# Dotted-Midline Ruled Paper: Teaching Letter Zones and Formation

Worked example / complete source key

On dotted-midline paper, describe where the letters d, o and g sit, and how to check them.

Answer: The stem of d starts at the top line and descends to the baseline; its bowl sits between the baseline and dotted midline and closes on the baseline. The o starts at or near the dotted midline, curves down to the baseline, and closes back at the midline. The bowl of g sits on the baseline and tops at the dotted midline, with its descender below the baseline. Check each letter against its zone using the rubric, allowing style variation.

Check: Confirm d reaches the top line, o touches or approaches the dotted midline, the bowl of g sits on the baseline with its descender below, and all small-letter bodies rest on the baseline.