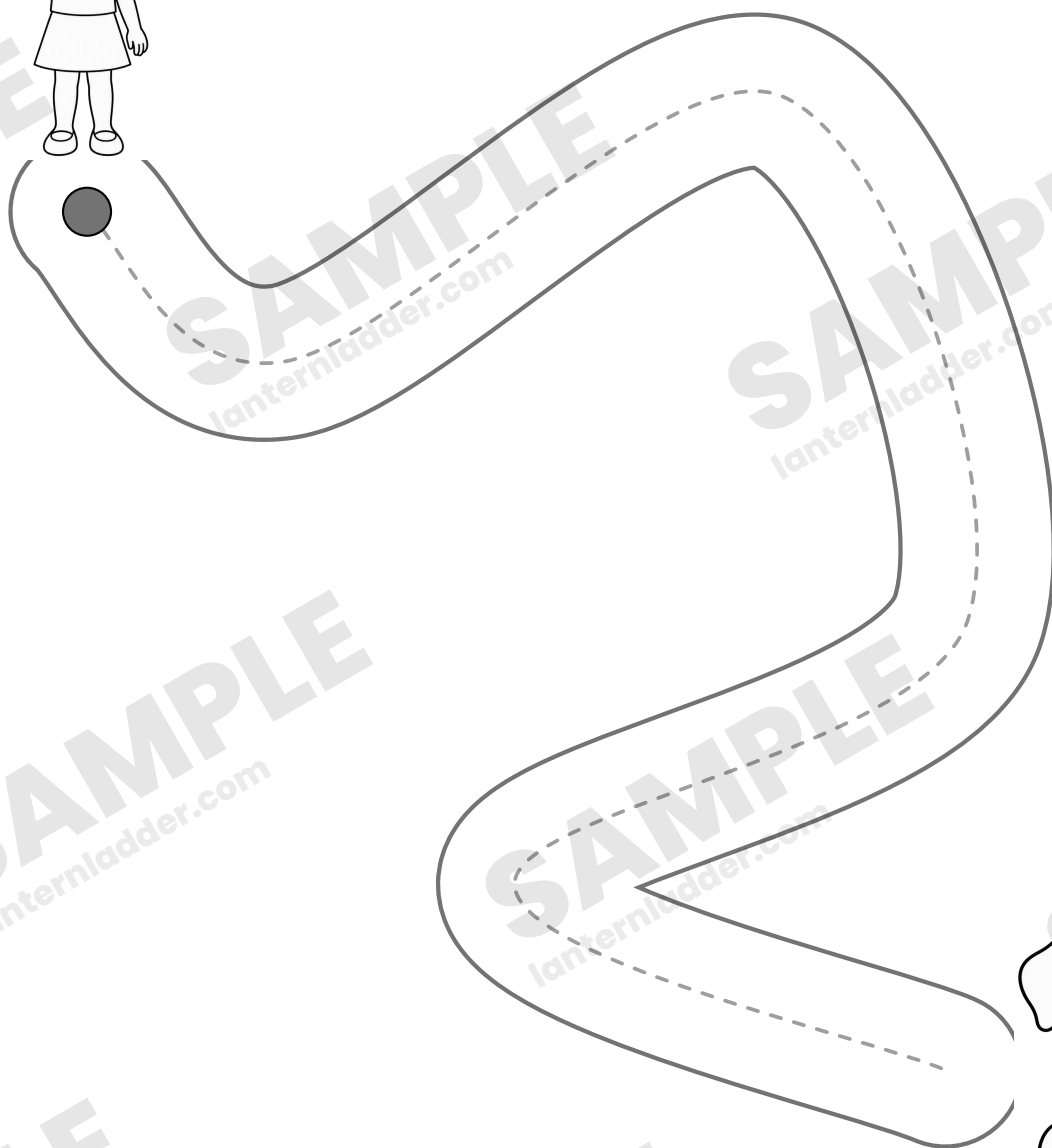
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Help Sadie find the puppy

Start at the dot. Stay on the path all the way to the finish.

