# Dotted-Midline Handwriting Paper: Wide-Spacing Letter Formation Guide

Worked example / complete source key

On wide-spacing dotted-midline paper, write the word map and score it against the rubric.

Answer: m: body sits between the midline and baseline; spacing to a is even. a: body sits between the midline and baseline; the bowl is closed and distinguishable. p: body sits in the x-height zone; the tail crosses the baseline into the descender space and stays within it, not intruding into the x-height zone. Overall spacing is even and letter heights are consistent. Multiple valid letter forms are acceptable if zone placement and descender handling meet the rubric.

Reason: The rubric scores zone placement, descender handling, spacing, and consistency across the whole word. m and a are small letters, so their bodies belong between the midline and baseline. p is a descender, so its tail must cross the baseline into the descender space and remain there.

Check: Confirm m and a bodies sit between the midline and baseline; confirm p's body is in the x-height zone and its tail crosses the baseline into the descender space without intruding into the x-height zone; confirm spacing and height consistency across the word.