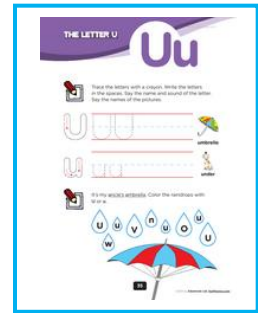


The Letter U - Uppercase (page 33)



Materials:

- alphabet chart or page 4
- **uppercase U** flashcard
- picture cards (umbrella, under, van, watch, x-ray and any other previously taught picture cards)
- letter poster for **uppercase U** from previous lesson
- tracing page for **uppercase U**
- crayons

Review: 3-5 minutes

- Sing the alphabet song while pointing at the letters
 - For students with less phonics exposure, the teacher should point to a wall chart while singing the song.
 - For students with more phonics exposure and experience, students should point to the letters on page 4 as they sing the song.
- Show the letter and under picture flashcard for the letter **Uu**, while saying the letter name, letter sound, the picture name, and stroke count while air writing. Students repeat.
 - Teacher and students: “U, /u/, under”; air write and count letter strokes

Preview: 5-7 minutes

- Show the **uppercase U** letter poster and trace the letter, counting the letter strokes.
- Do body letters activity
 - Discuss how **uppercase U** is made of one big upside down hump or bump.
 - Select two students and use their bodies to form the **uppercase U** on the floor.
 - Now put the students into groups of two and have them create an **uppercase U** with their bodies.

Modeling: 2-3 minutes

- Show the students the tracing page for **uppercase U**.
- Select one color and trace the **uppercase U**, counting the letter strokes.
- Select another color and repeat, tracing over the first color.

Guided Practice: 5-10 minutes

- Pass out the tracing page for **uppercase U** to each student.
- Guide students to trace the **uppercase U** with their finger, counting the letter strokes. Repeat 2-3 times.
- Pass out one crayon per student and have them hold it in the air to prevent them from going ahead.
- Guide students to trace the **uppercase U** with the crayon, counting the letter strokes.
- Give students a different color crayon or have them trade with another student.
- Guide students to trace the **uppercase U** with the different crayon over top of the original, counting the letter strokes.
- Repeat the process 2-3 more times with different colors.

Independent Practice: 3-5 minutes

- Have students continue tracing and counting letter strokes using different colors.
 - *Hint:* Be sure the students continue to change colors and continue tracing. If they say they are finished, tell them to choose another color and continue.

Assessment: (during Independent Practice)

- As the students are tracing and counting letter strokes, the teacher walks around the room monitoring students' independent practice.
- Teacher gives guidance/support/correction/praise, as needed.
- Be sure to take note of students who may need more practice and/or instruction.

Closure: 1-2 minutes

- Show the letter and under picture flashcard for the letter **Uu**, while saying the letter name, letter sound, the picture name, and stroke count while air writing. Students repeat.
 - Teacher and students: "U, /u/, under"; air write and count letter strokes.