Capital and Small Letter Tracing Worksheet: Paired Practice

Worked example / complete source key

A learner traces capital B and lowercase b on a row with a top line, midline, and baseline. The lowercase b sits between the midline and baseline but its tall stem stops at the midline. Using the x-height convention, explain what to check and how to correct it.

Answer: Check the lowercase b against the guide lines. The x-height portion should sit between baseline and midline, but the tall stem of b should rise above the midline toward the top line. If the stem stops at the midline, the letter looks like a short b and loses its distinguishing height. Correct it by starting the tall stem at the top line, bringing it down to the baseline, then adding the bowl between baseline and midline. Recheck that the capital B rises from baseline to top line and that both letters are paired in the same row.