

WET-DRY-TRY

Using the Wet-Dry-Try method, your students will learn to form capital letters correctly without reversals. This activity appeals to all learning styles and is a fun way to practice letters.

Slate Chalkboard

Preparation

1. Prepare Slate Chalkboard with the letter you will be teaching.
2. Place Little Chalk Bits and Little Sponge Cubes around the room so children can reach them easily.

Directions



Teacher's Part

Demonstrate correct letter formation.

Student's Part



WET

- Wet Little Sponge Cube.
- Squeeze it out.
- Trace the letter with the sponge.
- Wet your finger and trace again.



DRY

- Crumple a little paper towel.
- Dry the letter a few times.
- Gently blow for final drying.



TRY

- Take a Little Chalk Bit.
- Use it to write the letter.

Tips

- Use consistent words to describe the strokes. Match your verbal cues to the directions on the letter lesson pages of the workbook.
- Use Little Sponge Cubes and Little Chalk Bits to help children develop proper pencil grip.
- Squeeze the sponge well or the letter will be too wet.
- This works best one-on-one or in centers with five or fewer students.
- To use this activity with the whole class, pre-mark students' slates with the capital letter (so they have a correct model to wet), and then demonstrate once for everyone.

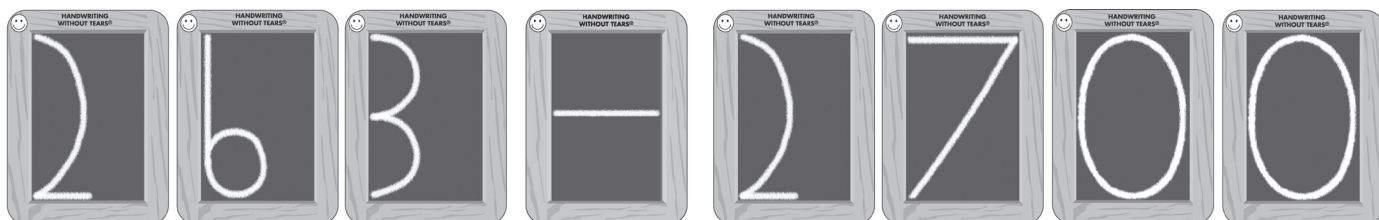
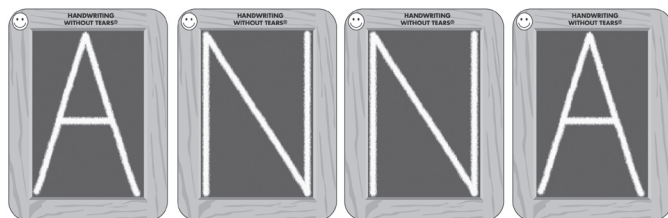
Other Activities

In addition to doing the Wet-Dry-Try activity with a letter, you can help children with reversals, names, and more. Below are some easy, fun exercises to get started.

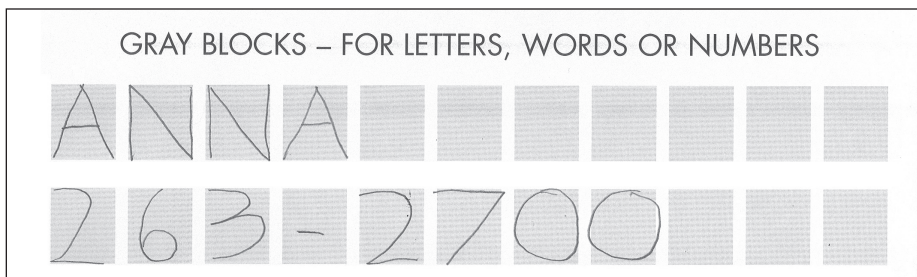
Transition Name, Phone Numbers, and Words to paper:

Help children write name, phone number, and words on paper.

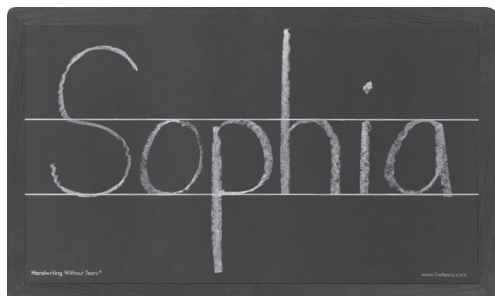
1. Prepare Slates with student's name or phone number.
2. Student can Wet-Dry-Try over the numbers.



3. Practice on Gray Block Paper.



Tip for Teaching Name in Title Case



Names

Demonstrate/Imitate: Title Case (Two Blackboards with Double Lines)

1. Prepare two Blackboards with Double Lines.
2. Demonstrate the child's name on one board, as the child imitates on the other.

This activity helps children learn to write their names on double lines before transitioning to paper.