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## Actions, Images and Handwriting – Phase 3




- 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
j		<b>Jelly</b> – wobble like a jelly	down, tail, give it a dot	down and curl, lift then across
v		<b>Violin</b> – play a violin	down, up, flick	diagonal down, diagonal up
w		<b>Worm</b> – wiggle your finger like a worm	down, up, down, up, flick	diagonal down and up, diagonal down and up
x		<b>Exercise</b> – lift arms as if lifting a weight	across to the bottom left, lift, across to the bottom right	across to the bottom left, lift, across to the bottom right

y		<b>Yell</b> – hands placed as if yelling	down, round, up, down, give it a tail		diagonal to the middle, diagonal down	
z		<b>Zip</b> – pulling a zip up and down	straight, across, straight		straight, across, straight	
zz		<b>Buzz</b> – move finger as if following a fly				
qu		<b>Queen</b> – putting on a crown	around, up, all the way down and flick		all the way around, lift and short diagonal	
ch		<b>Chop</b> – chopping motion with hand				
sh		<b>Shush</b> – shushing motion with finger				
th		<b>Thank</b> – BSL 'thank you'				

th		<b>This and that</b> – pointing at one thing, then at something else				
ng		<b>Ring</b> – putting on a ring				
ai		<b>Rain</b> – rain motion with fingers				
ee		<b>Feet</b> – point to feet				
igh		<b>Light</b> – open and close hand, as if light switching on				
oa		<b>Coat</b> – putting on a coat				
oo		<b>Moon</b> – draw crescent moon with finger				

oo		<b>Book</b> – opening and closing a book				
ar		<b>Car</b> – steering a car				
or		<b>Sword</b> – slashing with a sword				
ur		<b>Curl</b> – draw curl with finger				
ow		<b>Owl</b> – hands make owl eyes				
oi		<b>Coin</b> – putting coins in your hand				
ear		<b>Hear</b> – cupping ear as if listening				

air		<b>Air</b> – arms rise like hot air balloon				
ure		<b>Cure</b> – giving a spoonful of medicine				
er		<b>Ladder</b> – climbing a ladder				