

Little Explorers of Letters

Typography · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. What are the little 'feet' or extra strokes at the ends of letters called?

A) Serifs

- B) Dots
- C) Tails
- D) Curves

2. Which part of a lowercase letter 'b' or 'd' is the long, tall vertical line?

A) Stem

- B) Bowl
- C) Crossbar
- D) Tail

3. What do we call the round, enclosed space inside letters like 'o' or 'p'?

A) Counter

- B) Bubble
- C) Hole
- D) Circle

4. In typography, what is the 'x-height' based on?

A) The height of the letter x

- B) The height of a capital letter
- C) The width of a letter
- D) The length of the paper

5. Which font style is famous for having NO serifs?

A) Sans-serif

- B) Script
- C) Old Style
- D) Blackletter

6. What is the name for the horizontal line found in letters like 'A', 'H', or 'e'?

A) Crossbar

- B) Bridge
- C) Spine
- D) Leg

7. What do we call the imaginary line that all the letters sit on?

A) Baseline

- B) Floor
- C) Underline
- D) Starting line

8. Which part of the letter 'g' hangs below the baseline?

A) Descender

- B) Tail
- C) Hook
- D) Footer

9. What is the name of the stroke that rises above the height of a lowercase 'x'?

A) Ascender

- B) Top piece
- C) Crown
- D) Upper arm

10. What tool was used by Johannes Gutenberg to print the first books with movable type?

A) Printing press

- B) Computer
- C) Typewriter
- D) Quill pen

11. What do we call a family of letters that all share the same style and design?

A) Font

- B) Alphabet
- C) Alphabet family
- D) Collection

12. What shape is the 'bowl' part of a letter like 'b', 'd', or 'o'?

A) Curved and enclosed

- B) Square
- C) Zig-zag
- D) Straight

13. What is a typeface that looks like handwriting called?

A) Script

- B) Print
- C) Block
- D) Classic

14. In which century did Johannes Gutenberg invent the printing press?

A) 15th century

B) 10th century

C) 20th century

D) 5th century

15. Which punctuation mark sits high up to show possession or a missing letter?

A) Apostrophe

B) Comma

C) Period

D) Colon

16. What is the diagonal stroke on the letter 'K' or 'R' called?

A) Leg

B) Arm

C) Stem

D) Bar

17. What do we call the 'dot' on top of a lowercase 'i' or 'j'?

A) Tittle

B) Spot

C) Point

D) Mark

18. What material was early 'movable type' usually made of?

A) Metal alloy

B) Plastic

C) Paper

D) Rubber