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Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

Base idea: a square character carrying a box. Make two thumbnails: one changes expression to angry, one changes prop to a flower. In each thumbnail, also change one more checklist item (pose or setting) so each box has two changes. Use the stick-figure convention and write two change notes per box.

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Original task 2 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 2

Create three thumbnails from the prompt word 'lost'. In each thumbnail, vary two of pose, prop, and setting. Label each with the two changes you made.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

Score the following thumbnail using the rubric: a stick figure with a circle head, midline eyes, baseline feet, holding a kite, action is flying the kite, and it changes pose and prop from a base idea. Give scores and total.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

A student made four thumbnails but three look nearly identical. Diagnose the likely mistake and propose a fix using the variation checklist.

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Full drawing sheet / reusable blank workspace

Reusable full drawing sheet for Tasks 1 to 4. Print another copy when needed. Keep all original task measurements; if a task specifies larger paper, use that paper size.