Primary Writing Lines: Top, Middle, and Baseline Guides for Handwriting Practice

Original worked example / unchanged complete key

Prompt: A child writes the word 'dog' on a primary ruled row with a top line, dashed middle line, and baseline. The d body sits between the middle line and baseline, the tall stroke of d reaches the top line, the o sits between the middle line and baseline, and the g body sits between the middle line and baseline with its descender below the baseline. Check the placement.

Answer: The d and o bodies are correctly placed between the middle line and baseline. The tall stroke of d reaches the top line without crossing it. The g body is correctly placed, and its descender is below the baseline. Check that the descender does not touch the next row. This is one acceptable placement; letter shapes may vary.

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Primary ruled row: top, dashed middle, baseline, descender space



Chosen example dimensions: 2:1:2 zones at 4 mm x-height (top 12, mid 4, desc 8). Not a handwriting standard.