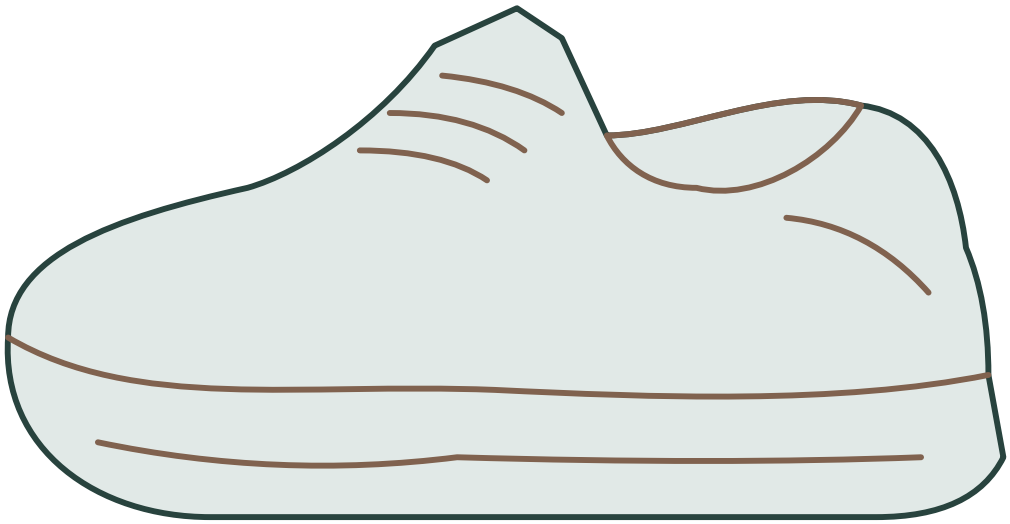
Charcoal Contour Drawing

Reference I Observation reference I LETTER

Study this chosen shoe. Locate the toe, tongue, collar opening, heel and the line where upper meets sole.



The collar contour meets the upper edge. The sole junction meets the outer line at the toe and heel.

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Reference I Worked example I LETTER

Original prompt

Draw a single continuous charcoal contour of the reference shoe, starting at the toe tip and ending back at the toe tip, with the collar opening and sole junction included in the line.



Answer

A correct worked contour is one continuous toe-to-toe route along the shoe's observed edges: follow the upper over the instep and tongue, loop around the collar opening and return to the same actual silhouette junction, continue down the heel, reach the upper-to-sole junction, retrace that actual seam segment, then finish around the outsole perimeter to the toe. The line may be wobbly. It does not bridge blank space or invent a connector.

Reasoning

The task is a looking exercise, so correctness means the line follows the shoe's edges in the right order as one continuous stroke, not that it is neat or measured.

Check

Trace the stroke from toe tip to toe tip. Confirm the collar loop returns to its actual shared silhouette junction and the upper-to-sole seam segment is reached and retraced along the same observed edge; check that no shortcut crosses blank space.