

Unlocking Letters and Sounds

- These are simple, clear actions that don't impede the child saying the sound
- The sound is only voiced once, so that the teacher can spot those children who are saying the sound slightly behind the rest of the group
- The actions also help warm up hands and fingers, ready for writing

GPC	Image	Action	Lower Case Letter Formation		Upper Case Letter Formation	
S	9	Snake – Slithering snake action with arm	Up and over, around the other way		Up and over, around the other way	
a		Arrow – Firing an arrow	Around, up, down and flick		Down, down, lift and across	1 2
t		Tap – Twisting a tap	Down and round, pencil off, across	2 	Down from the top, lift and left to right across the top	2
р		Paint – Painting with a paintbrush	Down, up to the top, round to the middle		Down and back up, around to the middle	12



i	Igloo – Making a curved igloo shape motion with hands	Short down, flick, give it a dot	1:2	From the top to the bottom, lift, across, across	1
n	Nail – Hammering a nail	Down, up, over and flick		Straight down and back up, diagonal down and straight up	
m	Monkey – Monkey arms	Down, up, over and down. Up, over, down and flick		Straight down and back up, diagonal down, diagonal up, straight down	////
d	Dog – Digging dog	Around, all the way up, down and flick		Down, up, round to the bottom]2
9	Gate – Closing a gate	Around, up, down and a tail		Round from the top, curl along the line, up and down. Lift and across	2
o	Orange – Squeezing an orange	Around all the way		Around all the way	
С	Cat – Clawing cat	Around the curl to sit on the line	·1	Around the curl to sit on the line	



k	Key – Turning a key in a lock	Down, up to the middle, loop and flick	Down, lift, diagonal into the middle, diagonal out.	2
ck	Clock – A ticking clock motion			
е	Elephant – Elephant trunk	Across and over, curl to sit on the line	Down, back to the top and across, to the middle across, to the bottom across.	3-
u	Umbrella – Putting up an umbrella	Down, round, up, down, flick	Down, round and up to the top	
r	Rat – Make the shape of a rat's nose	Down, up and over	Down and back up, around to the middle, diagonal down	
h	Hat – Putting a hat on your head	Down, up to the middle, over and flick	Down, lift, space and down. Across the middle to join	3
b	Ball – Bouncing a ball	Down, up to the middle, round to the bottom	Down, lift, space and down. Across the middle to join	12



f		Fish – Hand makes a fish swimming	Over and down, pencil off, across	2	Down, back to the top and across, to the middle across	3-
ff		Puff – Puffing out candles				
l		Lollipop – Licking a lollipop	Down and flick		From the top, down and across	<u> </u>
u		Bell – Ringing a bell				
SS	walken how	Grass – Grass growing up with fingers				