How to Draw Orthographic Lowercase a: Stroke Order and Practice

Original tasks 1, 2 / independent work

Task 1

A practice sheet has a hypothetical x-height of 6 mm and a line spacing of 10 mm. A learner draws a bowl that reaches 4 mm above the baseline and a stem that is 6 mm tall. Using the rubric, identify the proportion problem and state one correction.

Task 2

Describe the two strokes of lowercase a in order, including start and end points relative to baseline and midline. Then explain why drawing the stem first can cause a narrow bowl.

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Task 3

A row of five freehand letters shows bowl heights of 5, 5, 4, 5, and 6 mm against a hypothetical x-height of 5 mm. Which letters fail the proportion check, and what single instruction would you give to improve consistency?

Task 4

Design a three-row practice sequence for lowercase a using ghosted, copy, and freehand rows. State how many letters per row and one check for each row.