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| a—circle back, up, down | o-circle back, around |
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| b— down, up, around | p— down, up, around |
| c—circle back | q—circle back, up, down, curve |
| d-circle back, way up, down | r— down, up, over |
| e—slide right, circle back | s—curve back, curve around |
| f-curve back, down, cross | t— down, cross |
| g—circle back, up, down, hook | u— down, curve up, down |
| h— down, up, tunnel | v—slant right, slant up |
| i— down, dot | w—slant right, slant, slant, slant |
| j— down, hook, dot | x—slant right, slant down |
| k— down, in, out | y—slant right, slant way down |
| l- down | z—slide right, slant, slide |
| m— down, tunnel, tunnel | |

n— down, tunnel

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| A— slant down, slant down, across | O-circle back, around |
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| B— down, around, around | P— down, around |
| C—circle back | Q-circle back, around, cross |
| D- down, around | R— down, around, slant |
| E— down, slide, slide, slide | S- curve back, curve around |
| F— down, slide, slide | T— down, across |
| G—circle back, slide in | U- down, curve up |
| H— down, down, across | V—— slant right, slant up |
| I— down, across, across | W—slant, slant, slant, slant |
| J— down, hook, across | X—slant right, slant down |
| K— down, in, out | Y— slant right, slant left, down |
| L— down, slide | Z— slide right, slant, slide |
| M— down, slant, slant, down | |
| N— down, slant, up | |