

Reading Skills: Reversals

Which Way?

Educational Purpose: To have the child/student differentiate the letters:

- "b", "d"
- "p", "q"
- "n", "u"
- "m", "w".

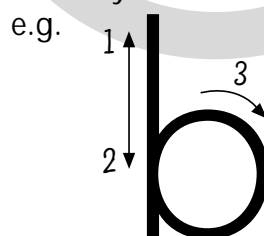
Age Range: 6 to 8

Materials: A sandbox containing wet sand.

Procedures:

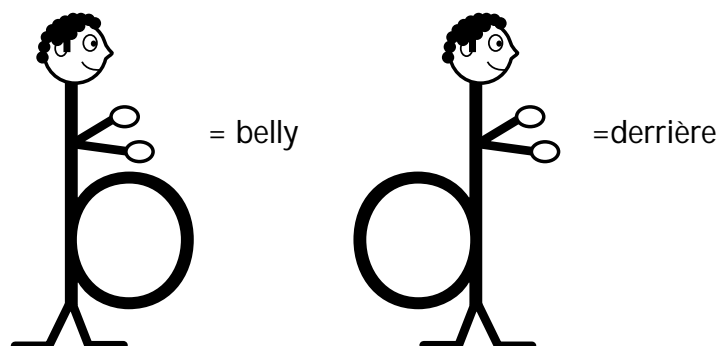
1. Have the child/student sit next to you in front of the sandbox.
2. Let the child/student play in the sand for a few minutes for he/she will be tempted to do so during the lesson.
3. Say, "Now that you have had the chance to play and build in the sand, I am now going to ask you to write in the sand."
4. Ask the child/student to write one of the letters taught.
N.B. Notice where he/she begins to write the letter.

The correct way is:



5. Discuss with the child/student what the shape of the letter reminds him/her of. This might register in his/her mind for the next time he/she writes that letter.

e.g.



6. Same procedure with the other letters.