Hidden Words Worksheet: Handwriting Practice with Letter-Finding Clues

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

Clue: 'A two-letter word for the opposite of off; it begins with the fifteenth letter of the alphabet.' The grid contains the word at row 1, columns 3 to 4, reading across. Solve the clue and state the word's location.

Answer: ON, row 1, columns 3 to 4, reading across.

Reason: The fifteenth letter is O, and the opposite of off is on. ON has two letters, matching the clue. The word occupies two cells, so it reads across row 1 from column 3 to column 4.

Check: Count the alphabet to confirm O is the fifteenth letter, count the letters in ON to confirm its length, and check that the start and end cells in row 1 span columns 3 to 4.

Task 2

A grid contains the word MOON vertically in column 5, rows 2 to 5, reading down. Clue: 'A four-letter word for the object that shines in the night sky; it begins with the thirteenth letter of the alphabet.' Solve the clue and describe the handwriting check for the two O letters.

Answer: MOON, column 5, rows 2 to 5, reading down. The two O letters are small letters and should sit between baseline and midline with consistent x-height.

Reason: The thirteenth letter is M, and the night-sky object is the moon. The word is MOON. In the grid it reads down column 5 from row 2 to row 5. For handwriting, O is a small letter, so both O shapes should occupy the same baseline-to-midline space.

Check: Verify the letter position for M, confirm the vertical direction and row range, and compare the two O letters for consistent height.

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Task 3

Clue: 'A seven-letter word for a place where books are kept; it begins with the twelfth letter of the alphabet and ends with the twenty-fifth letter.' The grid contains the word placed diagonally down-right starting at row 2, column 1. Solve the clue, state the word and its length, and give the ending cell.

Answer: LIBRARY, seven letters, placed diagonally down-right from row 2, column 1 to row 8, column 7.

Reason: The twelfth letter is L and the twenty-fifth letter is Y. A seven-letter word for a place where books are kept, beginning with L and ending with Y, is LIBRARY. A diagonal down-right placement moves one row down and one column right per letter, so a seven-letter word starting at row 2, column 1 ends at row 2 + 6 = 8, column 1 + 6 = 7.

Check: Count the letters in LIBRARY to confirm seven, verify that L is the twelfth alphabet letter and Y is the twenty-fifth, then add the word length minus one (6) to both the starting row and column to confirm the ending cell at row 8, column 7.

Task 4

A grid has the word CAT placed across row 4, columns 1 to 3. Clue: 'A three-letter word for a common pet; it begins with the third letter of the alphabet.' Solve the clue, state the location, and explain how to check the handwriting using the baseline-to-midline convention.

Answer: CAT, row 4, columns 1 to 3, reading across. C and A are small letters between baseline and midline; T is a tall letter rising above the midline.

Reason: The third letter is C, and a common pet is a cat. The word is CAT. In the grid it reads across row 4 from column 1 to column 3. For handwriting, C and A are small letters, so they should share the same x-height. T is tall and extends above the midline.

Check: Verify the third letter of the alphabet, confirm the horizontal direction and column range, and compare the heights of C and A for consistency.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Clue is solvable from its text and the grid without outside references.
- [ ] Target word is present in the grid at the stated coordinates and direction.
- [ ] Answer key lists each word with start cell, end cell, and direction.
- [ ] Handwriting style is declared and applied consistently.
- [ ] Small letters sit between baseline and midline; tall letters rise above the midline; descenders fall below the baseline.
- [ ] Copied word matches the solved word in spelling.
- [ ] Valid alternative letter shapes are accepted when the style is consistent and legible.

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