# Japanese Character Practice Grid: Stroke-Order Boxes and Repeat Rows

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A hypothetical row uses a 30 mm margin, a 40 mm stroke-order box, and four repeat cells of 20 mm. The usable width is 160 mm. Does the row fit?

Answer: Yes. The row width is 30 + 40 + 4×20 = 150 mm, which is less than 160 mm.

Reason: Add the fixed widths and the repeat cells, then compare to the measured usable width.

Check: Recompute 30 + 40 + 80 = 150 and confirm 150 is less than 160.

Task 2

A hypothetical sheet has eight row groups of 28 mm each and a 20 mm header. The usable height is 250 mm. Does the sheet fit vertically?

Answer: Yes. The height needed is 20 + 8×28 = 20 + 224 = 244 mm, which is less than 250 mm.

Reason: Multiply row group height by the number of groups, add the header, and compare to usable height.

Check: Recompute 8×28 = 224, then 224 + 20 = 244, and confirm 244 is less than 250.

Task 3

A learner writes a kanji with a slightly different slant in the repeat cells but the same stroke order and legible form. Using the convention in this guide, should the practice be accepted?

Answer: Yes, it should be accepted because the stroke order follows the convention and the character remains legible; slant and proportion may vary.

Reason: The convention fixes stroke sequence and start-end marks, not a single universal shape. Valid alternatives are allowed when the character is legible and balanced.

Check: Check that each stroke follows the numbered order and that the character can be read without ambiguity.

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Task 4

A hypothetical margin is 30 mm wide. A learner wants to write two kana readings and a four-word note. Is this a suitable use of the margin column?

Answer: Yes, if the entries are short and fit within the measured 30 mm width; the margin is intended for readings and short notes.

Reason: The margin column is for readings and brief notes, not long translations. Two short readings and a four-word note match that purpose.

Check: Measure the longest line against the 30 mm margin width and confirm it fits without crowding the practice area.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] The sheet includes a margin column, one stroke-order box per character, and repeat cells in a row.
- [ ] The stroke-order convention is stated explicitly with numbered strokes and start-end marks.
- [ ] The layout arithmetic uses consistent units and is checkable.
- [ ] Valid alternatives in stroke shape, slant, and proportion are accepted when the character is legible.
- [ ] The margin column is used for readings and short notes, not long translations.
- [ ] The sheet excludes hiragana-only grids, kana stroke-box drills, and essay manuscript grids.

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