

## Letter Shapes Tips for tutors

### 1. Be aware of different fonts

Comic Sans font = **I am ill**

Ariel font = : **I am ill**

An Ariel Font is difficult for pupils to read. The capital letter I in this font looks the same as the letter 'l' and the letter 'a' is quite different from the way they write it in their copy books!

We suggest you always use comic sans font if you are preparing any worksheet yourselves

### 2. There are no Upper Case ( Capital ) letters in Hebrew:

The concept of uppercase letters is difficult for Hebrew speaking pupils to understand because there is no equivalent in Hebrew.

It's important for pupils to know when to we use 'Big' letters

It not only helps them with reading comprehension but in their written tests they lose marks for non-use of capital letters..

Unfortunately, graphic artists ignore the 'rules' about when to use capital letters.

A typical example is iPhone!. This confuses pupils.

### 3. Give pupils an awareness of letter shapes

When pupils practice writing letters encourage them to draw 3 parallel lines

### 4. Upper and Lower-case letters are the same:

c/s/k/w/y/u/o/p/z/x/

### 5. Letter shapes: are they above or below the line?

b/d; p/q; t/f; g/a; n/h; M/W

NOTE: This is difficult for pupils and some of these letters are often confused because of the similarity of their shapes.

You can buy copy books in stationery stores called **מכוונה** in which each page is headed by letters of the alphabet. Each page is lined with 3 lines, so pupils can see which letters go above the line, which are in the middle line and which go below the line.

The worksheet **Copy the Word into the Matching Box** is a good way to practise this concept.

## Copy the Word into its Matching Box

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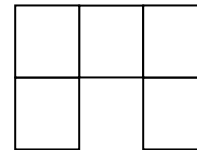
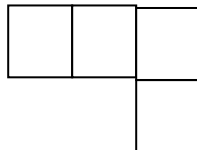
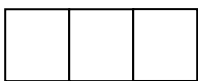
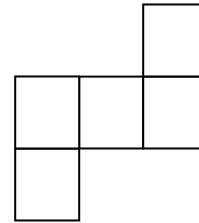
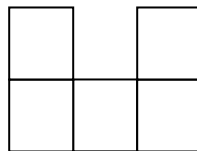
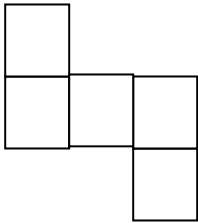
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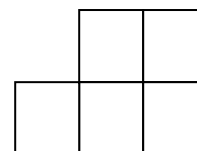
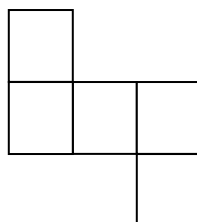
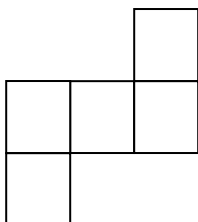
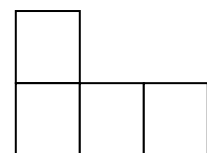
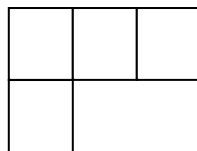
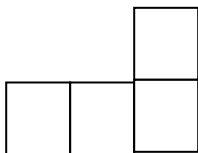
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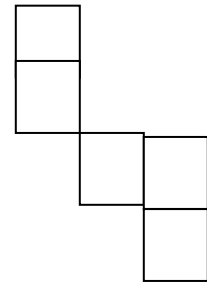
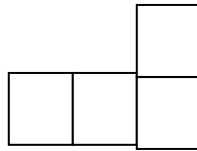
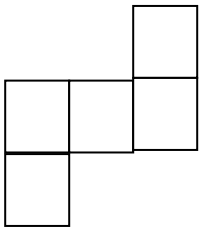
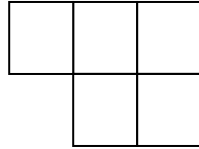
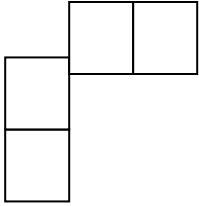
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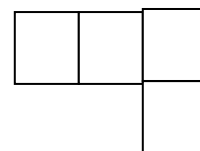
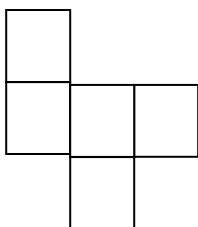
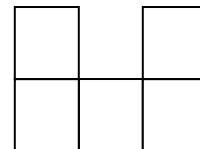
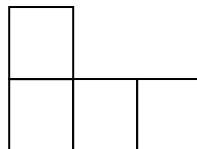
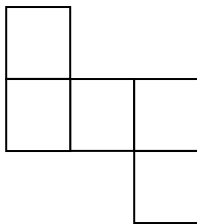
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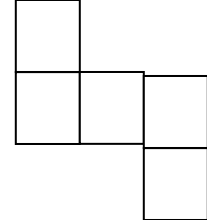
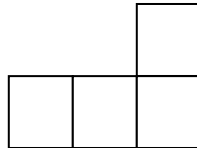
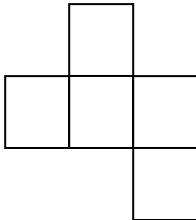
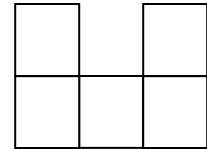
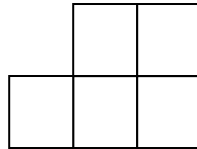
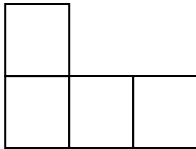
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