Lowercase Letter Gap Strips: Cut-and-Paste Missing Letters

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Strip 1 shows the letters m, n, empty box, p, q. The bank contains o, r, and s. Which letter completes the strip, and what should the completed strip read?

Answer: The missing letter is o. The completed strip reads m, n, o, p, q.

Reason: The sequence m, n, o, p, q is continuous in alphabetical order. The letter o fits between n and p. The bank letters r and s do not fit because they would break the sequence.

Check: Read the completed strip left to right and confirm it says m, n, o, p, q with no skipped or repeated letters. Check that the pasted o sits between baseline and midline.

Task 2

Strip 2 shows an empty box, b, c, d, empty box, f. The bank contains a, e, g, and h. Which two letters complete the strip, and what should the completed strip read?

Answer: The missing letters are a and e. The completed strip reads a, b, c, d, e, f.

Reason: The sequence starts at a and continues through f. The first gap is before b, so it needs a. The second gap is between d and f, so it needs e. The bank letters g and h do not fit because they come after f.

Check: Read the completed strip aloud and confirm it says a, b, c, d, e, f. Check that both pasted letters match the bank and sit between baseline and midline.

Task 3

Strip 3 shows the letters h, i, j, empty box, l, m, empty box. The bank contains k, n, o, and p. Which two letters complete the strip, and what should the completed strip read?

Answer: The missing letters are k and n. The completed strip reads h, i, j, k, l, m, n.

Reason: The sequence runs from h to n. The first gap is between j and l, so it needs k. The second gap is after m, so it needs n. The bank letters o and p do not fit because they come after n.

Check: Read the completed strip left to right and confirm it says h, i, j, k, l, m, n. Check that k and n are correctly placed and that no extra letters were added.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

Strip 4 shows the letters r, empty box, t, u, empty box, w. The bank contains s, v, x, and y. Which two letters complete the strip, and what should the completed strip read?

Answer: The missing letters are s and v. The completed strip reads r, s, t, u, v, w.

Reason: The sequence runs from r to w. The first gap is between r and t, so it needs s. The second gap is between u and w, so it needs v. The bank letters x and y do not fit because they come after w.

Check: Read the completed strip aloud and confirm it says r, s, t, u, v, w. Check that s and v match the bank and follow the baseline-to-midline convention.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Sequence accuracy: every completed strip reads as a continuous lowercase alphabetical sequence with no gaps, repeats, or wrong letters.
- [ ] Letter identity: each pasted or handwritten letter matches the required missing letter and is clearly recognizable as that lowercase letter.
- [ ] Placement convention: the letter body sits between the baseline and midline, with ascenders or descenders allowed to extend beyond as needed.
- [ ] Bank use: the learner uses the provided bank letters or a clearly formed handwritten alternative, without adding extra letters.
- [ ] Neatness and legibility: the completed strip is readable, and pasted letters are not upside down or overlapping adjacent letters.
- [ ] Valid alternatives: different lowercase letter styles are accepted if the letter is recognizable, matches the bank, and follows the placement convention.

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