Oblique Guide Paper: 45-Degree Slant Practice for Penmanship

Worked example / complete source key

A learner writes the word 'pad' on oblique guide paper. The p stem has a 5 mm run and 5 mm rise; the d stem has a 5 mm run and 7 mm rise. The measured diagonal guide has a 5 mm run and 5 mm rise. Which stem matches the guide, and what should the learner adjust?

Answer: The p stem matches the guide because both run and rise are 5 mm, giving a ratio of 1. The d stem has a ratio of 7 divided by 5, or 1.4, so it is too steep relative to the guide. The learner should reduce the rise of the d stem or increase its run so the ratio is closer to 1, then re-check with the same units.