

Use your mouth shape to help you with **b** + **d**, **p** + **q**

We always have our mouth ready to help read, say and write the correct sound.

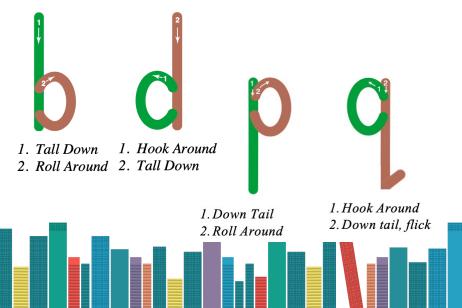
When spelling:

- if you feel your lips in a straight line for the /b/ sound, start writing the straight line for the letter
 b. Same goes for the sound /p/. Our mouth makes the same shape for both sounds, but /p/ is voiceless, and /b/ is voiced.
- if you feel your lips open in more of a circle shape for the /d/ sound, start writing the open circle shape of the letter d. Same goes for the phonemes /kw/ for the qu spelling.

When reading along the line...

- if you first see the straight line of the letter →b, make your lips in a straight line for the /b/ sound. The same works for the letter →p.
- if you first see open circle shape of the letter →d, make your lips open in a circle shape for the /d/ sound. Same for →q.

It's important to learn the correct letter formation to write these letters. Say the sounds aloud while practicing writing the letters to link them in memory. **We love the Peterson Handwriting prompts** →



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