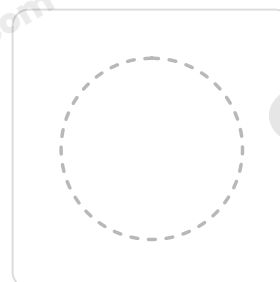
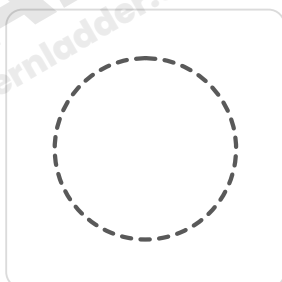
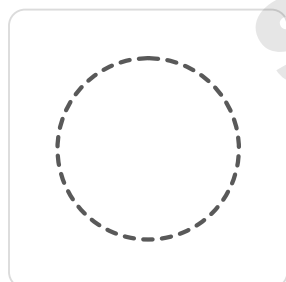
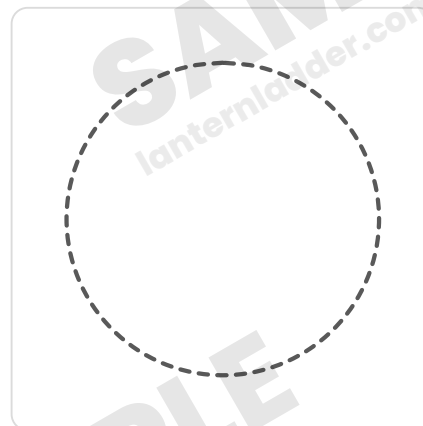
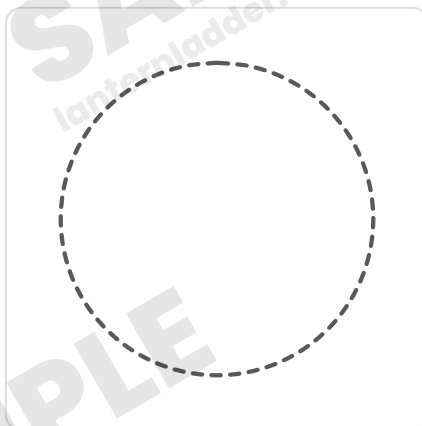
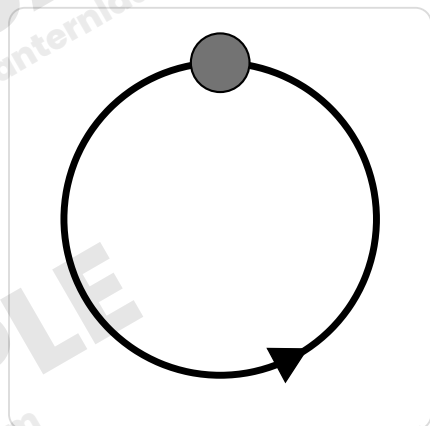
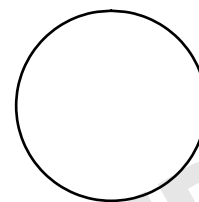
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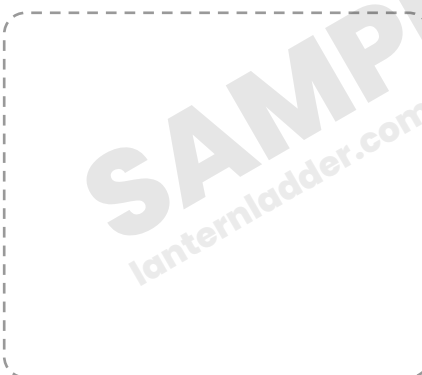
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Trace the circle

Start at the dot. Then draw your own below.

