Pumpkin-Themed Lined Writing Paper: Layout and Practice

Complete worked example / separate key

Lay out a pumpkin-themed writing page on A4 portrait paper with a 20 mm left margin, a 15 mm right margin, a 25 mm top header zone, and 8 mm line spacing. The writing zone height is 180 mm. How many full writing lines fit in the writing zone, and where should the first baseline be placed if the header zone ends at 25 mm from the top?

Answer: The writing zone height is 180 mm. With 8 mm line spacing, 180 divided by 8 equals 22.5, so 22 full lines fit. The first baseline is placed 8 mm below the top of the writing zone, which is 25 mm plus 8 mm equals 33 mm from the top edge. The last full baseline is at 25 mm plus 22 times 8 mm equals 201 mm from the top edge, leaving 4 mm at the bottom of the writing zone. These numerical values are hypothetical examples; measure your own paper and printer before finalizing.

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Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A pumpkin writing page has a writing zone 160 mm high and line spacing of 10 mm. How many full writing lines fit, and what is the leftover space at the bottom?

Answer: 16 full lines fit, with 0 mm leftover because 160 divided by 10 equals 16 exactly.

Reason: Divide the writing zone height by the line spacing: 160 divided by 10 equals 16. Since the division is exact, there is no leftover space.

Check: Multiply the number of lines by the spacing: 16 times 10 equals 160 mm, which matches the zone height.

Task 2

A page has a 30 mm top header zone and a writing zone that starts immediately below it. The first baseline is placed 6 mm below the top of the writing zone. What is the distance from the top edge of the page to the first baseline?

Answer: 36 mm from the top edge.

Reason: Add the header zone height and the offset to the first baseline: 30 mm plus 6 mm equals 36 mm.

Check: Subtract the header zone from the total distance: 36 mm minus 30 mm equals 6 mm, which is the offset.

Task 3

A writing zone is 200 mm high with 12 mm line spacing. The designer wants at least 10 mm of clear space at the bottom. How many full writing lines can be used without exceeding the zone?

Answer: 15 full lines can be used, leaving 20 mm at the bottom.

Reason: First find the maximum number of lines: 200 divided by 12 equals 16 with a remainder of 8 mm. Sixteen lines would leave only 8 mm, which is less than the required 10 mm. Use 15 lines: 15 times 12 equals 180 mm, leaving 20 mm, which meets the requirement.

Check: Multiply 15 by 12 to get 180 mm, then subtract from 200 mm to confirm 20 mm remains, which is at least 10 mm.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

A pumpkin border is planned along the left edge. The paper is 210 mm wide, the left margin is 18 mm, and the border decoration extends 12 mm into the page from the left edge. Does the border overlap the writing zone if the writing zone starts at the left margin?

Answer: No, the border does not overlap the writing zone because 12 mm is less than 18 mm.

Reason: The border extends 12 mm from the left edge, while the writing zone starts 18 mm from the left edge. Since 12 mm is less than 18 mm, there is a 6 mm gap between the border and the writing zone.

Check: Subtract the border extension from the left margin: 18 mm minus 12 mm equals 6 mm, confirming a clear gap.

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Worked example, Task 1, Task 2, Task 3, Task 4 / Answer key for the four practice tasks

Full worked answers, reasoning, and check methods for tasks 1-4.

Task 1: 16 full lines; 0 mm leftover (160 ÷ 10 = 16).

Task 2: 36 mm from top edge (30 + 6).

Task 3: 15 full lines, 20 mm bottom clearance (15 × 12 = 180; 200 − 180 = 20 ≥ 10).

Task 4: No overlap; 6 mm gap (18 − 12 = 6).

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Writing lines are clearly visible and consistently spaced across the page.
- [ ] The pumpkin border or header is recognizable and does not overlap the writing zone.
- [ ] The writing zone provides adequate space for the intended short story or description.
- [ ] The baseline and midline convention is clearly indicated or easily inferred.
- [ ] The self-check area is simple, usable, and outside the main writing lines.
- [ ] The layout allows legible letter styles and does not penalize valid alternatives.
- [ ] Measurements are labeled as hypothetical examples and are checkable with simple arithmetic.

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