

# A BUXTON ALPHABET

In 1906, Roger Oldham, Manchester artist and architect, published his book of Manchester illustrations.

His alphabet is an affectionate and humorous record of his home city at the beginning of the 20th Century, with each letter of the alphabet accompanied by an illustration and a short verse.

## **A for ANCOATS**

A dreary place is Ancoats  
'Tis full of smoke and fogs,  
The lasses wear shawls on their heads  
Their feet are shod with clogs.  
'Tis really not a pleasant place  
Upon a rainy day;  
We have to start with Ancoats tho',

## **T for TRAMS**

The tram cars glide about the streets  
As if they were alive,  
And men and women fight for seats  
Each night at half past five.

We are inviting the people of Buxton to help contribute to the BUXTON ALPHABET , celebrating the many places, buildings, and things that make this town so special.

Pictures can be in any medium accompanied by either a verse, which may be long or short, rhyming or not, or a passage of writing.

You do not need to have completed every letter.

Please return your completed designs with your name, school or contact details on the reverse to Buxton Museum and Art Gallery or The Buxton Pump Room, or email us at [learn@buxtoncrescenttrust.org](mailto:learn@buxtoncrescenttrust.org) and we will collect them from you.

**Please return all entries by March 6th**

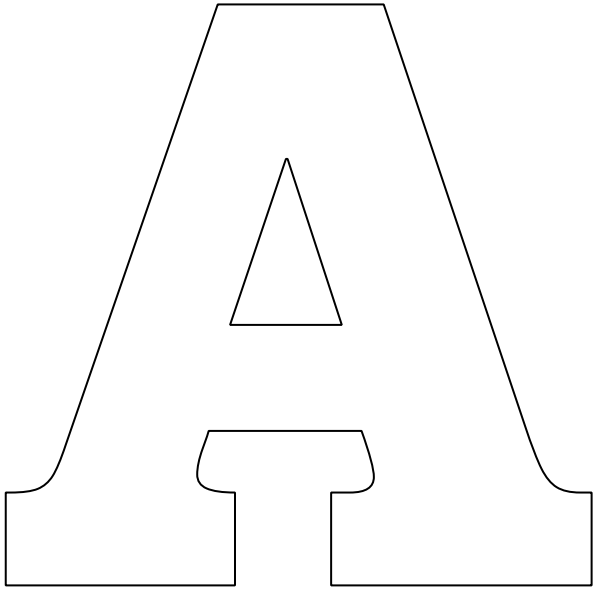
An example

Add a verse, a short poem, a haiku, or write a passage about your place.

Decorate your letter



Sketch, paint, collage, print or photograph your place.



