Reference / directions

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Chosen model / count 4 / record your own observed matches separately.

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Upper and lower practice guides are 8 mm from the baseline. Arrows are direction cues, not shorthand symbols. Heavy/light width is a chosen visible demonstration, not a pressure or Pitman writing standard.

Pitman Ruled Shorthand Paper: Baseline and Stroke Guides

Original worked example / unchanged complete key

Prompt: A learner rules a sheet with a baseline, an upper guide 8 mm above it, and a lower guide 8 mm below it. They copy a row of ten light downstrokes intended to start at the upper guide and end at the baseline. After the row, they count six strokes that start within 1 mm of the upper guide and end on the baseline. What is the check result, and what should they do next?

Answer: Six of ten strokes meet the position check. Half of ten is five, and 6 >= 5, so this row MEETS the stated half-row threshold. Record six passes and the four observed misses. The rule to repeat a row when fewer than half pass is not triggered here; the learner may still choose slower targeted practice for the misses. Keep start points near the upper guide and end points on the baseline, then record the actual next count without inventing an improvement.