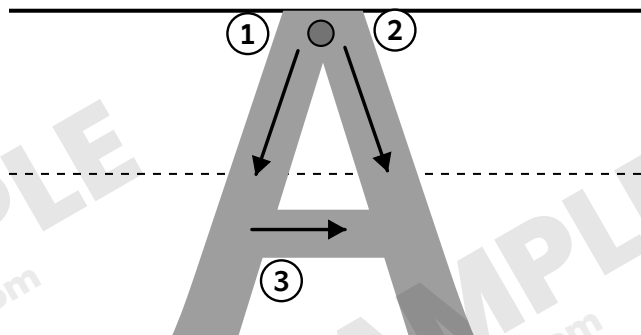


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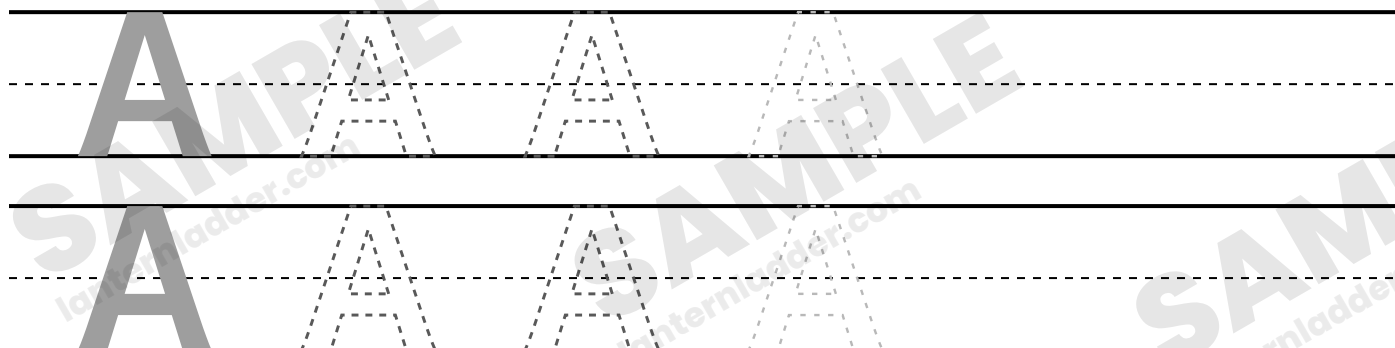
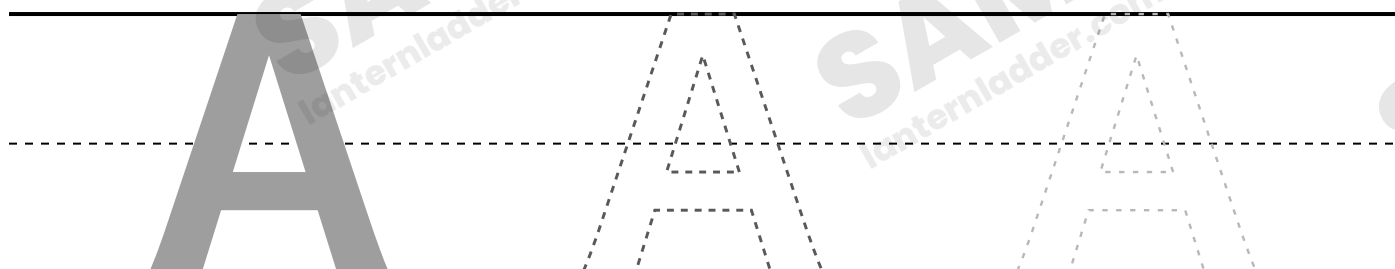


A is for apple

Start at the dot. Follow the numbers.



