

Placement of Letters on a Line

Material

A mat with lines on – one red line, two blue lines, one red line repeated. The lines are equidistant. One of each letter of the alphabet.

Later: a lined blackboard in the same pattern as the mat, with chalk and duster. Later still: lined paper and pencil

Direct Aim

- To show the child the placement of letters on the line

Presentation

1. Show the child how to sort the letters into families according to where they fit on the lines on the blue cloth.
2. The child discovers that there is a family that fit between the blue lines, a family that has tails below the line, a family that start above the line and an odd family – *see illustration for examples*

Exercise

1. The child sorts the letters into families and writes them on the blackboard with lines or lined paper.

Age

From four years – *see pedagogical notes for child's prior experience.*