# Pre-Writing Stroke Rows: Lines, Curves, and Zigzags

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Vertical row: start dots at the top at 0 cm, 2 cm, and 4 cm; stop marks at the baseline directly below each dot. Describe how to check the three strokes.

Answer: Each stroke should begin at its top dot and end at the baseline mark directly below. Check that the path is straight down and that spacing between dots is 2 cm.

Reason: Vertical strokes are defined by a top start and a baseline stop; direct alignment and equal spacing are the checkable features.

Check: Place a finger on each top dot, trace down to the baseline, and measure the gap between dots with a ruler.

Task 2

Curve row: start dots at the left at 0 cm and 4 cm; each curve bends right and stops at a mark 3 cm to the right. A learner's first curve is slightly flatter than the guide. Is it acceptable?

Answer: Yes, if it starts at the dot, bends right along the intended path, and stops at the mark 3 cm to the right.

Reason: Curve shape varies; the rubric checks start, path direction, and stop rather than one exact shape.

Check: Confirm the start dot, the rightward bend, and the stop mark; compare spacing to the second curve.

Task 3

Zigzag row: start dot at 0 cm, corner marks at 1 cm and 2 cm, stop mark at 3 cm. A learner rounds the first corner. What is the next step?

Answer: Slow down at the 1 cm corner mark and change direction exactly there before continuing to the 2 cm corner and the 3 cm stop.

Reason: Zigzags require direction changes at corner marks; rounding misses the corner criterion.

Check: Point to each corner mark and confirm the stroke changes direction there.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

Diagonal row: start dots at top-left at 0 cm and 3 cm; stop marks at bottom-right 4 cm to the right and 4 cm down from each dot. Check start, stop, and spacing for two strokes.

Answer: Each stroke starts at its top-left dot and stops 4 cm right and 4 cm down. Spacing between starts is 3 cm; check that both strokes use the same offset.

Reason: Diagonal strokes are defined by a start dot and a fixed right-and-down stop; equal offsets make the check simple.

Check: Measure 4 cm right and 4 cm down from each start dot and confirm the stop mark; measure the 3 cm gap between starts.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Starts at the start dot.
- [ ] Follows the intended path for the stroke type.
- [ ] Stops at the stop mark.
- [ ] Keeps consistent spacing between strokes.
- [ ] Accepts valid alternatives that meet start, path, and stop criteria.

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