Serpent Drawing: Body Curve and Head Construction

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

A serpent is drawn on a page 20 cm wide and 15 cm high. The centerline starts at the tail 2 cm from the left edge and ends at the neck 3 cm from the right edge. The body has two gentle bends. The neck width is 2 cm. Using the hypothetical guide that head width is 1.5 times neck width, what is the head width?

Answer: Head width = 1.5 × 2 cm = 3 cm.