Handwriting and Calligraphy Stroke Practice Plate: Build Control with Basic Strokes

Worked example / complete source key

A learner plans a row of eight vertical strokes from baseline to midline with even spacing. The x-height is chosen as 1.0 unit (a hypothetical example). The row has eight strokes and seven gaps. The learner measures the gaps as 0.5, 0.5, 0.6, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, and 0.5 units. Score the row on spacing evenness and midline consistency using the three-level scale.

Answer: Spacing evenness: developing, because one gap is 0.6 units while the others are 0.5 units; the difference is small but noticeable. Midline consistency: secure if all eight stroke tops reach the 1.0-unit midline within the chosen tolerance. Baseline contact: secure if all strokes sit on the baseline. Stroke smoothness: secure if the verticals are steady. Overall, repeat the row once, aiming for seven gaps of 0.5 units, and keep the midline at 1.0 unit.