**is for**

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B

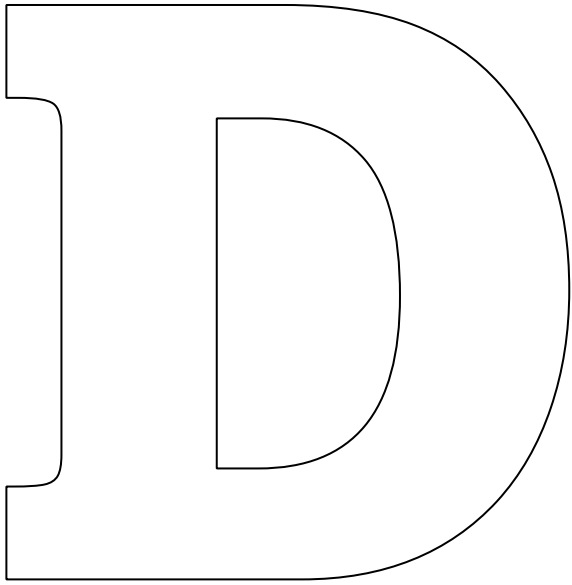
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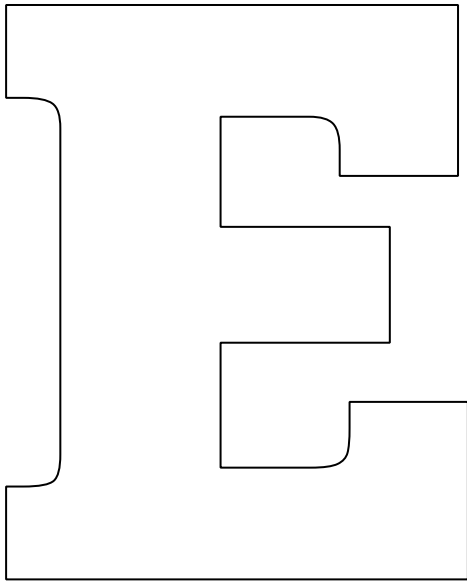
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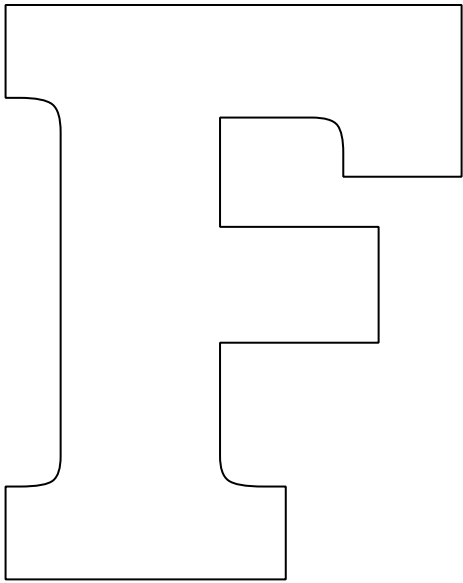
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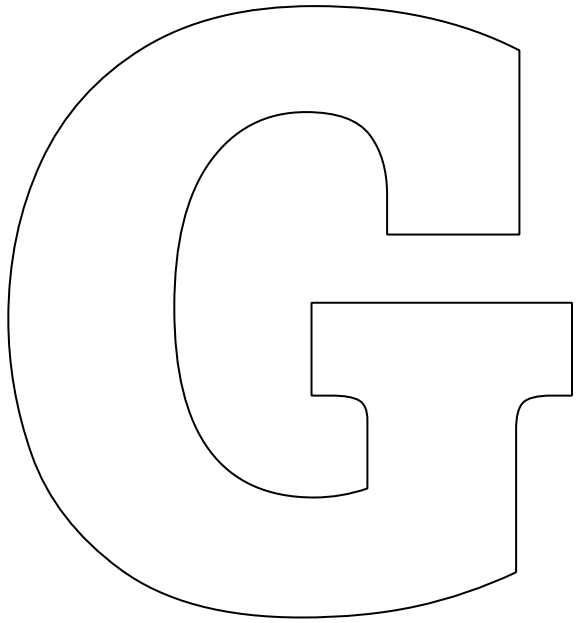
