Graph-Paper Handwriting Drills for Spacing and Alignment

Four progressive graph-paper drill rows with span-check and crossing-count boxes



Hypothetical example: x-height 4mm, top 12mm, mid 4mm, desc 8mm; one-square bodies and gaps; four-letter word starts at squares 1,3,5,7; planned span 7 squares.

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Span-check and crossing-count response fields / 1 of 2

Hypothetical example: planned span 7 squares for a four-letter word with one-square bodies and gaps.

Row 1 measured span (squares) (squares)	
Row 1 planned span (squares) (squares)	
Row 1 difference (squares) (squares)	
Row 1 x-height crossings above midline or below baseline (count)	
Row 2 measured span (squares) (squares)	
Row 2 planned span (squares) (squares)	
Row 2 difference (squares) (squares)	

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Span-check and crossing-count response fields / 2 of 2

Hypothetical example: planned span 7 squares for a four-letter word with one-square bodies and gaps.

Row 2 x-height crossings above midline or below baseline (count)	

Row 3 measured span (squares) (squares)	

Row 3 planned span (squares) (squares)	

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Physical square-cell grid for the drill rows

Hypothetical example: 4mm cells; 20 rows by 30 columns.



30 columns × 20 rows; 4 mm square cells; actual size at 100% printing.

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Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / blank responses

Task 1

A four-letter word uses one-square letter bodies and a one-square gap. The first letter starts at square 2. List the start squares and compute the planned span.

Task 2

A row of six letters is planned with one-square bodies and one-square gaps. The measured span is twelve squares. By how many squares does it differ from the plan, and what is a likely cause?

Task 3

During a trace row, two letter bodies cross above the midline and one crosses below the baseline. Using the rubric, is the row acceptable, and what should you do next?

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Original tasks 4 / blank responses

Task 4

You measure your paper and find that one spacing unit equals two small squares, and each letter body is two small squares wide. For a three-letter word starting at square 1, list the start squares and compute the planned span.