Try writing the letter ‘A’

Encourage your preschooler to write an uppercase ‘A’ (slant down, slant down, over) and a lowercase ‘a’ (circle back, down) in the space below.

Breaking the letters down into their parts and practicing just those parts is a great start!
Alligator is hungry, but will only eat things that begin with the letter ‘A’.

Work with your child to write a list of things for Alligator to eat:

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 

Modeling behaviors, like regularly reading and writing in front of your child, is a powerful way to motivate your child to mimic those behaviors.
Try writing the letter ‘B’

Encourage your preschooler to write an uppercase ‘B’ (down, curve around, curve around) and a lowercase ‘b’ (long down, curve around) in the space below. Breaking the letters down into their parts (and practicing just those shapes) is a great start!
Bird and bear both begin with the letter ‘Bb’.

What other words beginning with ‘b’ can you and your preschooler think of together? Write them here:

Reading begins in the child’s ear. A child needs to recognize sounds of speech and words before they can read them. Try clapping syllables to help them hear the distinct sound in words.
Try writing the letter ‘C’
Encourage your preschooler to write an uppercase ‘C’ (circle back stop) and a lowercase ‘c’ (circle back stop) in the space below. Breaking the letters down into their parts and practicing just those shapes is a great start!
Fine Motor Skills Car Wash!
Encourage your preschooler to draw passengers inside each vehicle, supporting fine motor skills.

Fine motor skills are small movements that support pencil holding and writing.
Practice writing the letter D.

Encourage your child to practice writing uppercase “D” (down, big curve around) and lowercase “d” (circle back, line up and down).

Knowing how print works helps children feel more confident about reading.
Here is a dog.

Help your child come up with a list of items that a dog needs. Can you think of any that start with the letter D?

1.
2.
3.
4.

90% of the time, children focus attention on the pictures in a book. Incorporating letter-specific activities into reading will draw their attention to the print.
Try writing the letter ‘E’
Encourage your preschooler to write an uppercase ‘E’ (down, over, over, over) and a lowercase ‘e’ (line out, circle back) in the space below. Breaking the letters down into their smaller parts is a great start!
What animals will hatch from the eggs?
Say the name of an animal below and ask your little one to write the first letter of that name beneath the egg. Say the sound the letter makes with your child after the letter is written.

Understanding beginning letter sounds helps children associate sound with meaning.
Try writing the letter ‘F’

Encourage your preschooler to write an uppercase ‘F’ (down, over, over) and a lowercase ‘f’ (curve and down over) in the space below. Breaking the letters down into their smaller parts is a great start!
Friends and Family start with F. Can you draw your friends and family in the box? Parents, label the people your child draws or have your child practice writing. There is also a space for your child to practice signing her name.

**Ff is for:**
My Friends and Family

Picture by _________________________________________

**PARENTS:** Make time for writing at least 3 times a week for 5 minutes. Now is the time to start teaching your child to write letters. Talk about the different letters (upper and lowercase) in the names of the people your child drew.
Try writing the letter ‘G’
Encourage your preschooler to write an uppercase ‘G’ (circle back, little line in) and a lowercase ‘g’ (circle back down and curve up) in the space below. Breaking the letters down into their smaller parts is a great start!
Bear woke up this morning feeling really hungry! What should Bear buy at the grocery store? Have your child draw items for Bear to put in his grocery cart. Help your label these items.

The grocery store is a great place to practice beginning letter sounds with your child. You could point out every grocery item that starts with the same letter.