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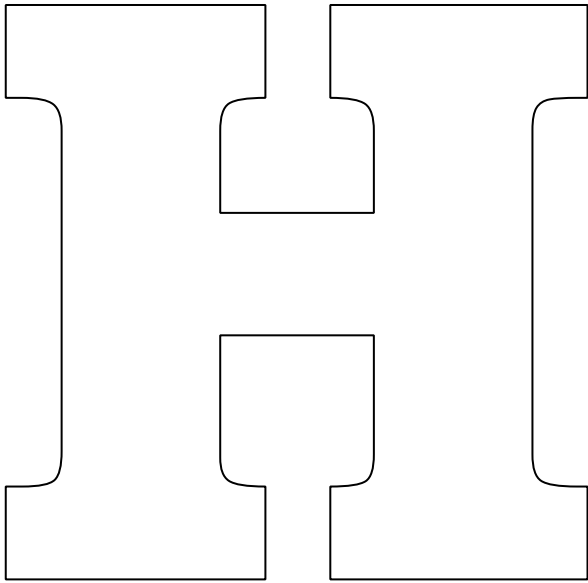
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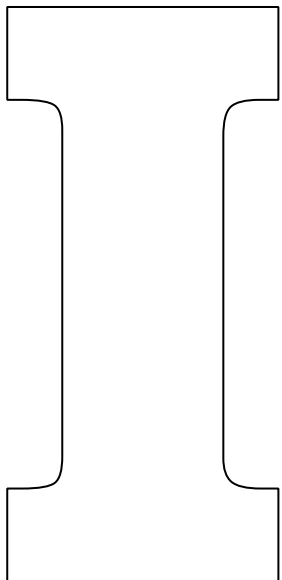
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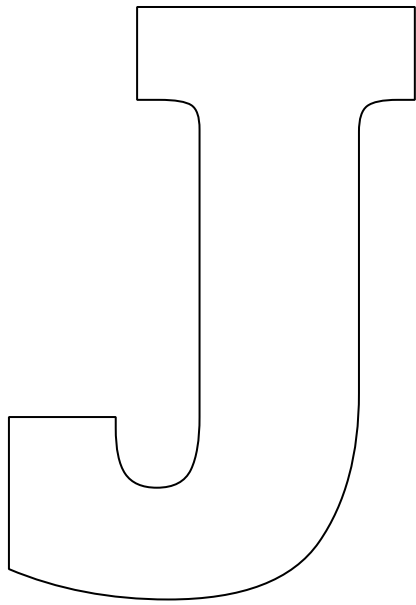
