Dot-Grid Calligraphy Practice Sheet with Slant Guides

Worked example / complete source key

A practice row has a baseline-to-midline x-height of 10 mm and a slant angle of 55 degrees from horizontal. A learner draws a stem from baseline to midline with a horizontal offset of 6 mm. Using the hypothetical values, calculate the expected offset and state whether the drawn stem is close to the convention.

Answer: The expected horizontal offset is about 10 divided by the tangent of 55 degrees, which is roughly 7 mm. The drawn offset of 6 mm is about 1 mm short of the expected value, so the stem is close but slightly steep. The learner should adjust the next stem toward the slant guide and recheck the offset.