Chinese Character Practice Grid with Stroke-Order Boxes

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A character cell is 24 mm wide and 24 mm high. It is divided into four equal sub-boxes. What is the area of one sub-box in square millimeters?

Answer: 144 square millimeters.

Reason: Each sub-box is half the cell width and half the cell height: 12 mm by 12 mm. 12 times 12 equals 144.

Check: Multiply 12 by 12 and confirm the result is 144 square millimeters.

Task 2

A practice row has one model cell, two tracing cells, and three blank cells. How many cells are in the row? If a sheet has four such rows, how many cells are on the sheet?

Answer: Six cells per row; twenty-four cells on the sheet.

Reason: One plus two plus three equals six. Four rows times six cells equals twenty-four.

Check: Add 1, 2, and 3 to get 6, then multiply 6 by 4 to get 24.

Task 3

A model row shows a six-stroke character in six small cells. In the third small cell, how many strokes should be dark, and how many should be light gray?

Answer: One stroke dark and two strokes light gray.

Reason: The third cell shows the first three strokes: the newest stroke is dark, and the two earlier strokes are light gray.

Check: Count the strokes shown in the third cell: 1 dark plus 2 light equals 3 strokes total.

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Task 4

A learner writes a character in a blank cell. The model character has five strokes, but the learner writes four. What is one checkable difference, and what should the learner do next?

Answer: The stroke count differs by one. The learner should compare with the model row, identify the missing stroke, and rewrite the character in the next blank cell.

Reason: The model has five strokes and the attempt has four, so one stroke is missing. Comparing stroke by stroke with the numbered model row identifies which stroke was omitted.

Check: Count the strokes in the learner's character and compare with the model count of five.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Stroke order matches the model row.
- [ ] Stroke count matches the model character.
- [ ] Character sits within the cell boundaries.
- [ ] Strokes cross the midline or center line in the same places as the model.
- [ ] Valid stroke-shape alternatives are accepted when stroke order and placement are correct.
- [ ] Sub-box lines remain visible and lighter than the character strokes.

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