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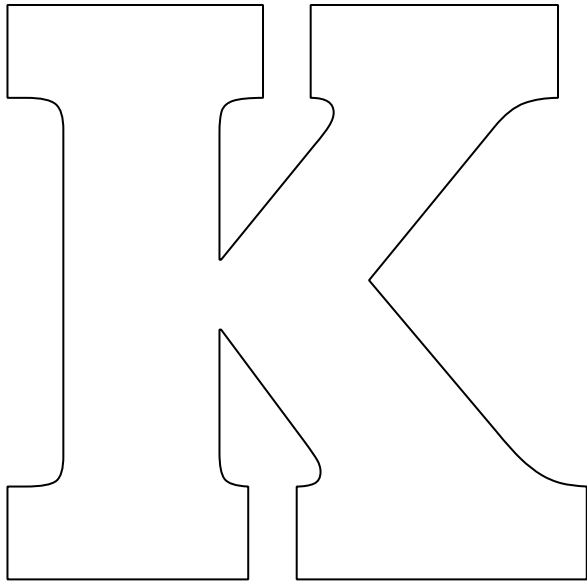
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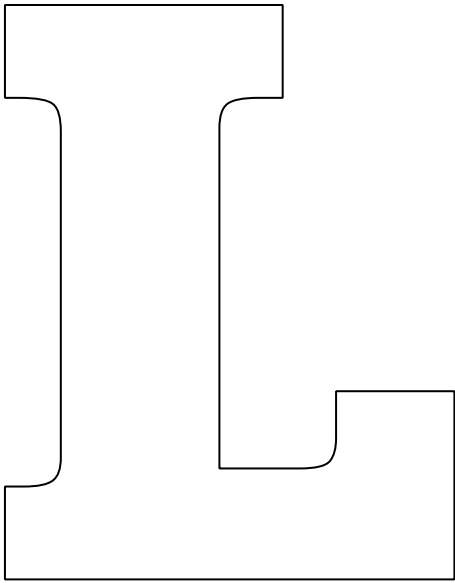
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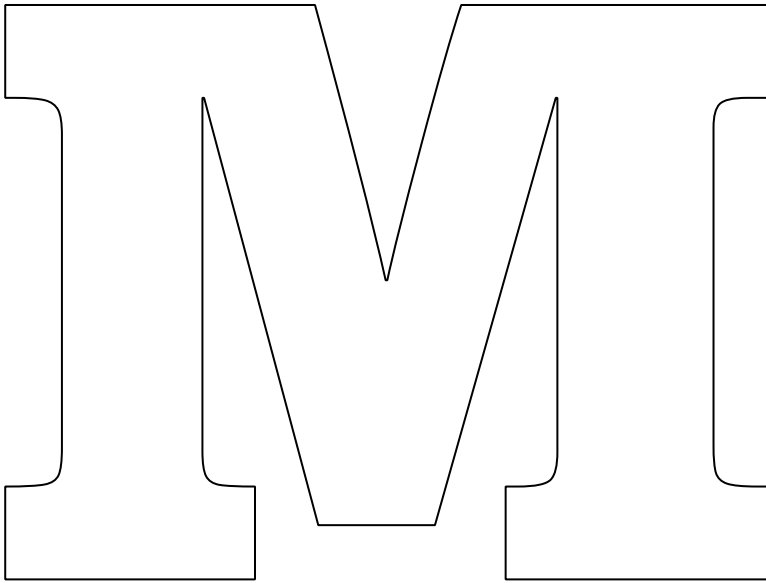
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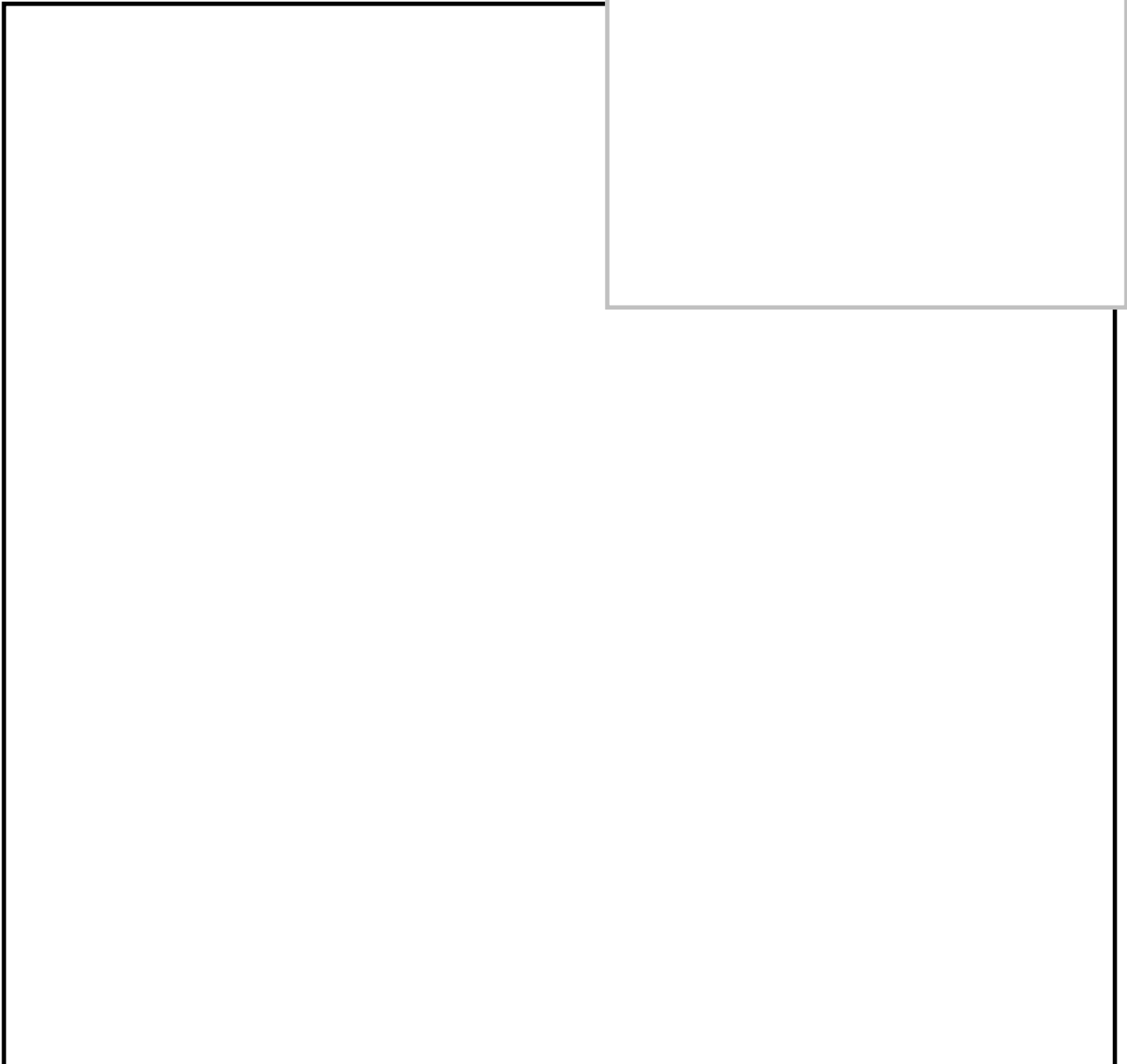


