Graph Paper and Pencil Writing: Letter Placement Drills

Original tasks 1, 2 / independent work

Task 1

On a blank grid row, write five lowercase o letters. Use the baseline as the bottom of each o and the midline as the top. Leave one square between letters. Describe where each o touches the grid.

Task 2

Write the word cat on a grid row using the same convention. Place c and a between baseline and midline, and let t rise above the midline. Leave one square between letters. Check the baseline after writing.

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Task 3

Write a row of six lowercase letters: m, n, u, v, w, x. Keep each body between baseline and midline and leave one square between letters. Then circle any letter whose body does not touch the baseline.

Task 4

Write two short rows on blank grid paper. Row one: five lowercase e letters. Row two: five lowercase l letters. For e, keep the body between baseline and midline. For l, start at the baseline and rise above the midline. Leave one square between letters in both rows. Compare the baselines of the two rows.