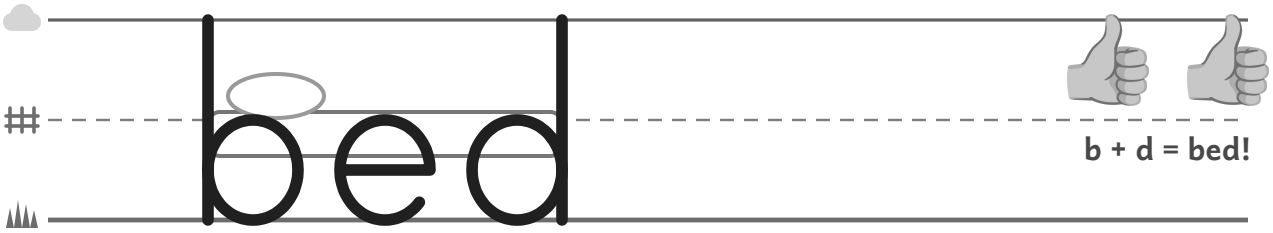
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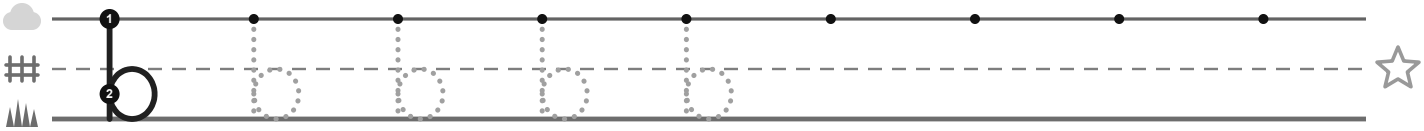
b or d? The Bed Trick

b and d are mirror twins, so they are easy to mix up. Here are two tricks that always work.

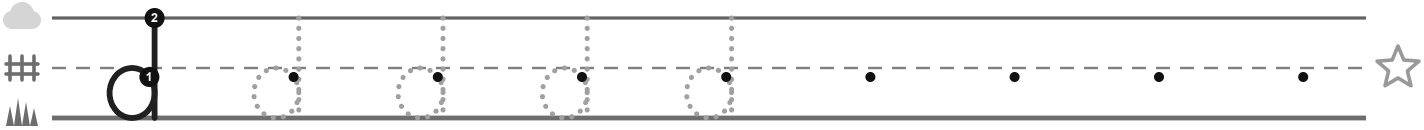
The bed trick: make two thumbs-up fists, knuckles together. Your left hand is **b**, your right hand is **d**. It makes a bed!



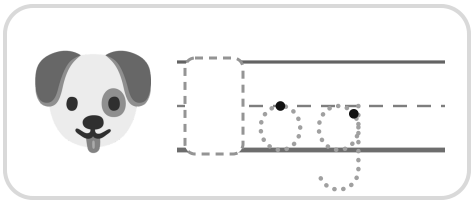
b: big line down from the Sky, bounce back up, and around.

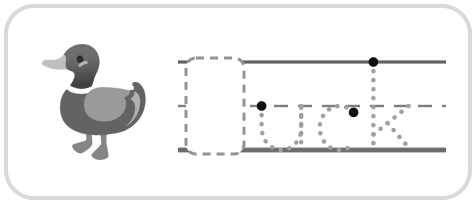


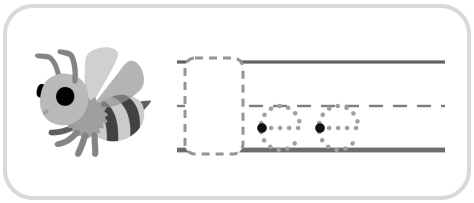
d: magic c first, then way up to the Sky and down.

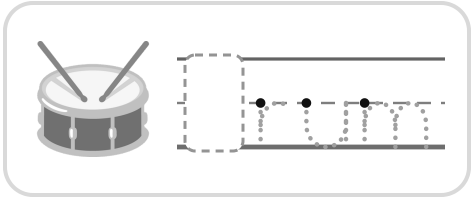


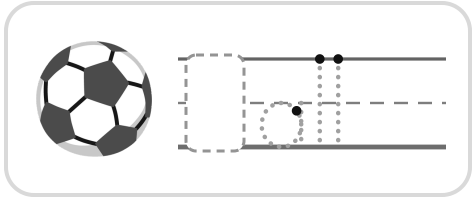
b or d? Say the picture. Write **b** or **d** in the space, then trace the rest.

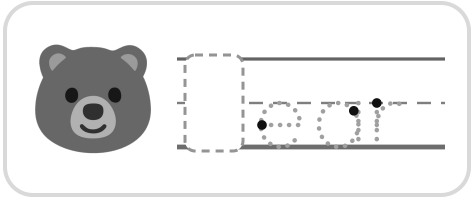












💡 **For grown-ups: why it works.** Mixing up b and d is normal until about age 7. Two different starts help: b starts with a line, d starts with a magic c. The bed trick gives children a check they can do anywhere. Answers: dog, duck, bee, drum, ball, bear.