# Days and Months Handwriting Practice Lines: Tracing and Copying Guide

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

Trace and copy the word Monday on guide lines. Check the capital M, the x-height letters o, n, a, and the descender y.

Answer: A correct row shows Monday on the baseline, M reaching the top line, o, n, a at the midline, and y below the baseline, with even spacing and a readable word.

Reason: The capital M belongs between baseline and top line; o, n, a are x-height letters at the midline; y is a descender below the baseline. Consistency and legibility matter more than one exact letter shape.

Check: Read the word aloud, then mark any letter off the baseline, any x-height letter missing the midline, and any descender not dropping below the baseline.

Task 2

Write the month September once by tracing and twice by copying. Pay attention to the capital S, the descender p, and the long letter sequence.

Answer: A correct row shows September with S at capital height, p dropping below the baseline, x-height letters at the midline, even spacing, and a readable word across all three attempts.

Reason: September is long, so crowding is the main risk. The capital S reaches the top line, p descends below the baseline, and the remaining x-height letters stay at the midline. Wider spacing is a valid fix if the word becomes cramped.

Check: Compare the traced and copied versions, circle any crowded letter pair, and confirm p drops below the baseline without touching the next row.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 3

Create one practice row for Wednesday and one for Thursday. Trace each once and copy each twice, checking tall letters and the descender y in Wednesday.

Answer: A correct pair of rows shows Wednesday and Thursday on the baseline, capitals W and T at the top line, the tall letter d in Wednesday and the tall letter h in Thursday reaching above the midline, y below the baseline in Wednesday, and even spacing in both words.

Reason: Wednesday contains tall d and descender y; Thursday contains tall T and h. The guide-line convention keeps tall letters above the midline and descenders below the baseline, while x-height letters stay at the midline.

Check: Read both words aloud and mark any tall letter that fails to rise above the midline or any descender that sits on the baseline.

Task 4

Write a short check row containing January, July, and December. Trace each month once and copy each twice, then apply the rubric to one copied version.

Answer: A correct row shows all three months readable on the guide lines, capitals J and D at the top line, the descender y below the baseline in January and July, and even spacing in December. The rubric check identifies at least one strength and one correction.

Reason: January and July test descenders, while December tests a longer word with a capital D. The rubric rewards baseline placement, midline x-height, top-line capitals, descender placement, spacing, and legibility, allowing valid alternative styles.

Check: Use the rubric items as a checklist on one copied version, then rewrite one word once if a check fails and compare the correction to the original.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Letters sit on the baseline.
- [ ] X-height letters reach the midline.
- [ ] Tall letters and capitals reach the top line.
- [ ] Descenders drop below the baseline.
- [ ] Letter spacing within words is even.
- [ ] Words are clearly separated and readable aloud.
- [ ] Valid alternative styles are accepted when consistent and legible.

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