Language Prompts for Movement Patterns to Form Letters

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As you describe the path of movement, stretch your voice to coordinate with the construction of the form.

Example: (h) dow…n, up and over
(n) down, up and over

Although the path of movement is the same with both letters, "down" is stretched for the letter h to indicate a longer stroke.

A slant down, slant down, across
B down, up around, around
C over, around and open
D down, up, around
E down, across, across, across
F down, across, across
G over, around, across
H down, down, across
I down, across, across
J down, curve
K down, slant in, slant out
L down, across
M down, slant down, slant up, down
N down, slant down, up
O over, around, close
P down, up, around
Q over, around, close, slant out
R down, up, around, slant out
S over, around, curve
T down, across
U down, curve up
V slant down, slant up
W slant down, slant up, slant down, slant up
X slant down, slant across
Y slant down, slant up, down
Z across, slant down, across
a over, around and down
b dow…n, up and around
c over, around and open
d over, around, u…p and down
e across, over, around and open
f over, dow…n, across
g over, around, dow…n and curve
h dow…n, up and over
i down, dot
j down, curve, dot
k dow…n, slant in, slant out
l dow…n
m down, up, over, up, over
n down, up, over
o over, around, close
p dow…n, up, around
q over, around, down
r down, up, curve
s over, around and curve
t down, across
u down, curve up, down
v slant down, slant up
w slant down, slant up, slant down, slant up
x slant down, slant across
y slant down, slant dow…n
z across, slant down, across

Note – There is not magic to these words, if you desire to describe the path of movement differently that is fine. The key is to describe the path of movement and not the visual image (i.e. stick circle).