**is for**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border occupies the lower half of the page. It is positioned to the left of the 'is for' text and below the letter 'L' outline, providing a space for a drawing or illustration related to the letter.



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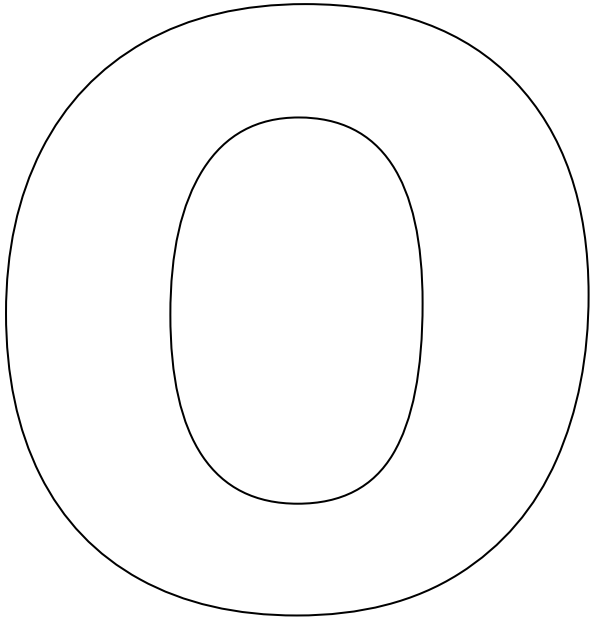


IN

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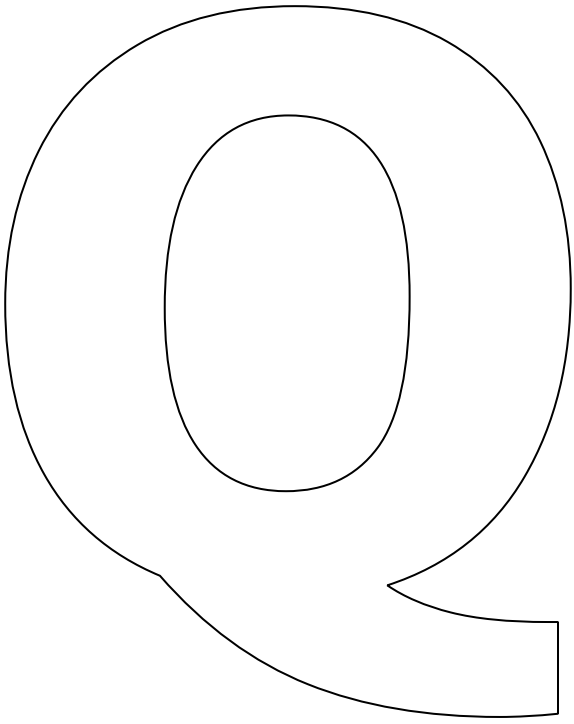
**is for**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border occupies the lower half of the page. It is positioned to the left of the 'is for' text and is intended for a drawing or illustration related to the letter 'O'.

P

**is for**

A large empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing or writing.



**is for**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border occupies the lower half of the page. It is positioned to the left of a smaller, empty rectangular box with a gray border that is located in the upper right quadrant. The larger box is intended for writing words that begin with the letter 'Q'.

