How to Draw Orthographic Lowercase a: Stroke Order and Practice

Worked example / complete source key

On guide lines with a hypothetical x-height of 5 mm, construct lowercase a using the two-stroke order. Describe where each stroke starts and ends, and state one check you would perform.

Answer: Stroke 1 starts on the baseline slightly right of the left edge, curves up and left to the midline, then curves down and right to close the bowl on the baseline. Stroke 2 starts at the midline on the right side of the bowl and draws straight down to the baseline. Check: measure the bowl height from baseline to midline; it should equal the stem height, about 5 mm in this hypothetical example.