Letter U: look, trace and try

Start with a finger, then a pencil if wanted. These models are for recognition and tracing; follow your school's formation guidance.

Look at both forms.

U u

Trace the light letters.

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Letter U: a looking game

The small numbers help the grown-up check answers. They are not the letters you are looking for.

Find every U and u. Point, circle or colour your choices.

1 u	2 r	3 Z	4 g	5 N	6 U
7 C	8 j	9 Q	10 u	11 F	12 m
13 T	14 b	15 U	16 p	17 X	18 e
19 L	20 u	21 U	22 h	23 O	24 w

Keep the model nearby if helpful. Cover part of the grid to make a smaller hunt. A grown-up can check the numbered cells on page 3.

Letter U: grown-up guide and game

Choose a small shared activity. No perfect handwriting, completed worksheet or independent reading is expected.

Make and play

Make a wide U-shaped paper track with an open top. Move a toy slowly round the bottom, then draw a small u nearby. Add an umbrella picture in the empty space without covering the letter.

Notice a difference

Compare U with V by noticing the rounded base versus the pointed meeting place. Compare lowercase u and n with upright models; their curves sit at different ends. Name the correct model after a calm comparison.

Example words

umbrella, up, under. Find u at the beginning of these written words. These are letter examples; follow school guidance when teaching sounds.

Letter-hunt answers

1 (u), 6 (U), 10 (u), 15 (U), 20 (u), 21 (U). There are six matching cells: three capitals and three lowercase letters.

Let the child point, talk or direct your hand. Stop for a break whenever needed. An adult prepares paper pieces; keep scraps away from children who mouth objects.