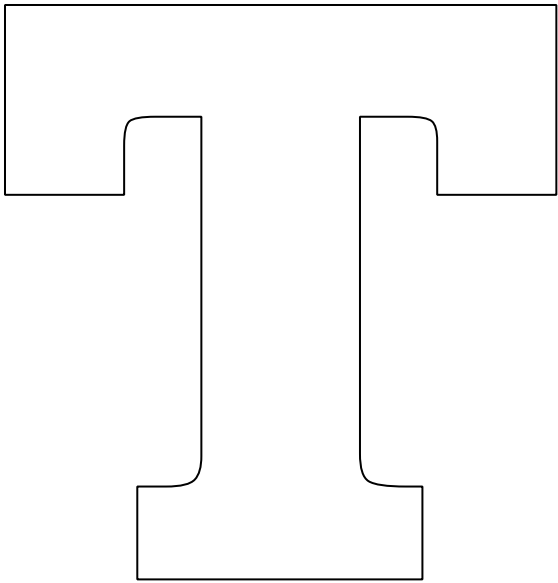
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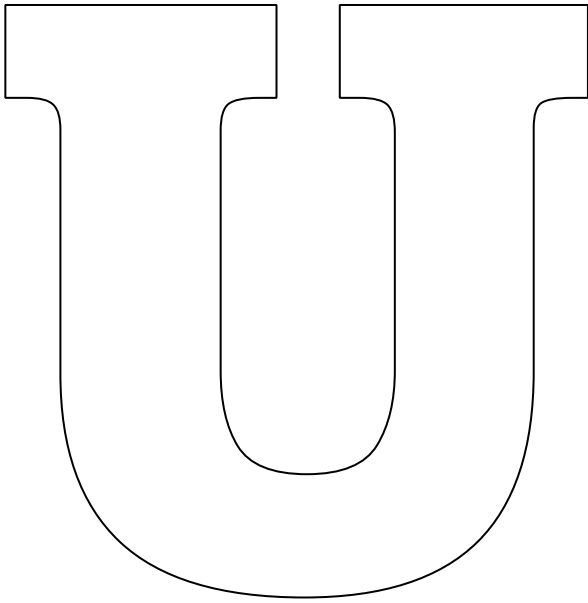
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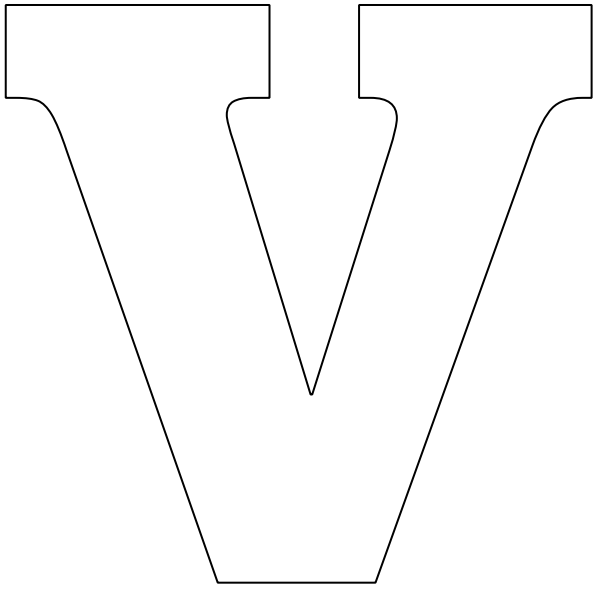
**is for**

