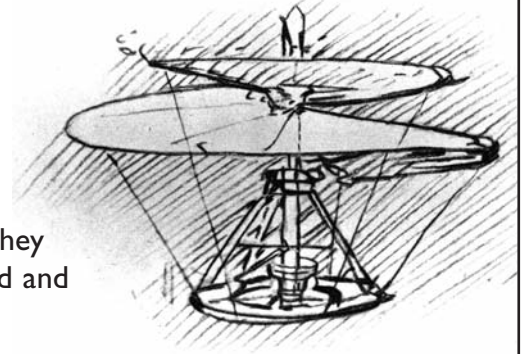


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Tossing and Turning

Directions: Leonardo da Vinci wrote his notes backward so they couldn't be read without a mirror. Choose a word and practice writing it like da Vinci.



Hint: Start practicing with letters that have vertical symmetry. They will be the easiest to write backward.

A W T Y U I O H X V M

1. Write from right to left so the paper can be read from left to right.
Have fun spelling words backward.

Example:

HOWDY



2. Write from right to left without changing the way you form your letters.
Spell the words so the reader needs to read from right to left to understand your message.

Example:

YDWOH



The letters do not change, just the order changes.

3. Write from right to left and flip the letters around so a mirror would be needed.
Many students find this easiest if they can use a mirror while they write to check their work.

Example:

YDWOH



Flip the letters.