Dotted-Thirds Handwriting Paper: Ascender and Descender Zones

Original worked example / unchanged complete key

Prompt: A page has a baseline at 0 mm, a dotted midline at 3 mm, and a top line at 6 mm. A writer produces a row of ten x-height letters; eight tops touch the midline and all ten bottoms rest on the baseline. Two ascender letters reach the top line out of three. One descender tail enters the shaded band out of two. Calculate the zone-contact fractions and state one adjustment.

Answer: X-height contact is 8/10 for tops and 10/10 for bottoms. Ascender contact is 2/3. Descender contact is 1/2. The weakest zone is descenders, so the writer should practise two rows of g and y, checking that each tail enters the shaded band below the baseline before writing another mixed row.