big and small



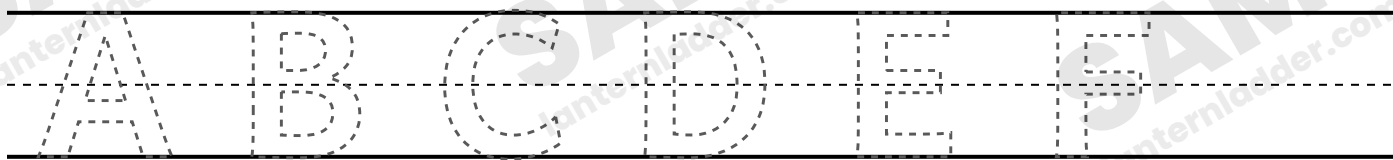
Now write it yourself



Let's review

Trace the letters you have learned

AF



Circle every F



F F F B F A E C C

Circle every E



E D F A E F E C

Circle every C



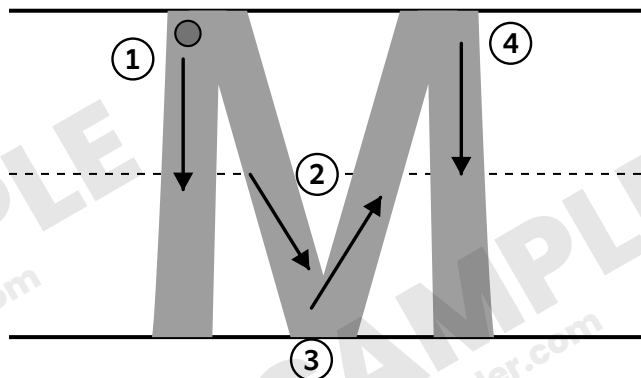
C C B D B F A C

Now write the letters yourself

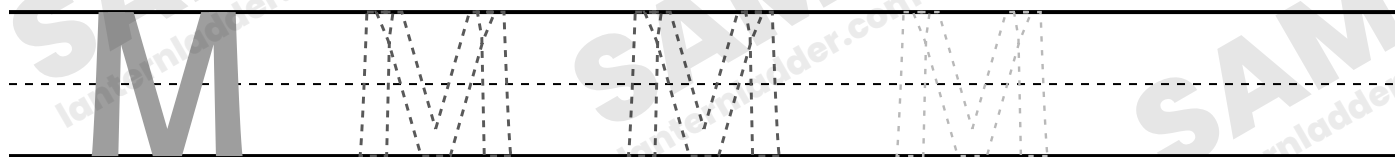
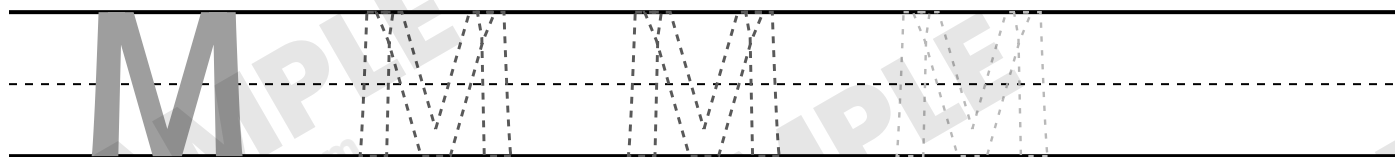
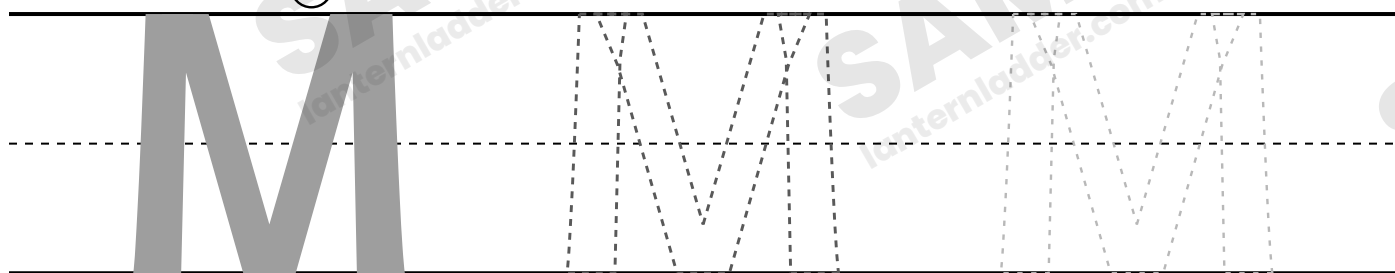


M is for moon

Start at the dot. Follow the numbers.



big and small

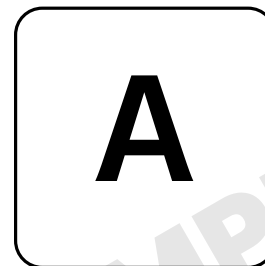


Now write it yourself



Free practice

Write anything you like.



Handwriting practice lines consisting of multiple sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid) for writing practice.

