



#5 Extra Loopy

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Concepts:

- Ⓢ Single letters, groups of letters
- Ⓢ Joining letters together to make words
- Ⓢ Letters: h, k, H, K
- Ⓢ Words: leek, keel

Materials:

- Ⓢ Writing paper
- Ⓢ Sharpened pencils
- Extension: Use of a pen

Summary/Overview:

- Ⓢ Program #5-Extra Loopy reinforces and introduces the following:
 - Gom opens a letter from Bartleby with the opening line: *“Dear Gom, You will never guess what happened.”* Gom reads that Bartleby is flying in a “space-age supersonic aircraft”—which is actually a propeller plane. As he starts to fly into a loop, he is reminded of the shape of the featured letters.
 - This program continues with a short version of *“Two Feet Flat On the Floor.”*
 - The writing practice includes: reinforcement for measuring margins and spacing using the index finger, the letter “h,” and the letter “k,” as well as the capital versions of these two letters.
 - Joining the letter “h” and “k” with letters from previous programs, the words “leek” and “keel” are formed.

Active Learning Teacher Tips

At the end of each practice-writing segment, students will be prompted to “Circle Your Best.” This strategy allows students to learn self-critique instead of relying solely on teacher feedback and correction. Of course, teacher input is recommended and important as students progress through learning a new skill.

- Ⓢ **Post Video:** Students should complete the rows, then analyze which letter looks best, then use the *“Circle Your Best”* strategy. Additional words may be formed and provided for practice that includes all letters learned so far, for example, “heel” and words made with the previously introduced capital letters.