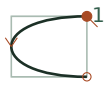
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Worked illustration

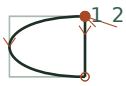
Follow this lesson pen order / print scale 1 / dimensions describe the original drawing

Worked curve / x-height zone



Curve / frame 10 x 8 mm

Worked a / curve then short vertical



a / frame 10 x 8 mm

One chosen guide layout, not a handwriting standard. Solid starts; open unshared ends.

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Original worked example / unchanged complete key

Prompt: A row shows a curve stroke with a start dot on the midline and a dotted path bending down to the baseline. Trace the curve, then combine it with a short vertical stroke to form the letter a. Describe the zones and the check.

Answer: Start at the midline dot, bend smoothly down to the baseline, and stop. The curve stays between midline and baseline. Then trace a short vertical stroke from the midline down to the baseline beside the curve. The combined letter a sits between baseline and midline. Check: start dot used, curve stayed in zone, vertical stroke stayed in zone, and the combined letter matches the component zones. One retrace is allowed if the curve dips below the baseline.