

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	
j		Jelly – wobble like a jelly	Short down, tail, give it a dot		Down and curl. Lift and across.	2
v		Violin – play a violin	Down, up		Diagonal down, up	\\/
w		Worm – wiggle your finger like a worm	Down, up, down, up		Down, up, down, up	1////
x		Exercise – lift arms as if lifting a weight	Across and across	1 2	Across and across	



у		Yell – hands placed as if yelling	Down, round, up, down, give it a tail		Diagonal down, diagonal to the middle	1, 2
Z		Zip – pulling a zip up and down	Straight, across, straight	1	Straight, across, straight	1
ZZ		Buzz – move finger as if following a fly				
qu		Queen – putting on a crown				
ch	200	Chop – chopping motion with hand				
sh		Shush – shushing motion with finger				
th		Thank – BSL 'thank you'				



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



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



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