Chinese Character Grid Paper: Pinyin Row and Stroke-Order Cells

Worked example / complete source key

A learner writes the character for 'person' (ren) in a 20 by 20 grid. The pinyin row shows 'rén' above column one. The stroke-order strip has two cells. Cell one shows a left-falling stroke; cell two shows the same stroke plus a right-falling stroke. The learner's main grid character has the left stroke starting too far right. Using the rubric, what feedback should be given?

Answer: Pinyin is correct with the tone mark. Stroke order is correct because the left-falling stroke comes first and the right-falling stroke second. The main character placement is weak because the first stroke starts too far right, so award partial placement credit. Feedback should ask the learner to begin the left stroke nearer the left edge of the cell while keeping the second stroke in proportion. Minor curve differences are accepted.