Spencerian Slant-Ruled Calligraphy Practice Sheet: A Complete Guide

Worked example / complete source key

A practice sheet has a baseline at 0 mm, an x-height midline at 5 mm, an ascender line at 15 mm, and a descender line at -5 mm. A learner writes the lowercase letter n. The top of the n reaches 6 mm and the bottom sits at 0 mm. The main strokes are parallel to the slant lines. Does the letter meet the x-height check?

Answer: No. The top of n is 1 mm above the 5 mm midline. The letter meets the slant check and sits on the baseline, but it fails the x-height check because an x-height letter should touch the midline, not exceed it.