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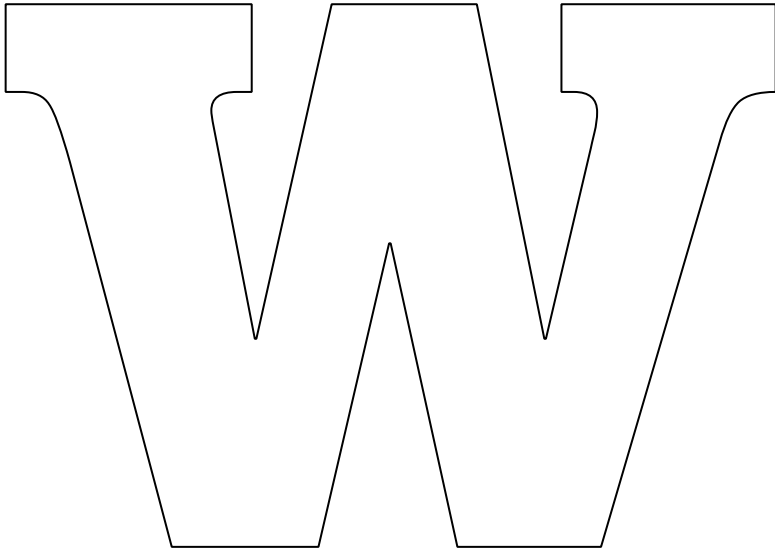
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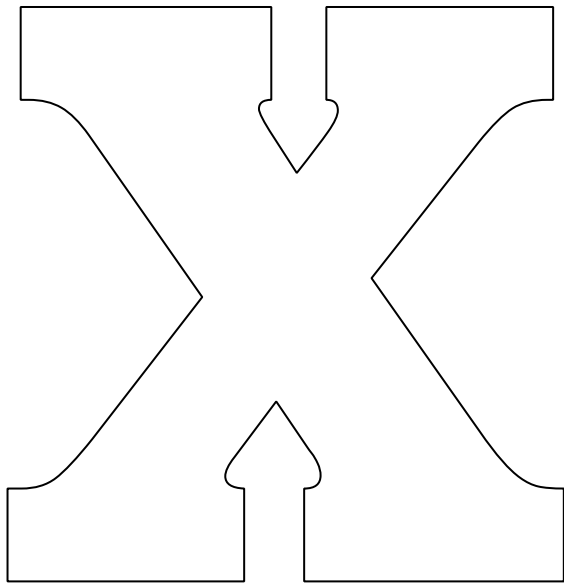
A large, empty rectangular box with a black border occupies the lower half of the page. It is positioned to the left of a smaller, empty rectangular box with a gray border that is located in the upper right quadrant. This layout suggests a space for writing or drawing related to the letter 'V' and the text 'is for'.





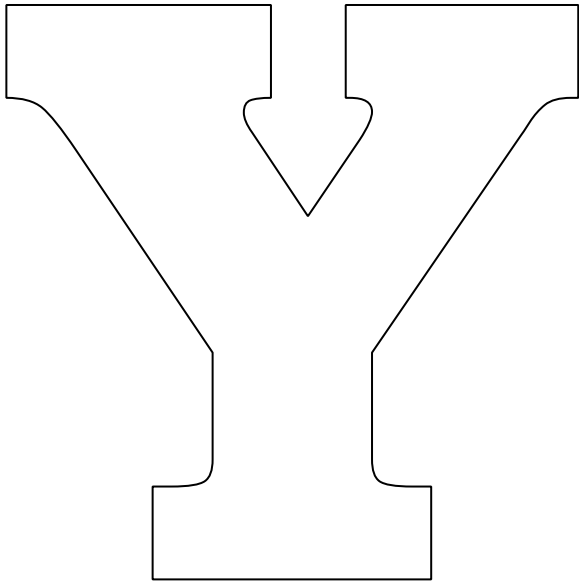
**is for**

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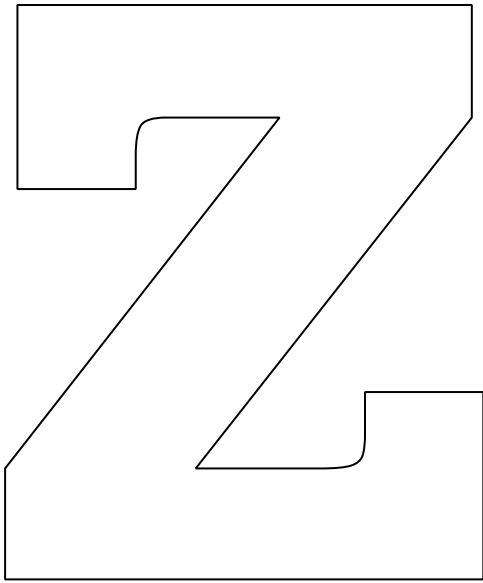
**is for**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for writing or drawing.



**is for**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border occupies the lower half of the page. This box is intended for a student to draw or write something related to the letter 'Y' or the words 'is for'.



**is for**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border occupies the lower half of the page. It is positioned to the left of the 'is for' text and is intended for a student to write a word that starts with the letter 'Z'.