Music Symbols Drawing Practice: Clefs and Rests Stroke Drills

Worked example / complete source key

A learner draws a treble clef in a box four x-heights wide and two x-heights tall. The main curve starts on the baseline and reaches the top line, but the loop crosses the main curve below the midline and the final hook touches the baseline. Using the convention and rubric, describe how to check and correct this drawing.

Answer: Check stroke order first: the curve starts on the baseline and reaches the top line, which is correct. The loop should cross near the midline, so the crossing below the midline is a proportion error. The final hook should sit just above the baseline, so touching the baseline is a second proportion error. Correct by redrawing the loop to cross at the midline and lifting the hook slightly above the baseline. The symbol stays inside the box, so box boundaries are fine. Record a half-tick because the shape is recognizable but two proportions are off.