





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.

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