Lowercase Handwriting Trace-and-Copy Rows: A Practical Guide

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A learner sets a baseline at 0 mm and a midline at 8 mm on ruled paper. They trace the letter c once, then copy it three times. The first copy starts at the midline and curves to the baseline; the second copy is 6 mm tall; the third copy touches both lines. Using the convention that x-height is baseline to midline, which copies meet the height check, and what is one next step?

Answer: The first and third copies meet the height check because they span the full 8 mm from baseline to midline. The second copy is 6 mm tall, so it is 2 mm short of the midline. Next step: trace c once more, then copy it while checking that the top touches the midline and the bottom touches the baseline.