
THE
b/d Reversal Repair
WORKBOOK

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How to Use this Program:

Simply print and use each lesson in sequence. With 30 individual lessons, your student can do a lesson a day. This method of distributed practice has been used to support efficient learning for over a 130 years (Ebbinghaus, 1964). We also recommend working with students individually to get the most out of this program.

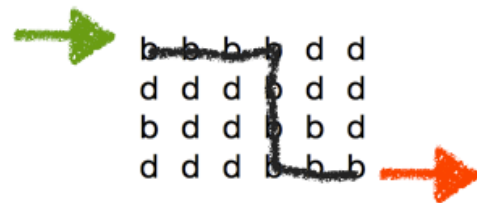
Each lesson features everything you need to target b/d reversals: a specialized memory building intervention, word reading, sentence dictation, and a fun reward activity. Make sure you keep track of your students' reversals in other literacy activities. You'll soon see letter confusion fade away.

This is an effective tool to repeat until child achieves mastery.

The Importance of Games

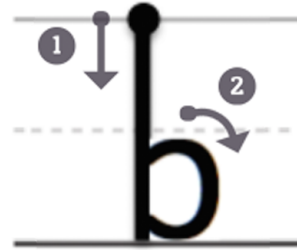
Working on reversals targets children's perceptual and memory weaknesses. With hard work and time, students will improve. In the meantime, we want students to feel successful and engaged. That's why we've added games to every lesson plus two bonus games at the end of this workbook. Kids feel confident and excited when playing games, which, in turn, boosts their attention and retention. In this way, we amplify learning with play.

Bs and Ds GO WILD! and Letter Puzzles are games that can be sent home for a fun family project, enliven classroom "stations," or be used as a warm-up or wrap-up activity in a one-on-one or small-group lesson.



What's in Each Lesson?

1. Build Memory. Help build the memory necessary to correctly form Bs and Ds. In this intervention, the child studies the model letter that features number cues. She then holds these visual cues in her mind, and writes from memory. For children who reverse, this method is one of the only research-based methods proven to “reduce reversals substantially” (Berninger et. al., 2006).



2. Target Word Reading. Kids who write their letters backwards, almost always reverse while reading. This activity builds both decoding skills and reinforces correct b/d letter orientation. You can scaffold this activity. Ask the student to find and highlight the letters b and d using different colors *before* beginning to read a sentence.

3. Hunt For Letters. This provides focused, multi-sensory practice. Kids quickly scan a series of letters, circling *only* the letter b. This requires kids to hone their attention.

a t **b** y u **b** l k j m **b** m p

4. Dictate. Children write four dictated words and one simple sentence. This requires a larger outlay of cognitive resources, helping kids achieve mastery. Appendix A has 120 words and 30 sentences for dictation.

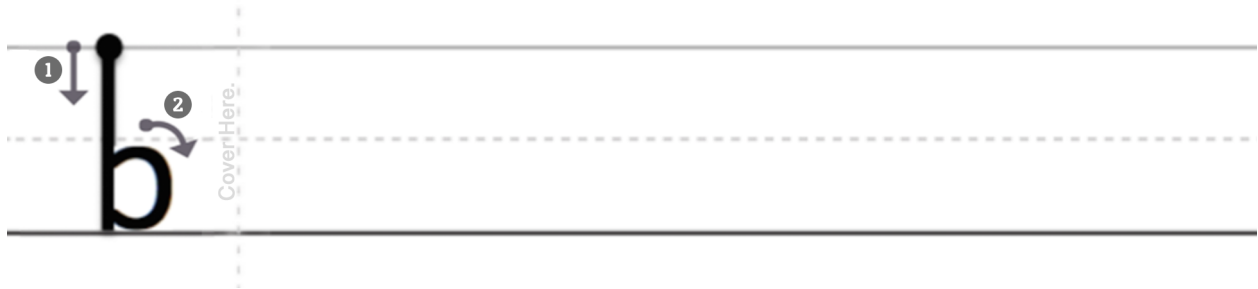
5. Play Games. Each daily lesson includes a maze that engages *and* reinforces correct letter formation.

Lesson 1 - All Bs

Handwriting Practice

Look at the letter and the arrows. Take a “mental snapshot.” Then cover up the letter. Wait for one second, and write the letter. Uncover the model letter and check your work. How did you do?

Repeat two more times. Circle your best letter.



Reading

Read these words aloud.

1. bit

3. bug

5. bath

2. big

4. tub

6. bash

Letter Hunt

There are three letter Bs hidden. Circle all of them.

a t b y u b l k j m b m p

Lesson 1 - All Bs, cont'd

Word Dictation

Listen to each word, repeat it out loud, and write it. Words are on page 72.

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Sentence Dictation

Listen to the sentence, repeat it out loud, and write it. Sentences are on page 72.

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Game

Draw a line connecting the Bs from start to finish. You can move in any direction.

