

# How can I help my child with their backwards letters/numbers?

- Firstly, try to put yourself in your child's shoes: they may need to form the letters hundreds of times before they improve. As a parent, you can make a huge difference by putting aside ten minutes a day to practise with them. Model writing the letters yourself and work together.
- Work on one number at a time.
- Writing doesn't just have to be about pen and paper. Buy a whiteboard (some have squares on them to help with number letter formation) and board markers - your child will enjoy the change.
- Use a range of approaches and be inventive - have you got a beach holiday coming up? Encourage your child to write letters and numbers in the sand with their finger or using a stick. Or you could ask your child to trace the letters in the air.
- Be patient and try not to transmit your concerns to your little one. The reversed letters usually correct themselves over time. And be reassured that, for example, writing numbers backwards is no reflection of your child's actual mathematical ability.
- Some activities to try:

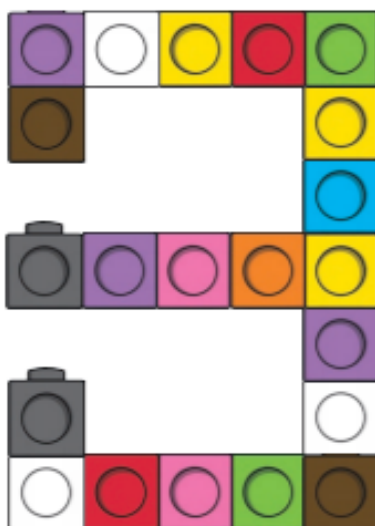


Make the numbers out of lego or cubes to help your child recognise the right direction the numbers go in!

Interlocking Cubes Numbers 0-9

Can you make this number?

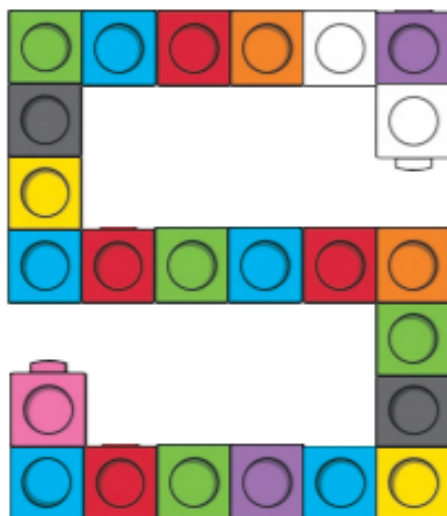
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Interlocking Cubes Numbers 0-9

Can you make this number?

five



# Number Writing Practice

0 0 0

1 1 1

2 2 2

3 3 3

4 4 4

5 5 5

6 6 6

7 7 7

8 8 8

9 9 9

Practise sheets like this with fancy pens  
to make it fun/pretty.  
Or use this sheet as a play dough mat  
and make the numbers out of play  
dough!

## Number Formation

Can you trace the numbers?

