Seyes-Ruled Paper: Fine Guide Grid for French-Style Handwriting Practice

Complete worked example / separate answer key

A planned Seyes sheet has main horizontal lines 8 mm apart, with three fine sub-lines between each pair. How far apart are the fine sub-lines, and how many sub-spaces are in one band?

Answer: Three fine sub-lines divide an 8 mm band into four equal sub-spaces. Each sub-space is 8 ÷ 4 = 2 mm, so adjacent fine sub-lines are 2 mm apart. There are four sub-spaces per band. These are hypothetical planned values, not a universal standard; measure your own printed sheet.

Check: Multiply 2 mm by 4 to recover 8 mm, and count the sub-spaces between two main lines to confirm there are four.

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Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A planned band is 12 mm between main lines with three evenly spaced fine sub-lines. State the sub-space height and the number of sub-spaces.

Answer: Each sub-space is 3 mm, and there are four sub-spaces per band.

Reason: Three sub-lines create four equal divisions; 12 ÷ 4 = 3 mm.

Check: Multiply 3 mm by 4 to recover 12 mm and recount the divisions.

Task 2

Describe where a lowercase letter body, an ascender, and a descender would sit on a Seyes band, using sub-spaces rather than fixed millimetres.

Answer: The letter body sits in one sub-space; an ascender extends into the sub-space above; a descender extends into the sub-space below.

Reason: The grid is a placement guide, so describe relative positions within the four sub-spaces.

Check: Check that each described position names a sub-space relative to the main lines.

Task 3

Write a short model sentence for copy practice and list two rubric criteria you would use to review the copy.

Answer: A short sentence such as a simple greeting, reviewed for letter-body height within one sub-space and even spacing between words.

Reason: Copy practice should isolate observable placement features rather than demand one exact letter shape.

Check: Confirm each criterion can be observed on the page and judged consistently.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

Plan a one-page check for a printed Seyes sheet: what would you measure and why?

Answer: Measure the main-line spacing, the fine sub-line spacing, and the distance between vertical guides, then compare each with the planned values.

Reason: Printer scaling and paper size can change printed spacing, so measurement confirms the planned layout.

Check: Repeat the measurement at two places on the page to check regularity.

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Worked example, Task 1, Task 4 / Measurement checklist: compare printed spacing with planned values

Checklist for measuring printed sheet against planned values.

Measurement	Planned value	Measured value	Check
Main-line spacing	8 mm		Compare with planned value.
Fine sub-line spacing	2 mm		Compare with planned value.
Vertical guide interval	8 mm		Compare with planned value.
Margin width	20 mm		Compare with planned value.
Regularity	Two places on page		Repeat measurement to check regularity.

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Task 2, Task 3 / Rubric sheet for reviewing copy practice

Rubric criteria kept separate from the worksheet.

Criterion	What to look for
Letter bodies	Sit within the intended sub-space.
Ascenders and descenders	Reach consistent sub-spaces.
Word spacing	Even spacing between words.
Alignment	Writing follows the margin and vertical guides.
Review note	Notes one strength and one specific adjustment.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Letter bodies sit within the intended sub-space.
- [ ] Ascenders and descenders reach consistent sub-spaces.
- [ ] Spacing between words is even.
- [ ] Writing follows the margin and vertical guides.
- [ ] Review notes one strength and one specific adjustment.

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