Types of Lined Paper: Ruling Comparison Chart With Spacing and Use Notes

Complete worked example / separate answer key

A sheet labeled college has baseline gaps of 7 mm, 7 mm, and 8 mm, with a dashed midline near the middle. A sheet labeled wide has gaps of 9 mm, 9 mm, and 9 mm, with no midline. Which is a better starting point for guided letter practice, and what must be confirmed?

Answer: The 9 mm sheet has more room but no midline, so it is not a guide-structured sheet. The 7–8 mm sheet has a midline, but its label does not define primary ruling. For guided letter practice, the 7–8 mm sheet is the better starting point because it has a midline, but confirm the full top-line, midline, and baseline structure before calling it primary ruling. Record the typical gap as about 7–8 mm, not a fixed specification.

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Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Measure a lined sheet's baseline spacing at three places and record midline presence.

Answer: A complete record lists three baseline-to-baseline gaps in millimetres, a typical value, and whether a dashed midline is present.

Reason: Measuring several gaps reduces the effect of a single irregular line, and midline presence is part of the ruling structure.

Check: The exercise is complete when both the three measurements and the midline presence are recorded.

Task 2

A sheet labeled college is offered for general notes. What should you do before choosing it?

Answer: Measure its actual baseline spacing and midline presence, then compare with your usual handwriting height and preference.

Reason: College is not a standardized specification, so the label alone does not tell you the spacing.

Check: The answer must require measuring the actual candidate sheet and comparing, without implying college has a defined spacing.

Task 3

Draft a short quick-select guide outline for four tasks: guided practice, general notes, compact writing, large-letter practice.

Answer: A model outline: guided practice — guide-structured sheet with top line, midline, baseline; general notes — college-labeled sheet as a starting point after measuring; compact writing — narrow-labeled sheet after measuring; large-letter practice — wide-labeled sheet after measuring. Add a caution that labels are not standardized.

Reason: The guide maps tasks to starting rulings while keeping measurement as the deciding step.

Check: Check against the chart rubric criteria: use notes present, labels non-standardized, primary ruling defined by structure, measurements supporting.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

Explain why a 9 mm sheet with a midline is not automatically primary ruling.

Answer: Primary ruling is defined by guide structure, not spacing. A 9 mm sheet with a midline may lack a top line or may not match the expected structure, so confirm the top-line, midline, and baseline before labeling it primary.

Reason: Spacing alone does not establish the ruling type; the guide structure does.

Check: The answer must mention confirming the top-line, midline, and baseline structure.

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Task 3 / Quick-Select Guide — Page Two

One row per task, one recommended starting ruling, one caution that labels vary, and a reminder to measure the actual sheet.

Task	Starting ruling	Caution
Guided practice	Guide-structured sheet with top line, midline, baseline	Confirm full guide structure before calling it primary ruling.
General notes	College-labeled sheet as a starting point	College is not a standardized specification; measure actual spacing.
Compact writing	Narrow-labeled sheet as a starting point	Narrow is not standardized; measure actual spacing.
Large-letter practice	Wide-labeled sheet as a starting point	Wide is not standardized; measure actual spacing.

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Worked example / Worked Example

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Task 1, Task 2, Task 3, Task 4 / Planned Worksheet Answer Sheet

Text-only keys for the four worksheet tasks. Model words needed by the key are drawn in the chart samples.

Exercise 1: A complete record lists three baseline-to-baseline gaps in millimetres, a typical value, and whether a dashed midline is present. Measuring several gaps reduces the effect of a single irregular line, and midline presence is part of the ruling structure.

Exercise 2: Measure its actual baseline spacing and midline presence, then compare with your usual handwriting height and preference. College is not a standardized specification, so the label alone does not tell you the spacing.

Exercise 3: A model outline: guided practice — guide-structured sheet with top line, midline, baseline; general notes — college-labeled sheet as a starting point after measuring; compact writing — narrow-labeled sheet after measuring; large-letter practice — wide-labeled sheet after measuring. Add a caution that labels are not standardized.

Exercise 4: Primary ruling is defined by guide structure, not spacing. A 9 mm sheet with a midline may lack a top line or may not match the expected structure, so confirm the top-line, midline, and baseline before labeling it primary.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Four ruling samples appear side by side at the same scale.
- [ ] Each sample has a short use note, not only a measurement.
- [ ] Measurements are supporting labels, not the chart's primary content.
- [ ] Midline and top-line presence are marked for each sample.
- [ ] Labels are presented as non-standardized, with a reminder to measure the actual sheet.
- [ ] Primary ruling is defined by guide structure, not spacing alone.
- [ ] No fixed binder-hole, margin, or printer-tolerance standard is asserted.

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