Paragraph Copy Practice on Seyes Ruled Lines: A Practical Guide

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Copy the two-sentence model paragraph from the worked example onto Seyes ruled lines, then mark your copy against the rubric.

Answer: A legible copy with letters on the baseline, distinguishable tall and short letters, even word spacing, and planned line breaks. Small differences from the model are acceptable.

Reason: Paragraph copy practice asks for consistent size, spacing, and alignment rather than an exact reproduction of the model.

Check: Use the rubric: mark each criterion as met, partly met, or not met, and choose one criterion to improve next time.

Task 2

Copy this two-sentence model paragraph onto Seyes ruled lines: 'The small boat drifted past the rocks. Two birds followed it along the shore.' Then compare your copy with the model and identify one place where your word spacing is less even than the model's.

Answer: A legible copy of both sentences with letters on the baseline and even word spacing, plus one specific location where the gap between two words is noticeably wider or narrower than in the model, with a note on what to adjust next time.

Reason: Comparing against a model that is printed in the prompt keeps the task within paragraph copy practice and gives a concrete reference for even spacing.

Check: Check that the identified location is specific (for example, 'the gap between drifted and past is wider than in the model') and that the suggested adjustment concerns spacing rather than letter shape.

Task 3

Copy this two-sentence model paragraph onto Seyes ruled lines: 'The rain fell all morning. By noon the garden path was muddy.' Then read your copy aloud to check legibility.

Answer: A legible copy of both sentences with letters on the baseline and even word spacing. Reading aloud should confirm that every word can be recognised.

Reason: The task stays within copying a supplied model paragraph and adds a legibility check.

Check: Read the copy aloud; if any word is unclear, mark it and note whether the cause was letter height, spacing, or alignment.

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Task 4

Copy this three-sentence model paragraph onto Seyes ruled lines without keeping the model directly above your copy: 'The wind rose after lunch. Leaves crossed the yard in quick bursts. By evening the sky had cleared.' Then compare your copy with the model using the rubric.

Answer: A legible copy of all three sentences with consistent baseline alignment and even word spacing. Differences from the model are acceptable if the rubric criteria are met.

Reason: Free copying without the model in view tests whether the habits from model-based practice carry over. The paragraph is supplied here so the task can be done from the text alone.

Check: Use the rubric and note one specific difference between your copy and the model to work on next time.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Letters sit on the baseline without drifting upward or downward across a line.
- [ ] Tall and short letters are distinguishable in height.
- [ ] Word spacing is even throughout the copy.
- [ ] The copy is legible to another reader.
- [ ] Line breaks are planned so no word is squeezed or split.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?