Dot-Grid Handwriting Practice: Letter Placement Guides for Clearer Writing

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Task 1

On a dot grid with dots every 4 mm, you set the midline two dot rows above the baseline. Write the letters a, c, e, and o. Each letter reaches the midline and sits on the baseline. Measure the gap between a and c as 4 mm and between c and e as 8 mm. Express both gaps in dot intervals and state whether they differ by more than one interval.

Task 2

A ten-letter sample contains six letters that touch the baseline and five letters without ascenders that reach within one dot row of the midline. Under the hypothetical thresholds of eight baseline contacts and seven x-height tops, does the sample pass either check? Explain using the counts.

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Task 3

You write the word 'handy' on a dot grid with 5 mm dots. The letters h, a, n, d, and y are present. State where each letter should sit relative to the baseline and midline under the convention, and identify which letters are ascenders and which is a descender.

Task 4

A dot grid has dots every 6 mm. You choose an x-height of one dot row and write a five-letter word with no ascenders or descenders. All five letters touch the baseline and four reach the midline. The four inter-letter gaps are 6 mm, 6 mm, 12 mm, and 6 mm. Using the hypothetical thresholds of eight baseline contacts out of ten and gaps differing by no more than one interval, state the baseline count, the x-height count, the gap intervals, and whether the word passes the spacing check.