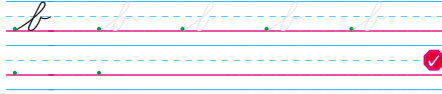


Trace and write.



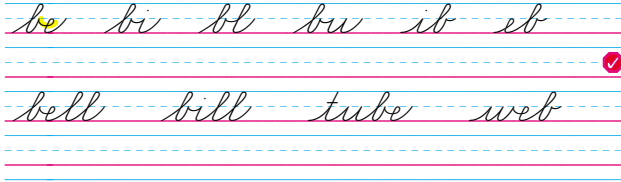
a banana ballet  
*a banana ballet*



Trace and write.



Join *b* and other letters. Notice the checkstroke to undercurve joining.



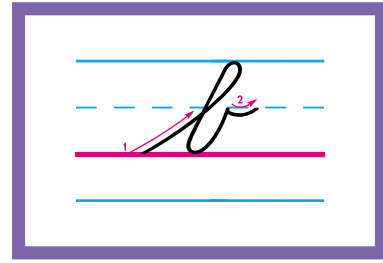
Stroke description to guide letter formation at home:  
Undercurve; loop back; slant; undercurve. Checkstroke.



Shape

Circle your best letter that has a checkstroke ending.

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- Undercurve, loop back, slant, undercurve
- Checkstroke

## COACHING HINT

Basic Strokes Provide sheets of newsprint and a dark crayon for each student. Let students tape their papers to a board or wall and practice the strokes in large, sweeping motions. Have them practice each stroke several times to feel the motion that each one involves. (kinesthetic, visual)



## Present the Letter

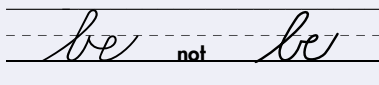
Help students focus on the letter **b** by asking:

- Where does the loop close in **b**? (*near the midline*)
- How does **b** differ from **l**? (*The letter **b** ends with a checkstroke.*)

**Model** Write **b** on guidelines as you say the stroke description. Model writing **b** in the air as you repeat the stroke description. Have students say the description as they write **b** in the air with you.

## Corrective Strategy

Deepen the checkstroke a bit before swinging into the next letter.



## Write and Evaluate

After students have practiced writing **b** on scrap paper or practice boards, ask them to trace and write the first row of letters.



**Stop and Check** To help students evaluate **b**, ask:

- Does your loop close near the midline?
- Does your checkstroke end at the midline?



Families may use the stroke description on the student page to encourage good letter formation at home. **Practice Master 86** provides take-home practice for the letters **b** and **h**.



## Apply

Ask students to complete the page by writing **b** and joining it to other letters. Remind students to consider shape as they write, checking that their letters are easy to read.

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Write the letter.

Look at the large letter carefully. Make sure the paper is in the correct position. Trace the letter.

Write the letter and the joinings.

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