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Raindrop Letters

Raindrops fall down.

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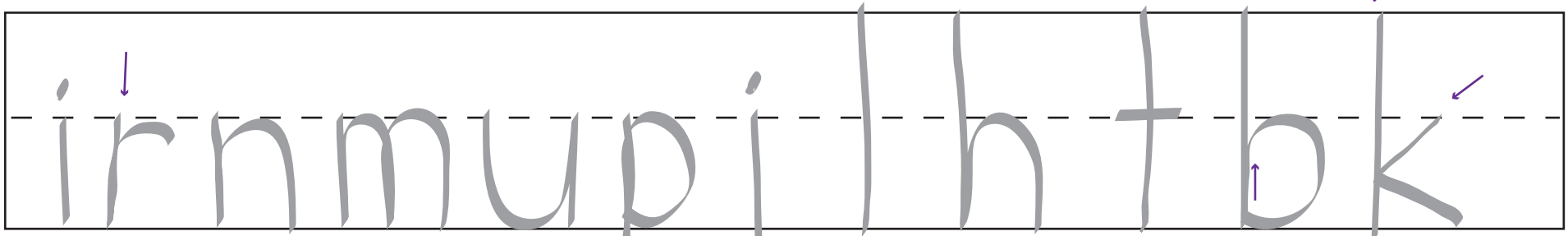

The RAINDROP LETTERS all start from the top and go straight down. The Is, Js, and Ts are dotted and crossed last. The pencil is only picked up for the i, j, t, and k.

Knowing how to form the letters makes most children's penmanship quickly look better. It is crucial that each of these letters is made in the correct direction.

Calling these RAINDROP LETTERS helps children remember the group and also helps them understand how to start the letter. How children start letters is one of the most important variables in good penmanship. I have seen some children labeled with dysgraphia become good printers with practice.

My children are learning to read by the Wilson program. I have them record the RAINDROP LETTERS in their notebooks. I am also teaching these lessons in regular classrooms. The children are very excited about the penmanship lessons. I bring in special writing blanks with a "raindrop" picture blank at the bottom where they can make a drawing.

If you are a parent or teacher of a child with a learning disability, to me the time that you must spend in teaching them to print the letters correctly is not wasted. Where another child might learn it in one sitting, your child might need many, many chances to practice. Or sometimes in one sitting, your child might need up to ten practices with the same letter before he/she can, for example, remember to start the i at the dotted line, instead of the bottom line, even while you are there with the child. But it works and they will learn if you are kindly persistent - if you are as strong willed as they are.